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The Love



Hickory Grove Youth

Neely Youth Signing a Song



Laken Baggett

Josh Jordan



Hickory Grove won the Angel Decorating Game

Neely Youth won the cookie game.



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The love of God is greater far Than
It goes beyond the highest star, And
The guilty pair, bowed down with care
His erring child He reconciled, And

When hoary time shall pass away, A
When men who here refuse to pray,
God's love, so sure, shall still endure,
Redeeming grace to Adam's race - T

Could we with ink the ocean fill, And
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill, An
To write the love of God above Woul
Nor could the scroll contain the whol

Oh love of God, how rich a
How measureless and stron
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song

President's Message -

LaDon Dawson, General Conference President

*Water love hath no man than this
can lay down his life for his friends.*

At this time of the year that a lot of emphasis is put on love, we should be reminded to love those God has given us to love every day of the year. I'm reminded of God's love that continually shines on us. May we love God and as we do that we will love those he loves. How great is the love of God.

Some time ago I heard a Sunday School teacher say, "church is about God." What a tremendous thought for us to hear that about a church, what we are doing is not about us, it is about God. Back to the faith of our fathers and we know that we have a share with the world. It is about God – about His Saving, His keeping power. We need to share the love and tell the world of His loves them.

Remember the many heroes of the faith, the list is long and always faithful to God. For them, it was about God as well. We have the faith of their fathers and we have that same faith today.

Love is love – Love is God.

Contact me by calling 601-587-4147, writing to 4 Divide Road, Collins, MS 39654, email: ladondawson@bellsouth.net or calling General Conference headquarters 601-765-0029 on Tuesdays - 9 AM-5 PM.

If you would be willing to serve in the kitchen as cook and/or an assistant at the General Conference - May 21-23 - Please call the office at 601-765-0029. The menus will be preplanned and food on hand for you. Thanks!



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◆ ON THE LIGHT

Match these husbands and wives!

Adam	Orpah
Isaac	Drusilla
Abraham	Salome
Joseph	Hannah
Zechariah	Jochebed
Moses	Mary
Jacob	Ruth
David	Judith
Ahab	Delilah
Boaz	Eve
Xerxes	Sarah
Ananias	Rebekah
Aquilla	Saphira
Amram	Elizabeth
Elhanah	Zipporah
Chilion	Jezebel
Samson	Bathsheba
Felix	Esther
Herod	Sapphira
Esau	Leah
Zebedee	Priscilla

Wanted!

Someone to write a monthly article for this page! Please pray and ask God if He wants you to do this for this year. This is a vital part of the MPF and God will bless you for providing good material for the youth.

church, and our brothers and sisters in Christ through this difficult time. We are trusting that God will use this chaos to show His love and peace to those who would be agents of violence.

BABY CENTER IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

Pray for safety for the babies and staff living in the compound and for those traveling to and from work

They have been without electricity since Friday noon and are using a generator which has enough fuel for now - gasoline is over \$4/gallon in Kenya, so this is a very expensive way to provide for security lighting, laundry equipment, and pumps for the water tanks - pray for continued availability of fuel.

They have enough food and supplies until the middle of next week but many stores in town are closed and transportation of goods has been disrupted throughout the country - pray for availability of supplies

They are also out of water, but are hoping that the water truck comes today.

NOTE: The Dearmon's are now in the States.

Pastor and Youth Leader Summit

We are planning a meeting to find out what our various churches are doing to attract young people and to share this information with other churches, in order to work together to help each other grow in the Methodist Protestant Church.

This meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mississippi Campground in Collins, Mississippi. Tony Lambert will be grilling rib eyes for the evening meal. We are requesting that each participant pre-register in order to ensure that steaks are available for everyone. Donations will be taken to pay for the meal.

We hope that each church in the Conference will be able to send at least one representative. For further information and to pre-register, call Newton Pertuit at 601-587-2679 or email ypjkcq@yahoo.com.

