

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Joshua Berryhill

Opening Prayer: Ralph Burleson

On the Table: Head - Billy Box
Servers - Eddy Dickinson
Lannie Key
Gary Addison

Closing Prayer: Arlen Foss

Preparing the Lord's Supper Donna York

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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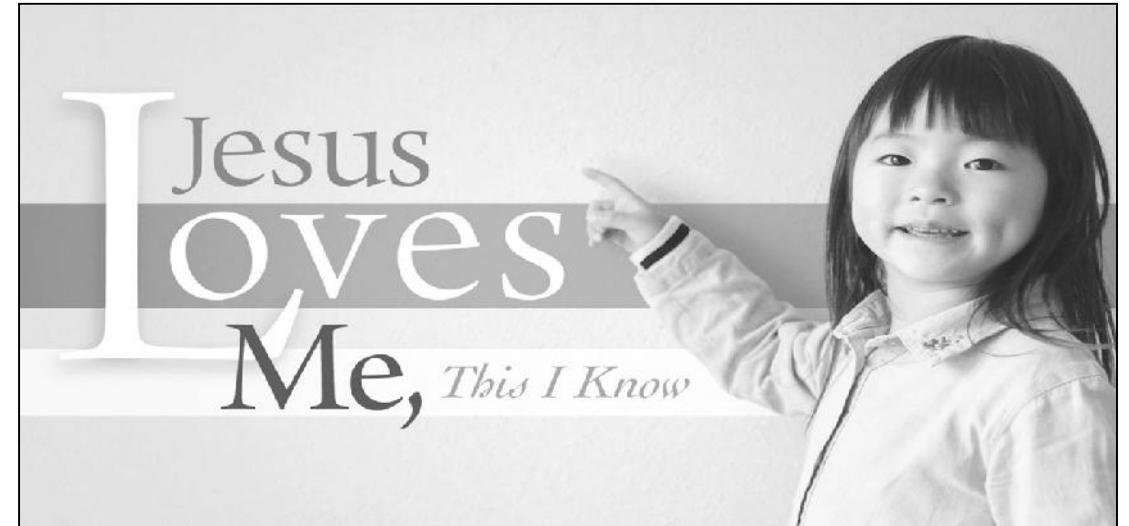
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The Heart of the Matter – That’s Not Fair

By Brad Harrub

Anyone who has reared children, taught school, or ran an office has heard the phrase: “That’s not fair.” In almost every instance in which a child makes a request to his or her parents, the child has already determined the response he wants to hear. Anything short of their desired response is considered unfair. Oftentimes their friends are unexpectedly brought into the picture as we hear: “But Jimmy/Sally gets to go.” In fact, most parents (and even some bosses) can relate to being compared to others in a negative light. Children (and employees) are not afraid to tell us how much “nicer, kinder, sweeter, friendlier” other children’s parents are. Rare is the home that has reared a teenager without having a bedroom door slammed followed by the words “That’s not fair!” reverberating throughout the house.

Here’s what I intend on teaching my children about fairness.

Life is not always fair. I realize that this simple statement may catch you off guard or may not sit well with you, but it is the truth. There will be times in your life that you should win something, but due to forces out of your control, it will go to someone else. There will be times that others around you are enjoying certain things that you will not have. But I want to make sure you understand something—that does not change who you are and Whom you serve.

Make no doubt about it: God is still in control and He knows everything. Even on your most unfair day, you can take comfort in knowing He is still on His throne watching everything that transpires. The writer of Hebrews noted, “And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account” (4:13; c.f. Proverbs 15:11; Romans 8:27). God knows how you feel.

Something else you must consider regarding fairness is that God loves everyone (John 3:16). And because of this sincere love for His creation, we know He is not a respecter of persons. When Peter was preaching to Cornelius’ household, he said, “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34). Remember, Cornelius was a Gentile, and Peter was telling them that God wanted them to be saved just like the Jews. Jesus said, “For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust” (Matthew 5:45).

