

Deaf Liberty Epistle

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Do You Love God?

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You may think it is a stupid question, because you would say, "Of course, because I am a Christian. I love God." Do we really love God?" I like to share a key verse relating to this question. John 14:21 says "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" (KJV). The word keep in this verse means obey. Love and obedience go together. I will share few commandments that Jesus asks of us.

In John 15:12 "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you". John, one of His disciples and an apostle of love who wrote the Gospel of John repeated this commandment in his epistle of I John. To help understand love Paul gave the clear definition of love in I Corinthians 13:4-16. Love is patient and kind, It doesn't envy and express jealousy. It doesn't brag and is not arrogant. It does not act unseemly nor seek its own like praise and honor. It is not quick-tempered. It thinks no evil like revenge. It rejoices in truth to restore and not in unrighteousness although it may be painful. Love bears (keep confidential in to protect the person) all things, believes all things regardless of what they say, hopes for the best in person, and endures all things, because love never fails.

Matthew 5:44 requests; "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;". It's hard to love them who may hurt you and treat you as an enemy.

Another commandment in Mark 11:12 says "But if ye do not forgive neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. ". Paul reinforced Jesus' teaching on forgiveness as seen in Ephesians 4:32 "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." When you forgive, you are letting go and love him while trusting God to take care of him. Jesus said "Forgive them for they know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).

You love God when you love another and your enemies. John said in John 14:23 "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep (obey) my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Let's love God by obeying His commandments.

Ronnie Rice

Ronnie Rice and Don Cheverly came to Metro Kansas City to prepare Deaf Christian Senior Fellowship in Branson, Missouri on April 28-May 1. Don was here to help Teddy Chang to prepare the transportation for those who flew in Kansas City. Ronnie stayed another day to preach here. It had been a while since he was



here. After preaching he shared his life testimony and what he is doing in the meantime. He also did the charade. After teaching he left for Branson.

Ronnie Rice shared God's Word at DLBC

Deaf Christian Senior Fellowship

Kim Terrazas

At this time of the year it was a ritual for all the deaf seniors to have another fellowship and hear God's word from our humble pastors and evangelists at Branson Towers in Branson, Missouri. We broke our new record for the attendance. We had 50 this year comparing to last year 42 in San Antonio. This year the theme was "Anchor in Christ" based on Hebrews 6:19, which says "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;". The key word was anchor meaning to cling on to and trust God. The whole atmosphere for the deaf seniors was very relaxing with no stress and burden. We had fun in the afternoons visiting Titanic Museum, riding in the Ducks that ride in the water and on the land touring Branson, and watching Chinese Acrobats. We saved the best for our last event: banquet on the

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showboat. On the sad note one of our members passed away in his sleep in the hotel. It was a beautiful ending for him for he loved to sing at our church and Branson. Branson was a perfect spot for him to pass on with his music in his soul. Now he is singing along with the angels and saints.

Next year Deaf Christian Senior Fellowship will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota. Details will follow.

(Editor's note: Kim is re-elected to continue another term as a secretary for this organization. Ron Bagby is the treasurer.)



A group from Deaf Christian Senior Fellowship

A beautiful lake in Branson



A banquet in the steamboat



The group gathered in the steamboat and enjoyed the banquet

Father's Day Weekend

On June 14 the picnic was held at the Longview Lake to honor the fathers. Approximately 20 braved the storm, but it passed by. So they enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs.

On June 15 all the fathers in the audience were honored with recognition and \$10 gift cards from Starbuck's.

Two seniors, Quay' Mescia Yancey & Kijuan Monroe, were honored at the church with gifts. They shared what they will do afterwards. They need our prayers.



They were protecting the grill to keep the fire going

They enjoyed fellowship and food regardless of pouring rain.