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Calendar of Events

Feb 21	7 PM	Pastor & Youth Summit MS Campground, Collins, MS
Feb 29	1 PM	Gen Conf Executive Committee MP Headquarters, Collins, MS
Mar 15	9 AM	WMS Convention MP Headquarters, Collins, MS
Mar 28-29		General Conference Board Meetings MP Headquarters, Collins, MS
Mar 29	10-3	MS Youth Retreat (More details next issue)
Apr 12	9 AM	MS WMS Branch Meeting MS Campground, Collins, MS
Apr 19	9 AM	AL WMS Branch Meeting Cedar Grove MP Church, Thorsby, AL
Apr 26	9 AM	LA WMS Branch Meeting Yeager MP Church, West Monroe, LA
May 21-23		General Conference MP Headquarters, Collins, MS

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ackson, Editor

matter of multiplicity, the love of God is directed toward Adam, his wife and family. God has extended His love to include all believers that have followed Adam and Eve. Not only does God love christians, but He also loves the world. After God created Eve, He had two humans to love and enjoy fellowship with.

Let's take a closer look at the creation of Eve. The great love of God would not let Adam continue on without a companion and a help-meet. God knew that

the man is better off with a wife and companion than without one. Therefore God provided for Adam that which was needed to improve the quality of his life. God caused Adam to be put to sleep and remove the rib from his side for the purpose of giving him a bride. The act of putting Adam to sleep, opening his side, removing the rib and closing the incision again, sounds very much like modern-day surgery. Guess who thought of it first! When Adam awoke he saw the most beautiful person and his companion for life. Adam fell in love immediately, and his love never faltered.

A couple of thoughts may be injected here. The language concerning the creation of Adam and Eve implies that God gave special care in the creation of Eve. It implies that God skillfully formed and built Eve. This may appear that God gave extra care in the creation of Adam's lifetime companion, even above the skill needed to create Adam. Remember that God loved Adam and desired to bless him with the best gift of a wife. This does not say to the women's liberation that God loved Eve better than Adam, and that He created woman better than man. Rather it is implying that God loved Adam, the first created, and wanted him to have the best gift that God could provide. God loved Eve equally and through Adam He concentrated His love upon Adam's

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The Mission

Mrs. Dianne Reid, Woman

Kissing Frogs and Washing Dirty Feet

Are we a people of big hearts or little hearts? Are we really willing to forgive as God is willing to forgive? It takes a big person to forgive. Just think about it, friends, God forgives in a large way. An unforgiving spirit hinders spiritual progress in the individual, family, and church. Are we also strong-hearted, people with courage, who dare to be different in a sinful world? Are we soft-hearted in the sense of showing compassion? Do we have pliable hearts that God can mold and make to His liking? Are we tough-hearted against sin? What a challenge we have as Christ's representatives in our present generation to make a difference for good and pass on a godly legacy to our children and grandchildren.

Are we big-hearted toward the "frogs" of this world? Sometimes we just write people off, because they are not our kind or they look a little (or a lot) rough around the edges. Maybe there are some people that we just flat out don't like - for what ever reason. Jesus ministered to some pretty "froggy" people: demon-possessed, prostitutes, adulterers, lepers, etc. Most of us are familiar with the story of the princess who kissed an ugly frog who then turned back into a handsome prince. What a pleasant surprise! Let me tell you, we are all a bunch of frogs that can be or have been changed by the grace of God into Saints. What a wonderful miracle! So, let's

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Conference Laymen's President

One Another

world, that we might live through him.

- 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
- 12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

This is how God showed HIS love among us: He sent HIS one and only Son into the world that we might live through him ... No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Love is a funny thing. We love ice cream, cars, football teams, and music groups. All of us love using the word love. But what does it really mean to love? Does saying you love someone truly mean that you do?

I learned something important many years ago. It doesn't matter how often we tell others we love them; what matters is how often we

show them our love. Words are important, but actions are the proof of our words.

This is what God did for us. He did not just say, "I love you." He showed us His love by sending His Son so we might live through Him.

