

Let us love

JUNE 10, 2018

not in word or speech,
but in truth and action

1 John 3:18



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SUBSTITUTES

Mike Seale

Do you remember the first time you heard of a sugar substitute? I remember trying Sweet'N Low in unsweetened tea. I did not care for it. I'm not a fan of soft drinks that contain sugar substitutes, either. However, I do understand the need for artificial sweeteners for those who are diabetic. The market is flooded with all kinds of artificial sweeteners. Acesulfame potassium (Sunett, Sweet One) Aspartame (Equal, NutraSweet) Saccharin (Sweet'N Low, Sugar Twin) and Sucralose (Splenda). Just give me honey, maple syrup or molasses.

From the very beginning of our existence, humanity has been tempted to find substitutes for GOD. I heard one preacher say years ago, "The most often mentioned topic in the Bible, other than GOD himself, is the topic of idolatry." Use your Bible app and do a search on the word idol or idolatry. It is amazing how many times it is mentioned in Scripture. The gods mentioned in the Bible are numerous. Baal, Molech, Dagon, and Asherah are just a few. Golden calves and Asherah poles were constructed to pay tribute to certain gods. Egyptian gods, Canaanite gods and the gods of the Greco-Roman world are proof of humanities quest to worship a deity.

Idols in our culture can be hidden in such subtle things. They are not always obvious like money, status, and power. We can worship people; from rock stars to movie stars, we can even worship our children or grandchildren. We can bow before the altar of education and success, or we might give reverence and adoration to certain hobbies like hunting, fishing, and working out. And of course we build 'temples' called stadiums where we go and worship our favorite sports team. Idols will always receive our sacrifices of money and our time. But there can be NO substitute for GOD.

In today's message, our focus will be on how idolatry turns us away from the presence of GOD. Preparing for this lesson has been both eye opening and convicting. I pray for all of us to have the conviction to remove any idols we have set up in our hearts. "No one is like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power...the LORD is the true GOD, he is the living GOD, the eternal King," (Jeremiah 10: 6,10).

BIBLE CLASSES

BIBLE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Sunday

The Book of Ephesians

Rodney Smithers—Auditorium

Unity in the Church

Dennie Stokes,

Dexter Mott

Rash Hall

The SUM-thing

Jason & Lori Bratton

Room 221

Seeing the Unseen (college age)

(Joe Beam's book)

Roy Wooten

Room 219

BIBLE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Wednesday

Ladies Class

Cathy Sippel, Glenda Runions,

Loretta Dale—room 221 / 6 PM

Men's Class

Mike Seale—Rash Hall / 6 PM

Singing/Hebrews

Keith Nicholson—Parlor / 6 PM

Rick Shirley

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday

7-12 grades

Kendall Lowe

room 205

WEDNESDAY HUDDLE

Our teenage Huddle meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Lamp Factory building.

BIBLE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY

Nursery April Stokes Room 104

2 year old Ellen Hall, Katie Chapple Room 103

3-4 year old Judy Shepherd Room 102

K-1 grade Sue Cash, Emily Cooley, Room 115

Lori Nicholson

2-3 grades Jan Goslin, Room 218

Carolyn Malone

4-6 grades Jessica Conn Room 114

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Karen Ault, Angela Seale, Shelly Cherry

BIBLE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN WEDNESDAY

Nursery Mary Anne Pike, Val Ramer Room 104

2-3 year old Lee Anne Williams Room 105

4-5 year old Jan Goslin, Room 114

Vonna Nicholson

1-3 grade Victoria Deal, Room 115

Mary Linn Webb

CHURCH NEWS

LEADING PRAYERS

• **Mid-Service**-Dale Stewart

• **Closing**-Dave Sippel

MONDAY

• **GET FIT 12-WEEK STRENGTH TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SENIORS:** Room 211 / 1PM.

THURSDAY

• **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Join us every Thursday at 6:30 AM for breakfast and prayer.

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FRIDAY

• **BREAKFAST CLUB:** Join us at the Shake Shack at 9AM.

LATER IN JUNE

• **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Elders want to share information on what has been done and to hear your feedback on what is important to you for the future of our congregation. Come to Rash Hall on Sunday, **June 17**, at 3:30 PM.

• **CROWNPOINT MISSION TRIP—June 22-30.** We need Mardi Gras type beads & plastic "gold" coins for our Treasure Chest craft.

JULY

• **CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:** Sunday, **July 1**, at 5PM in Rash Hall.

• **GUYANA MISSION TRIP:** We need 80 empty pill bottles for Bible School craft. Please bring them to the Resource room by July 10.

• **CONGRATULATIONS to Madison Tolleson** on her engagement. In lieu of a wedding shower we will be giving her a money tree. You can give your donation to Victoria Deal, Loretta Dale or Val Ramer **by July 24**.

• **BABY SHOWER for Rachel James** will be on **July 29**, from 1:30-3:00 PM at the home of Carolyn Vickers. It's a boy! Rachel is registered on Amazon, at Walmart and Target.

SUNDAY NIGHT CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: For the summer we will continue to learn songs and enhance our worship by using the first Sunday night of each month **July 1 / August 5** / for singing. Make your plans to come.

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June 3, 2018		Attendance	
Regular Contribution	\$10,283.05	Bible Class	134
Budget	\$11,700.00	A.M. Service	258

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