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## *As I See It. . . . By Brian Gregory*

Throughout the months of September and October, we are talking about Love: The Heart of The Matter. Of course there are lots of different ideas about this and it is used in many passages throughout the entire Bible. In some way you could make a strong case that this is the only biblical subject because you can tie everything back to it (You can also say the same thing about Grace). I recently did a search of this word and found it is used over 350 –500 times (depending upon the Bible translation you are using). Additionally what I found to be most striking of all, was that love is used in every book of the N.T. except for Acts. This means every book that teaches us about the life of Christ (the gospels) and every book that teaches us about how to live like and for Christ (the epistles and Revelation) all repeatedly use the word love. Even though this word is thrown around and misused, the Bible never uses it flippantly as when one says they love pizza or their new shoes.

I think all of this points to at least one obvious and major lesson with a whole lot of depth to it, God not only loves us but He wants us to love also. To learn how exactly and what that looks like, well you just have to read the book yourself.

Brian

Fall Family Day is scheduled for October 25 here at South Gate. Please begin inviting family and friends.

## **Secret Sins? . . . . Joe Macer**

I Timothy 5:24 The sins of some men are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them.

Some people are just evil. Their actions and attitudes are easily seen and understood. They are selfish, rebellious and hateful. Their evil is against man's laws as well as God's law. This type of person is one to avoid and may well be deserving of being removed from society by imprisonment or other actions. Think about Bible characters such as Jezebel, Manasseh, Cain or Judas Iscariot that were full of evil. Their sins included murder, theft, betrayal and idolatry. Their sins were well known and each deserved the punishment that came their way. These situations were easily seen but not all are that way. Some hide their sins well and they are kept secret from people.

Often a reporter interviews the neighbors of an individual that has committed a crime. Quite often the person responds that they never would have thought the person capable of the crime. Prostitution stings often catch politicians and even ministers that had been held in high esteem. It is sometimes possible to hide our sins from people but they will never be hidden from God. Scriptures declare, "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." Whether our sins are out in the open or hidden from people, we will face the judgment with God fully aware of all of our actions. Christians should strive to live holy lives but when sin enters we should confess them, repent of them and ask God for forgiveness. There will be no secrets on the judgment day.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**SOUTH GATE MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress
- Mary Chumbley
- Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 122-B
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Libby Moss - recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Frances Petty - Sterling House, Rm. 403
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead

**If anyone needs to be taken off or added to our prayer list, please notify the office.**

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Evan Rector, nephew of Paula Gilliam - Vanderbilt, Margaret Porter, grandmother of Natalie Thomas, Mary Charlotte Rummage, aunt of Ray - Life Care, Rm. 228, Clara Mae Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage - 203-B, Deak Waldrum, cousin of Blair Keeling, Patsy Loveless, Gerald Boyd, father of Gary, Dennis Thrasher - surgery Oct. 16 at Vandy, Charles Stofel, Joan Van Hooser, Aaron Way, 12 yr. old great nephew of Barry Brown - undergoing chemo, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Rm. 205, Clara Totty - Poplar Estates, Rm. 102, Jackie McPeak - liver cancer, Travis Jett - home, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Teresa Warf Walkup - cancer, Shirley Woods - mother/Diane Upchurch, Jennie Evans, sister/Karen Mann, Mark Shaw, Bobby Wales, Patricia Luffman, Dorothy Rea, sister/Elmer Lusk, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Little Gatlin Macer, Jennifer Fetters (friend/Lasater's), Sharon Riley, Doris McKennon (not doing well) - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Paula Baker - sister/Kaye Beard, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Point, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Paul Jackson - father/Rhonda Farris, Alfred & Irma Pagel, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Bella Huey,

Ladies Day is scheduled for November 8. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for volunteers.

**WORSHIP LEADERS OCTOBER 5, 2014**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson  
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Benny Bolton  
 Serving:  
     Cody Spires                      David White  
     Randy Jones                     Jerry Williams  
     Byran Farris                     Boyd Wood  
     Daniel Thomas                 Charlie Willis  
 Read: Eph. 5:23-27.....Trent Hill  
 Sermon: Loving The Church In All Her Glory.....Brian Gregory  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason  
 Prayer.....Jim Pollard  
 Read: I John 2:15-17.....Jacob Pollard  
 Sermon: When You Love The World.....Brian Gregory  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Kevin Mick

**We commend Bryant and Suzanne Cheatham, who restored their lives to Christ on Sunday.**

Ushers: Tyler Brown, Johnny Smith, Bobby Daniels  
 Greeters: Benny & Alice Bolton, Ed & Joyce Johnson  
 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton

**If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183) Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

**WEDNESDAY, October 8, 2014 - 6:30 P.M.**

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Tonya Boyd, Diane White  
 P.M.....Linda Weaver, Robin Weaver

Song Leader .....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Mike Lyle