God has already shown you His love by sending Jesus. Now it is your turn. When we love one another, all people will be able to see God through us. Who do you need to show the love of God to today?

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family. Because of the special function of Eve to be the mother of children, God took care to make her so that she may be able to properly bear children.

There is much to be learned about proper husband and wife relationships in the home by studying Adam and Eve. Scripturally, God gives to the man the great responsibility to be head of the house. This does not imply that man is better, but it is God's will. This responsibility to man requires more from the man than the woman. Neither does it allow the husband to be abusive and attempt to cause

her to appear inferior, especially in public. Today, the question of "head of the house" is answered by quarrels, fights and blows in the home, and often in front of the children. All the while, the Bible gives the simple answer to the problem. The answer is embodied in the response by Adam that says "This is now bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called woman (Isha: she-man or she-human).

The Bible speaks of "a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church," Eph. 5:32. The mystery had to do with marriage that speaks of Christ and the church. By returning to the origin of marriage in Genesis, we may come across something that is important in creation of Eve. In the story of Eve's creation, take a look at what happened to Adam: placed into a deep sleep, side was opened, that which was needed was removed to make Eve. Would this tell us something of Christ and the church? As we view Christ on the cross, His side was opened, that which was needed to create the church came forth, which was the blood of Christ. When Adam awoke he had a bride. When Christ arose from the dead, His bride, the church, was already beginning to be formed. Perhaps there is more to the "concerning Christ and the church". If marriage is to reflect the glory of Christ and the church, more care should be given to the attitudes and actions between husband and wife. In the home, parents' relationships to the children should reflect the love of Christ for the church. There is a great responsibility placed upon the husband and father

*"Bone of my bone
flesh of my flesh"*



save his wife in his own way, his own plan.” That could be true. Something caused Adam to do what his wife did. Adam knew better. For emphasis sake, I want to say that Adam’s love caused him to **attempt** to take upon himself the responsibility of her sin. That attempt cost Adam his spiritual life. That attempt eventually brought physical death upon him.

The experiences of Adam in the creation of Eve and the attempt to save Eve, brings to our attention some things that point to the great love of God. Adam was laid down, put to sleep, his side opened (similar to surgery), the rib removed and the flesh closed back again. This typifies the death, shed blood, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” The scene between Adam and Eve in the garden of temptation, typifies the love of Christ for His bride, the church. The great love of Christ caused Him to take the responsibility of our sins upon Himself all the way to the cross. Jesus Christ knew that the salvation of the church, and of all mankind that believed, would require His

death. Jesus was willing to give His life for the cause. The Father was willing to give His Son. Adam attempted to save his bride and failed. Jesus Christ, the perfect Son, attempted to save His Bride and accomplished great salvation for her. Adam sinned by attempting to take the responsibility of his fallen bride. He tried to take her sin upon himself. In this, he failed because sin overtook him. Jesus Christ took our sins upon Himself, but without sin, and without the contamination of sin. Jesus, our Savior, succeeded in doing what no other human could do. The first Adam failed, but the second Adam succeeded. Jesus did it out of love and you can experience the love of God in salvation from your sins. The Perfect Messiah, with perfect love for Israel and the church, is the story that we have today.

Now, let us exemplify the love in our hearts for our Redeemer this love season and forward. How may we show our love for Christ? By worshipping Him in spirit and in truth. By using our time and talents to

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Love

Rev. James E. McKneely, Sr.
Pastor Pearl Methodist Protestant Church
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Ephesians 5:23 - *For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church; and he is the Saviour of the body.*

God has established the family as the most basic unit in society. Every family must have a leader. Hence, God has assigned to the husband the responsibility of being the head of his wife and family. His headship must be exercised in love, gentleness, and consideration for his wife and family. (v. 25)

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it: the husband’s God-given responsibility as head of the wife includes:

- Leadership and provision for the family’s spiritual and domestic needs. (v. 24) Therefore, as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

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- General Conference Officers and Board
- Annual Conference Officers and Co
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- Methodist Protestant Mission Work
- Dedicated Church Members