Loving Memory of Elmer Bowers

Elmer and Noreen along with Noreen's sister and daughter, Luella, went to Deaf Christian Seniors Fellowship in Branson. Unfortunately, Elmer passed away on the last day of the conference in his bed in Branson. He was brought to Kansas and prepared for the funeral on May 4. Jerry Sanders was asked to officiate the funeral. He shared the poem on "Dash" written by Linda Ellis and Elmer's dash, the years between his birth and death which he lived his life. Debbie Seneff sang with her voice while Leslie Ann Sanders signed out the song. The chapel was full with family members, friends, and church members. Now he is rejoicing in heaven and singing. Continue to pray for Noreen as she misses him greatly. We miss you, Elmer!



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Every father received a gift card from Starbuck's

Sword Deaf Ministries

Fred Adams and his team representing Deaf Sword College had stopped by and sang at Deaf Liberty Baptist Church on May 19 which was Wednesday. Their singing was a blessing to the audience. Fred Adams stopped by and visited David Hanson at the hospital. The visit was pleasant.



I Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. (KJV)
But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at the way he looks on the outside or how tall he is, because I have not chosen him. For the Lord does not look at the things man looks at. A man looks at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart." (NLV)

Deaf Liberty Camp

Deaf Liberty Camp was held in state park surrounding Clinton Lake near Lawrence on May 24-27. They enjoyed the nature. In the meantime, DLBC was still open for those who did not go to the camp.



The people who attended the camp set up their tents communally

Teddy Chang was teaching God's Word



They gathered together for fellowship and campfire

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Both seniors shared what they will do after graduation from high school.



They received the gifts from the church and enjoyed them.

Every believer needs a church to belong and serve our living God. Jeremy Stockman and Kay and Gene Norris decided to be part of Deaf Liberty Baptist Church. We welcome them and treat them as a family.



Updates on Rev. David Hanson

Rev. David Hanson is now at his beloved home which he hasn't seen since April 15. He has his own hospital bed in his former office. His PET scan and bone marrow showed that he has no cancer. However, he barely walks due to chemotherapy. He will attend to his recent hospital for his therapy to walk again. He is in good spirit. He has a wonderful wife who supports him fully. His children will come and help out when they can. Nehemiah, his son, was here recently when David came home. Continue to pray for him so he can walk and come back and preach to his own flock. In the meantime he will attend to other medical needs such as his eyes.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 25-26

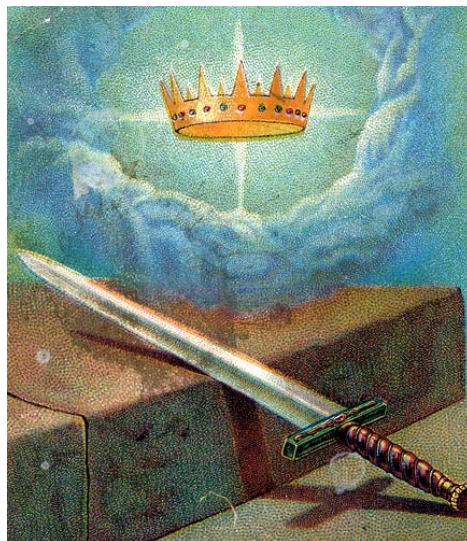
Mary & Martha Deaf Retreat at DLBC

For more information contact Leslie Ann Sanders

See attachment.

November 1-3

Deaf Men's Retreat in Stuart, OK



II Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

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Love One Another

Love each other with genuine affection,
and take delight in honoring each other.

Romans 12:10 New Living Translation (NLT)

Mary & Martha's Deaf Retreat

October 25-26, 2013



Women's retreat is scheduled on October 25-26, 2013.

We will be staying at Nazarene Conference Center. We will be playing table games during free time. Bible teaching sessions will be incorporated into the schedule.

Cost: \$100.00

Door prizes, Friday night refreshment, Saturday morning Donuts, Fruit, Coffee, Tea & Orange Juice and a Catered Saturday Dinner.

***you'll need additional cash for vending machines, transportation & Friday Supper.

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“...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” II Corinthians 3:17