
Do You Love Me?



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2010

This is the question our Lord Jesus asked the Apostle Peter three times. In John 21 a most unusual and necessary conversation was recorded. Remember, Peter had denied our Lord three times on the night he was arrested and in this passage which is after his resurrection, Jesus asked Peter if he truly loved him. His actions earlier might cause one to think otherwise. Confidently Peter answered each time, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Our Lord could have discussed with Peter one of many things, but he chose to talk about his love for him. We in our worship of the Lord Jesus could emphasize many things but just like our Lord’s conversation with Peter, love should be at the center of our relationship with our Lord Jesus. Love is the reason we worship.

Our purpose statement at New Sterling begins this way: *We are God’s children, empowered by the Holy Spirit to love and serve Jesus Christ.* This is our purpose at New Sterling. This should be our purpose in all of



life – to love Jesus Christ.

We are named to be God’s children.

We are empowered by the Holy Spirit, so our life’s

actions should be motivated by this heart-felt drive – to love Jesus Christ.

Hear for yourself the words asked of Peter, “Do you love me?” This idea of love for our Lord Jesus demands our greatest attention. Our salvation is bound up in it. The difference between heaven and hell, life and death depend upon our answer to this question.

A true Christian is one who has more than their baptism to boast; more than church membership to their credit. In Romans 9:6 Paul states that ‘for not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.’ This means

that not all who are born of Jewish descent are children of God for it is not natural birth that makes one a Christian. It is the same with the Church; not all who are members of a church are children of God. Being a Christian is much more.

For a true Christian is one whose relationship with Christ is his heart and life. A true Christian loves Jesus Christ and dedicates his whole life to him because of what he has done. Because of the love of the Father, the love of Jesus Christ for the Father and for his love toward those whom the Father calls, Jesus died so that that love could be known by those who call him Lord. As John says in his first epistle, ‘we love because he first loved us.

We love because he first loved us and revealed his amazing love through his actions. Our actions should reveal our love. The Christian should realize his need because of sin, guilt and actively repent. The Christian should hate sin as much as the Lord Jesus hates sin. We should see Jesus as the Savior sent into the world to save those who would believe and dedicate ourselves daily to him. The Christian should be busy putting off the old self and the habits of that life, putting on the new self along with the more sanctified habits. The Christian should fight daily the influence of a sinful world revealing a different ambition and purpose. These actions reveals a love for Jesus Christ and just as that was all our Lord asked of Peter it is what he asks of each of us, ‘Do you love me?’

In our world today the idea of love is many times confused and misguided. To have and know genuine love is a tough challenge. However, please remember what our purpose statement attests: *we are God’s children, empowered by the Holy Spirit to love.* The Christian has something within them that this world can never offer – the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives us the ability to overcome the things that cause us to stumble, to have a genuine love for Jesus and respond with a resounding YES to his question.

‘Do you love me?’ Yes, Lord, you know that I love you!

In His Service,

Pastor Tim

Commission of the Belize Mission Team



The team members commissioned were: Todd Goodman, Jeff McNeely, Aarene Reese, Susan Pugh, Judy Watson, Delinda Mauney, Lori Compton, Cindy McNeely, Eddie Compton, Tim Hager, Jeremy Brady, David Brady, Tina Bull, Kim Brady, Sherry Clarke, Pat Price and Tim Watson



Lord Here I Am I

By John Ness Beck

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me,
And I'll find my way. Teach me the mission
appointed for me,

What is my labor, and where it shall be.

Master, thou callest, and this I reply,
"Ready and willing, Lord here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss;
Willing to follow, if thou wilt but lead;
Only support me with grace in my need.

Master thou callest, and this I reply
"Ready and willing, Lord here am I."

Living or dying, I stand would be Thine,

Yet I am mortal, while Thou
art divine.

Pardon, whenever I turn
from the right;

Pity and bring me again to
the light.

