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<i>Bible Class Lesson Texts:</i>	
Sunday March 1, 2020 Naaman 2 Kings 5	Wednesday March 4, 2020 Chariots of Fire 2 Kings 6:1-23
God's Salvation Plan	
Divine Love:	John 3:16
God's Grace:	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood:	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel:	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith:	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance:	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession:	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian Work:	James 2:24
Christian Hope:	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance:	Revelation 2:10
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SERVICES

SUNDAY:	Wednesday:
Bible Class 9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible class 10AM
Worship 10:25 AM	Bible Classes 7:00 PM
Worship 6:00 PM	



Is Love the Basis of Marriage?

Advocates of same-sex marriage use the following argument: "Love" experienced by heterosexuals is the same as "love" experienced by homosexuals. ("Love is love.") And, (as Frank Sinatra sang) "Love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage,"—that is, "love" is the basis for marriage. Therefore, all those who "love" (including same-sex "lovers") have a right to marriage. Is love the basis of marriage?

In the play, *Fiddler on the Roof*, the idea that a man and a woman would get married because of "love" was opined as "a new style," "radical," and "a little crazy." The notion prompted Tevye to ask Golde "Do you love me?" She had to wrestle with the answer because it never occurred to her that marriage would be based on such a notion since it wasn't for them—they were "matched." The notion that "love" ought to replace "tradition" as the basis of marriage won out in the play and in western culture.

However, for the vast majority of human history—and even today in many countries of the world—marriage was not based on "love," but the decision of parents, and they made their decision based upon their religious beliefs. In other words, God was the basis of marriage, not "love." The Bible says, "Whatsoever **God** has joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:6). This doesn't mean that the married should not love one another. After all, God is love—but "love" is not God. Believers don't worship "love;" they worship God. Love is a **consequence** of a God-based marriage, not the basis of it. To make "love" into God is idolatry. In marriage, the love of the heterosexual is God-based; the love of the homosexual is not. The two are not the same.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

Securing Their Hearts

How shall the young secure their hearts and guard their lives from sin? Thy Word, the choicest rules impart to keep the conscience clean!

Where in the world can young people learn what is holy and pure and right? The words of that old song clearly and lovingly convey the solitary truth that Biblical guidance is really the only way that our young people can survive in a world full of wickedness (1John 2:15-17). Even though they may not tell us directly, our young people desire some things of us every single time we see them:

Encouragement - In a world of sarcasm, put-downs, hurt, pain, and rejection, young people secure their hearts through encouragement in doing what is right. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14). Whenever they begin to show characteristics of Christ, encourage them!

Example - Paul said, "Imitate me as I imitate Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). More than ever, our young people need to see godly men and women standing up and imitating Christ. Parents and grandparents need to be committed to the cause of Christ. Young eyes are watching you and watching where you place your priorities! They need so badly to know that things like courage, character, and integrity are **REAL THINGS** even though our world portrays them as myth.

Teaching - Christianity is new to them! Teaching can be as simple as pointing out situations that are potentially dangerous and spiritually harmful (and young people face them daily). There are literally millions of opportunities to teach young people each day how to become godly people. Do we as adults have the spiritual eyes to see and the courage to teach?

Correction - Where there is no boundary, there is no love (Hebrews 12:7-11). Solomon said, "The rod and rebuke give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother" (Proverbs 29:15). Correcting our children now and helping them understand right and wrong will keep them (and us) from much heartache and suffering later on in their lives.

Brothers and sisters, love, courage, and especially time are all required of us if we as God's people wish to secure the hearts of our young people.

Andy Baker
Graeber Road church of Christ
Rosenberg, TX, via *Plainview Family Notes*, Vol XXVII, no. 6

Please Pray For
these in need



Don Grider	Clara Inman
James Love	Faith Salfen
Robin Upson	Enoies Curbow
Billy Johnson	Terry Woods
Sue Yarberry	Marie Howard
Winnie Tucker	Blake Drinkard
Sara Jo Vance	Wages Family
Gayle Floyd	Marie McPherson
Charles Lansford	Meg Shelton
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cowling	Keith & Helen Clark
Juanita Higginbotham	

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Attendance	
Wednesday, February 19	55
Sunday, February 23	
Bible Class	65
Morning Worship	84
Evening Worship	51
Contribution-Budget \$3,100.00	
Sunday, Feb 23, 2020	\$3,183.00
2020 Average	\$2,959.13

March 1, 2020 Servants

Announcements: Johnny Thomas

AM Prayers	PM Prayers
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Ernest Shelton	Scott Overstreet
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Charlie Cauley	Jimmy Smith
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Lord's Table

Eddie Cauley	Jody Thomas
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Jamey Thomas	Ben Dooley
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PM Communion: Jody Thomas

Visitors Cards: Logan Wages

March 8, 2020 Servants

Announcements: Johnny Thomas

Am Prayers	PM Prayers
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Jimmy Smith	Austin Cauley
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Monty Crawford	Thomas McGee
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Lord's Table

Eddie Cauley	Jody Thomas
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Jamey Thomas	Ben Dooley
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PM Communion: Jody Thomas

Visitors Cards: Gavin Cauley

If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572

Within a Month!

- **March 8** Daylight Savings Time Begins/Leadership Training for Christ at 3:30 pm
- Ladies' Night out **March 10** (5:30 pm)
- Gospel Meeting with Eddie Cloer **March 20-22**