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## Renewing Our Passion

*Song of Solomon 5:8-16 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I am sick of love.*

*What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women? what is thy beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost so charge us?*

*My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand. His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy, and black as a raven. His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set. His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh. His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires. His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.*

In the preceding verses (which is an allegory of Christ and his bride, the

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church) we find the passion of the bride for her beloved. When other women ask “What is thy beloved more than another beloved?” She begins to describe all of his attributes with the most beautiful symbolism and finally states “Yea, he is altogether lovely.” The passion of the Song of Solomon (a song is usually an allegory!) is enough to make us blush because we are hearing intimate details and intimate thoughts, yet, God has unashamedly declared his love for his people throughout the scriptures.

***John 14:21-23** He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

***John 15:13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

***Ephesians 2:4-5** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

***Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

***1 John 4:9-10** In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

God never changes in his love for us and we should zealously cultivate our love for God because we are a changing people. People can be passionate only temporarily because of our humanity. If we were always passionate God would not have to tell husbands to love their wives or for saved folks to love one another because we would automatically do it.

Most people start out with passion in a love relationship. Girls do their best to look attractive and to please the man. Men buy flowers and candy, open doors, notice and comment on the girls' appearance and dress. Over time as the passion cools we take each other for granted and are not ashamed to be at our worst, even to each other.

The church is warned in **Revelation 2:4-5** *Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.* When the Lord says “remember from whence thou art fallen” He is telling us to remember how we spoke of him, thought of him, wanted to please him, wanted to be near him. Read again in the Song Of Solomon how when the bride is asked “What is thy beloved more than another beloved?”

No one is like him! No one has done for you what he has done and will do for you!

No one has been with you and will stay with you like he will! No one is described as he is, He is God with all his Glory made visible to the church.

**Revelation 1:12-18** *And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

We are warned of love growing cold in these days and we should strive to not allow that to happen to us. Read the Bible and pray that you may see the Lord in a new light and fall in love with him again and again.

**From Bro. Ronnie Black**



## THE HELP MATE

By Linda Black



Abundant leftovers. During this season of the year our minds are turned to a time of remembrance known as Thanksgiving. Naturally as Christians, we should be thankful each and every day, but as humans our frail memories overlook so many of God's daily blessings. When we look back, we see a lifetime of needs met, celebrations enjoyed, sicknesses healed and comforted hearts in times of trouble. I'm sure there are moments when we all feel ashamed of our selfish thoughts and skeptical attitudes. You may think this is just the problem of the day, but not really. We read about an important lesson that was learned by the disciples who had tendencies to doubt, forget and question the Lord. The meaning of this lesson made such an impact that it is written in all four gospels. This action concerns the feeding of the five thousand. Although Jesus knew what he could and would do, he still asked the question "*Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat*"? Remember the Lord had performed several miracles before this time many of which the disciples witnessed. But how soon we forget! Instead of Philip trusting the Lord and placing confidence in his ability, he began thinking of a solution to the problem stating that two hundred pennyworth of bread wouldn't be sufficient because of the multitude to be fed. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, also searched for an answer pointing out a lad who had five loaves and two fishes. But quickly added "but what are they among so many?" The whole time the Lord listened knowing exactly what he would do about the situation. His first request was "make the men to sit down".

The Lord must first get our attention so we will listen and focus.

Secondly, he took the loaves and gave thanks, giving to the disciples first and then having them to distribute to those who were sitting down and also of the fishes until they were filled. I wonder if he had the disciples pass out the food so they could personally see the abundance of nourishment available once thanks had been spoken. Not only did they witness everyone eating to their fill, the Lord commanded the disciples to gather the fragments left over that nothing should be lost. Isn't it amazing that they gathered *12 baskets* of leftovers from those five barley loaves and two fishes, *possibly* one for each disciple, maybe as a reminder of God's limitless power. The blessings God gives can't be bought with a price. Only he can provide for the need to the fullest. Let us be thankful for all the leftovers, and remember, they're probably just the overflow from the abundant blessings we've already received. Happy Thanksgiving!

# Announcements

The River view United Baptist Church of Albany, Indiana Is Changing their Mid-Week Prayer Service From Tuesday Evening to Wednesday Evening at 6:30 P.M.

As Al ways, Pastor Tony Bil brey And the fol ks there wel come everyone to attend.



# Children's Page

## Joseph and His Brothers

Genesis 37-38

Read the Scripture, then circle each word from the word bank hidden in the puzzle. Words may appear forward or backwards, moving up, down, or diagonally.



### Word Bank

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|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|--------|
| moon        | twin boys | Zerah   | caravan | robe  | Dothan |
| Ishmaelites | Shua      | sun     | boy     | seal  | dream  |
| Midianites  | Egypt     | staff   | Er (3)  | blood | stars  |
| brothers    | Judah     | cistern | jealous | Jacob | Shelah |
| Shechem     |           |         |         |       |        |

**Bonus:** To reveal the number of sons Jacob had, shade in the circled letters.

Memorial United Baptist Church

2911 S Philip Dr.

Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Andy Phipps

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Worship 6:30 pm

Riverview United Baptist Church

6601 E Black Mill Rd

Albany, IN 47320

Pastor Tony Bilbrey

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Tuesday Evening 7:00 pm

First Southern United Baptist Church

1009 E. 20<sup>th</sup> St.

Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Chris Sewell

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 7:00

Community Missionary Baptist Church

1005 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St.

Alexandria, IN 46001

Pastor Raymond Garret

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

# Church Directory



Old Fashion United Baptist Church

9211 W. Arch Street

Yorktown IN 47396

Pastor Terry Dobbs

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Westside United Baptist Church

3021 W. Cornbread Road

Muncie IN 47302

Pastor Larry Waters

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Caney Branch United Baptist Church

1457 Travis Groce Road

Albany, KY 42602

Pastor Donald McGill

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

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## Gloryland United Baptist Church

2001 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.

Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor Alvis Sewell

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

## Eastside Missionary Baptist Church

100 Holland Ave

Muncie, IN 47303

Pastor Eric Lambert

Sunday Morning 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

## Lower Hickory Grove United Baptist Church

Highway 741 (Blue Heron Mine Rd)

Revelo, KY 42638

Pastor Mark Sewell

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

## Second Baptist Church

P.O. Box 1188

Whitley City, KY 42653

Pastor Michael Casada

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

## Faith United Baptist Church

Brick Church Rd.

Hagerstown, IN 47346

Pastor Eldon Denney

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm

## New Salem United Baptist Church

2311 E. Washington St.

New Castle, IN 47362

Pastor Brett Rains

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Sunday Evening 6:00 pm