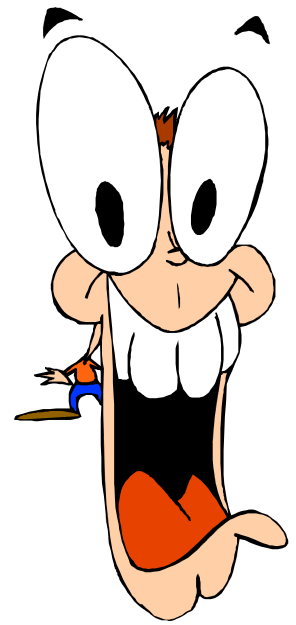
Master thou callest and this
I reply,

"Ready and willing, Lord,
here am I."



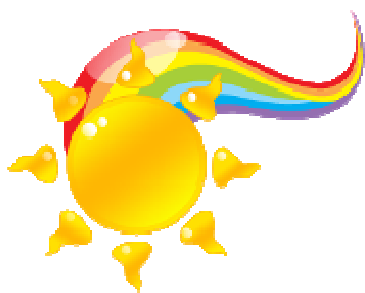
HAVE YOU HEARD???????

Wayne Jenkins celebrated his 91 birthday..... Brent Mauney was deployed to Afghanistan on Wednesday Feb. 24..... Jamie, John, and Charlie McClure are home from Iraq..... Bobby Lail's father was recently hospitalized..... Kitz Emery underwent dental surgery..... 17 traveled to Belize for mission work. They were gone from Feb. 15-27..... The youth had an outstanding outcome for their lock-in 32 kids and 6 adults WOW!!.....Due to a death in the family David Sides and Reid gray traveled East for the funeral..... Pat Price had dental surgery, she was still able to travel to Belize with the second group.....Craig Pugh's father Wade has been hospitalized recently.....Thank you to Dr. Earl Linderman for filling in for Pastor Tm Watson while he was away in Belize.....Ed Donahoe has been traveling to California for his job.... Sarah Donahoe had a cheer competition in Winston Salem.... Scott Graham's job has temporarily relocated him to Fort Bragg..... Peggy Gray recently had back surgery..... 37 kids and adults attended the snow tubing trip at Jonas Ridge..... Lauren Gryder and Dylan Deal celebrated their 18th birthday.....



The Women's Ministry has completed a notebook for the 2009 history. It is titled "New Sterling ARP Church Events and Pictures 2009" "Bringing the church to the people".

Please stop by the vestibule and review the events and happenings at New Sterling last year.

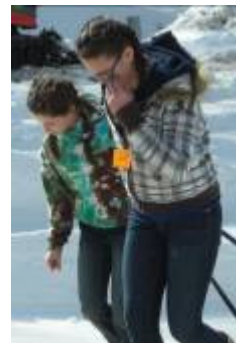


"If you miss the dawn I made for your today, it does not matter. I will make you another one tomorrow."

God



Snow Tubing Trip



Coming Events

March 1	9:30 am	Golden Christian Circle
	7:00 pm	Knit Wits
March 5-7		Senior High Retreat
March 7	5:00 pm	C-3 Practice
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night begins
March 8	10:30 am	Sterling Silvers
	7:00 pm	Evangelism Committee
March 9		First Presbytery Meeting
	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers—Cindy McNeely, hostess; Michelle Hairyes, facilitator; Elizabeth Moose and Jennifer Buchanan, meal
March 12-13		Women's Beach Retreat
March 14	5:00 pm	CE Committee
	5:00 pm	C-3 Practice
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night
March 15	7:00 pm	Men's Discipleship
March 16	7:00 pm	Mary/Martha Sunset; Susan Pugh, hostess; Linda Harper, Facilitator. Meet in the Parlor
March 17	9:30 am	Mary/Martha Sunrise; Tena Campbell, Hostess; Aarene Reese, facilitator
March 19-21		Middle School Retreat
March 21	5:00 pm	C-3 Practice
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night
	7:00 pm	Session Study Group
		Newsletter Items Due
March 25		Senior Adult Fling
March 27		BBQ and Auction
March 28	5:00 pm	C-3 Practice
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night
		Rada Knife Orders Due
March 29	7:00 pm	Property and Maintenance



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN..... FOR.....