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Faye Cotton: recent scans showed little to no growth, please be praying that some new treatment can be found that will help her

Mary Eddy: she is recovering from knee surgery, please be praying that she makes a full and quick recovery

Barbara Wilkinson: still having problem with infection on her feet, please pray that the medicine she is taking will cure this infection

Bill Foster: surgery went well to replace aorta valve, please be praying that his health will continue to improve

Danny Harbin: recently diagnosed with prostate cancer, please keep him in your prayers

Mable Weeks: recent scans showed no new growth of cancer, please continue to pray that this cancer can be defeated

Barb Lemay: friend of Christie & Aaron, from the Midway congregation – passed away her funeral will be tomorrow, please keep this family in your prayers

Denise Kimbrell: has completed her treatments; please be praying that cancer will not return

Sandy McCaleb: has started cancer treatments, please be praying that this cancer can be treated and defeated

Edward Skinner: has been recently diagnosed with cancer, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Kay Dodd: has started treatments and will take them through November, please be praying that the treatments will defeat this cancer

Charles Gay: has a brain tumor, attends the Cleveland congregation, please pray for him and his family

Upcoming Events

Today	Country Place {Devotional}	2:00 pm
July 9 th	Fellowship Meal	
July 9 th	Nursing Home {Winfield}	2:00 pm
July 16 th – 20 th	Vacation Bible School	

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Samuel Walker: having some heart problems, please be praying that he will receive help for this problems

Rebert Corkren: diagnosed with lung cancer, please be praying that he will receive the help needed defeat this cancer

Jan Franks: problems with a collapsed knee, please be praying that he will receive the help he needs

Pam Burkett: (Kim’s sister) is fighting breast cancer, please pray that she can receive treatment that will defeat this cancer

Larry Metcalf: has been diagnosed with lung cancer; please pray that he can receive treatments that will defeat this cancer

Danny Berryhill: will have back surgery July 18th, please be praying that the surgery will be successful

So while a perfect and just God created man equally—He did not create us perfect. In other words, men are not perfect. We all have sinned (Romans 3:23). Being imperfect means some of the decisions we make or are forced to deal with may be unfair. It means that some people may treat you unkindly or show preference to others. But this is not what God intended. God desires that we love Him and love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39).

I know there may be times in which it seems the decisions your mother and I make are unfair. Understand that we, more than any other humans on the planet, love you and your soul. Our decisions, while they may seem unfair, are based on that love. There may be activities you miss or movies you don’t see—because of our love for you and your soul. I promise you the easier answer would be to give in and allow you to do whatever you want. But by giving in, we have allowed Satan to win and have in essence told you: “We are not concerned where you will spend eternity.” However, we do care, and as such there will be occasions that you don’t get to go along with the crowd. Remember, God doesn’t want us blindly following the world. He wants us to stand out (Romans 12:2).

I truly am sorry that life occasionally feels unfair. Know that all humans occasionally feel this way. But remember this doesn’t change our love for you or God’s love for you! Now, the real question is how will you behave when life seems unfair?

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Do You Keep His Commandments?

By Jon Mitchell

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. John 14:21

All who profess to follow Christ will unhesitatingly state that they love God. That's a given, and from a certain perspective it's a good thing. It speaks of their sincerity and of a heart-felt gratitude they have towards their Creator.

Yet, so many of us profess to love God...while unrepentantly doing things that grieve him, anger him, and displease him. Consider this...

We say we love God but we hardly ever open our Bibles. Do you truly love someone if you're not interested in learning what they have to say?

We say we love God but we hardly ever pray. Do you truly love someone if you're not interested in talking to them?

We say we love God but we choose to worship him according to what we think will please him rather than according to his will revealed to us in his Word. Do you truly love someone if they ask you to give them a certain gift and instead you give them what you think they will like?

We say we love God but we then say he has saved us in a way which is foreign to how he has told us he saves us in his Word. Do you truly love someone if you basically call them a liar, especially over something as important as your salvation?

We say we love God but we do not care enough about the souls for whom he sent his Son to die to share with them the gospel as he told us to do. Do you truly love someone if you don't care enough to do everything you can to save the person for whom they gave such a high sacrifice?

If we truly love God and his Son Jesus, we will obey their commandments. And when we sin and fail them, we will repent and try again because we love them. Otherwise, all we are doing is lying to them, to others, and to ourselves.

You Are Invited To Our

Vacation Bible School

At The

Brilliant Church of Christ

When

July 16th – 20th, 2017

Times

Each Night: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Classes for all ages:
Cradle Roll – Adult**

**Guest Speakers:
Teen – Kyle Gilpin**

**Adult Classes:
Sunday – Freeman Mahan
Monday – Derek Porter
Tuesday – Nathan Hale
Wednesday – Ben Wright
Thursday – Byron Longrier**



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