

LOVE IS:

- Slow to suspect – quick to trust
 - Slow to condemn—quick to justify
 - Slow to offend – quick to defend
 - Slow to expose – quick to shield
 - Slow to belittle – quick to appreciate
 - Slow to reprimand – quick to forbear
 - Slow to demand -- quick to give
 - Slow provoke – quick to conciliate
 - Slow hinder – quick to help
 - Slow to resent – quick to forgive
- Submitted by Charles Hood

 Never tell a person that something cannot be done. God may
 have been waiting for centuries for somebody ignorant enough of
 the impossible to do that very thing!

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THE REMINDER

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 April 22, 2018
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Class.....10:00 A. M.
 Worship..... 11:00 A. M.
 Afternoon..... 1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

Bible Class..... 6:30 P. M.

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME
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NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out a visitor's card so we will have a record of your visit.

PRAYER LIST: Ryan (Jessica's son – neurofibromatosis,, Kyle and Brad Young-health issues, Deby Maldonado, also her son Michael- health issues, Verdos & Wanda Mullins-heart issues and cancer, also John and Dorothy Callahan their care givers, Larry Rogers-stroke, Rita Blair, Linda Thrall's mother and son, Patsy Robertson, Walter Mullins, Debbie Breshears.

PRAY for our congregation and the efforts to reach the lost.

Let us all work together to make the church the best it can be, and remember to pray for our fall meeting, September 9-12 with Mike Bonner.

SPECIAL DAYS: July 8th, presentation on World Bible School.

June 17th, presentation of the church's Disaster Relief Effort Inc.

May 12th and 13th, Billy Palmer and his family will be here for a weekend meeting.. Billy will teach class and preach. Please mark this on your calendar and be present.

JUST FOR THE RECORD Last Week Last Year

SUNDAY:

Bible Class	18	15
Worship	32	37
Evening	10	11

EVENING

Bible Study	15	14
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CONTRIBUTION	\$1364.00	\$1018.00
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If the world is all wrong, remember that it contains people just like you!

A SPARE TIRE RELIGION

Most of us keep a spare tire in the trunk of our car to use in an emergency. We understand the spare tire is not for daily use but rather to be used temporarily while the regular tire is being repaired. When we are not using it, the spare tire often seems to be in the way and nothing more than a nuisance. There appears to be many who have the same concept of God. He apparently is nothing more to them than a quick fix in an emergency and certainly not a part of their everyday lives. For them, He is just someone they turn to when times get difficult and they have nowhere else to go. God is their "spare tire," put away until hard times come and then put back when the difficulties are resolved. They want all the blessings and privileges of being a Christian with none of the responsibilities and obligations. That simply does not work!

In I Samuel 2, we have the story of Eli, the high priest who allowed his sons to perform his duties. Eli's sons did many evil things. The people began to have no regards for the Lord and the sacrifices made to Him. As a result the Lord allow the Philistines to kill 4,000 Israelites in battle. You would think that is would led them to repent and ask for God's forgiveness. But it didn't. They began to blame the Lord, "Why did the Lord let us be defeated today?" (I Sam. 4:3)? The solution, "Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it comes among us, it may save us. . .". They thought that they had God in a box, and they could count on Him to save them when they got into trouble. The Lord allowed the Philistines to kill thirty thousand Israelites, both the sons of Eli, and capture the ark as a spoil of war.

The lesson for us is simple, if we do not serve God when things are going well, we can hardly expect Him to bless and assist us when we find ourselves overwhelmed by problems. God cannot be kept in a "magic box" and brought out only in case of emergency. Read I John 1:6-7.

--Lawrence Knowlton