NEW STERLING'S



BBQ AND AUCTION!!!!!!



MARCH 27, 2010

**PLEASE COME AND
SUPPORT OUR
MISSION WORK
ENJOY A DELICIOUS
PLATE OF BBQ
CHICKEN AND
PARTICIPATING IN
OUR AUCTION!!!!!!**



**ALL OF THOSE WHO
HAVE DONATED
ITEMS IN THE PAST
..... WE NEED YOUR
HELP AGAIN!!!
HOME BAKED GOODS,
ARTS, CRAFTS AND
ITEMS DONATED
FROM YOUR HOME.
ALL IS APPRECI-
ATED!!!!!!**

**PLEASE PLACE DONATED ITEMS ON
THE STAGE IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL**

PLEASE HELP. WE NEED YOU!



Bailey Hartness and Becca Dillard are sponsoring a project to help out the Dove House!

The Dove house is a children's advocacy center that helps child victims of abuse, and their non offending family members. They work with DSS, the DA and the police to help these abused children. The Dove House is a non profit Charitable organization that runs mainly on donations. You can help Bailey, Becca and the Dove House by donating some of the following.....

PAPER PRODUCTS

Paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, printer paper

ALSO

New or gently used stuffed animals (each child that comes in gets to choose and keep a stuffed animal)

New or gently used clothing—12 months to adult sizes

Monetary donations

You may leave your donations in Linderman Hall under the bulletin board or in the box located in the fellowship hall.

We will collect items through April.

If you have questions, please call **Bailey Hartness** @ (704) 761-4201 or **Becca Dillard** @ (704) 883-8501





*Hey Jr. Highs.....
Don't forget about the Jr.
High Retreat at Bonclarken
March 19-21.
Cost: \$40 for members
\$80 for non-members*

Those interested need to see Scott Graham, Jessica Graham or Jaryn Setzer ASAP with money ready..... We need to make the deposit soon!!!

Subject: Blonde password..

During a recent password audit, it was found that a blonde was using the following password:

MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDewey-DonaldGoofy

When asked why such a big password, she said that it had to be at least 8 characters long.



Let's Keep in Touch!!



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Those attending college
away send us your
address to post in the
newsletter.....THANKS!!!!

Come On..... You Just Gotta Laugh at These.....



Mass suicides..... cows going over the edge...tonight on channel 16 news.....



Okay.... Make up your mind!!!!



Good job!!! Well make that former job....



Alright.... Load them up with burritos mom!!!!



McLogic gone wrong.....



I'm Confused...



How do you get there from here???



WHAT??!!!!



A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root Beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an elderly man. The man was sitting in the park just feeding some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

The man gratefully accepted it and smiled at boy. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, the man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the man, and gave him a hug. The man gave him his biggest smile ever.



When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

"He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the elderly man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

~author unknown~

- 1 Dot Dagenhart
- 2 Rachel Gray
- 4 Laura Lail
- 4 Jim Hartness
- 4 Pat Sherrill
- 5 Jessica Burruel
- 5 Tim Watson
- 5 Clay Price
- 6 Darrell Elliott
- 6 Erin Waugh
- 9 Leah Gryder
- 11 Floyd Levan
- 11 Taryn Setzer
- 13 Amy Gray
- 13 Brianna Henderson

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- 14 Todd Winters
- 15 Gary Goodman
- 15 Matthew Moose
- 16 Tim Hager
- 16 Dylan Hartness
- 16 Charles Pope
- 17 Benjamin Watson
- 20 Nolan Winters
- 22 Wendy Pope
- 23 Gary Reavis
- 25 Betty Levan
- 25 Wayne Waugh
- 26 Ruth Foy
- 31 Cindy McNeely



Great Info for Dog Owners.....

Poison Control said as few as seven raisins or grapes could be toxic for dogs. Do you give your dog grapes or raisins as treats????



Onions, chocolate, cocoa, avocados and macadamia nuts can be fatal also.....