

## LOVE LIFE

*“For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile” (1 Peter 3:10).* The context of this verse starts in verse eight of this chapter. It is comparable to what we study Sunday night concerning our Lord’s teaching in Matthew 5:43-48. Peter gives us basic instructions for an enjoyable life. This advice is so needed in our society today. He is not saying that you will never have problems, but as a general rule, those who enjoy life and see good days are the ones who practice what Peter is going to instruct us to do. My understanding is that it literally reads, “He who wills to love life, let him refrain his tongue from evil.” I do not know of anyone who would answer that in the negative. If you want to love life and see good days, here is what you must do. You must refrain your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from speaking guile. There may be times when we are tempted to speak evil of people we associate with, maybe even our own brethren. Such action can cause great damage to others and to the cause of Christ. Remember what James said about the tongue in James 3. When we misuse our tongues, we cause hurt to self. We cannot live fulfilled and satisfying lives when we constantly criticize others and question their integrity. You want to love life and see good days, then be careful as to how you use your tongue. *L. Cole*

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## IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

*“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another” (John 13:34).*

**Walk in love.** *“And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor” (Ephesians 5:2).* To truly walk in God’s love demands that we walk according to His commandments (*2 John 6*), walk in reverential fear (*Acts 9:31*), walk by faith (*2 Corinthians 5:7*), and walk worthy of our Lord (*Colossians 1:10*).

**Forbear in Love.** *“With all lowliness and meekness with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love” (Ephesians 4:2).* How difficult this is sometimes! Real Christian love means we do our best to abstain from those sinful quarrelsome tendencies and criticisms that alienate brethren and cause untold heartache. (*Colossians 3:11,12*).

**Speak in Love.** *“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ” (Ephesians 4:15).* How thankful we should be for godly brethren who speak the truth! *(Ephesians 4:25).* Compassion and concern for God’s truth and the souls of men should ever be our motivation as we speak *(I John 3:18).*

**Abide in Love.** *“If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love” (John 15:10).* Abiding in Christian love draws souls nearer to the Master, and keeps us close to Christ. Does the congregation here exhibit true Christian love? May we diligently labor to display this essential attribute as we labor together...as we seek to lead the lost to the Great Redeemer *(Hebrews 13:1; John 13:35).*

—Mike Vestal, Middlesboro church of Chris

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## MISPLACED AFFECTIONS

### **GOD WANTS US TO LOVE:**

1. HIM — Matthew 22:37
2. His SON — I Corinthians 16:22
3. His WORD — II Thessalonians 2:10
4. His PEOPLE — I Peter 1:22

### **GOD DOES NOT WANT US TO LOVE:**

1. The world — I John 2:15
2. Money — I Timothy 6:6-17
3. Sinful Pleasures — II Timothy 3:4
4. Ourselves — I Timothy 3:2
5. Kinfolk more than we love God — Matthew 10:35-37
6. The Pre-eminence of Men —  
III John 9-10
7. Darkness — II Thessalonians 2:10

Set your affection on things above, not on things on this earth. Colossians 3:2

—copied Lake Hills Bulletin

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

**Feb 18, 2018**

Coordinator . . . . . Steve Anderson  
Announcements . . . . . Kaleb Bush  
Scriptures Reading.. Matt. 25:34-36...Dallas Eddie

Song Leader . . . . . Adam Jolley  
Opening Prayer. . . . . George Clay

Lord's Supper-Preside: Roger Draper  
Serve: Glen Reece, John Leonard  
Gavin Spurlin, Billy Halliburton  
Closing Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Greeter— Jacky & Jacqueline Carver  
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece  
Count Offering. . . . . Dallas Eddie  
. . . . . Kaleb Bush  
AM Sermon—Visitation  
PM Sermon— Holy Spirit

**WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM**

Announcements . . . . . George Clay  
Song Leader. . . . . Adam Jolley  
Scripture Reading...II Cor. 13:14 Dallas Eddie  
Opening Prayer . . . . . Mitchell Brooks  
Lord's Supper . . . . . Roger Draper  
. . . . . Billy Halliburton  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Glen Reece

**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM**

Announcement..... George Clay  
Song Leader . . . . . Dallas Eddie  
First Prayer. . . . . Justin Draper  
Opening Prayer . . . . . Jacky Carver Sr.  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Mitchell Brooks

**Prepare Communion for FEB  
Idella Spurlin**

**MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

**NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred  
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,  
Kasel Dillehay—Overton Co. Nursing Home  
Carolyn Lankford—Mabry Health Care

**THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;**

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,  
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,

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Ramelle Cole, Carolyn Clay

Jere Andrews,

Susanne Tisdale (Sumner Regional Rehab)

Gavin Spurlin is scheduled to have knee surgery Wednesday.

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

02/11/18

Wednesday. . . . .	37
Worship Sunday AM . . . . .	56
Bible Study Sunday AM . . . . .	49
Daily Bible Readers . . . . .	24
Worship Sunday PM . . . . .	40

**Remember** to bring items for Ronald McDonald House. Paper Towels & Trash Bags

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Feb 25th.** Fellowship Meal

**Mar. 11th.** SEIBS speaker

**Mar 23rd.** Friday Night Singing

**Pantry Item: Canned Soup**

**READING SCHEDULE FOR FEB**

01 Lev. 12-14	11 Num. 17-21	21 Deut. 15-17
02 Lev. 15-17	12 Num. 22-24	22 Deut. 18-20
03 Lev. 18-20	13 Num. 25-27	23 Deut. 21-23
04 Lev. 21-25	14 Num. 28-30	24 Deut. 24-26
05 Lev. 26-27	15 Num. 31-33	25 Deut. 27-29
06 Num. 1-4	16 Num. 34-36	26 Deut. 30-32
07 Num. 5-7	17 Deut. 1-3	27 Deut. 33-34
08 Num. 8-10	18 Deut. 4-8	28 Joshua 1-5
09 Num. 11-13	19 Deut. 9-11	
10 Num. 14-16	20 Deut. 12-14	