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In his book *Hidden in Plain Sight*, author and pastor, Mark Buchanan, writes about a woman named Regine. Originally from Rwanda, Regine came to Christ while reading her sister's Bible during the genocide that ravaged her country. When she fled to Canada for refuge, she met her husband, Gordon. They decided to return to Rwanda to show the love of Christ to the people who had once been her enemies. Regine told Mark Buchanan this story of *agape* love:

A woman's only son was killed. She was consumed with grief and hate and bitterness. "God," she prayed, "reveal my son's killer."

One night she dreamed she was going to heaven. But there was a complication: in order to get to heaven she had to pass through a certain house. She had to walk down the street, enter the house through the front door, go through

its rooms, up the stairs, and exit through the back door.

She asked God whose house this was.

"It's the house," he told her, "of your son's killer."

The road to heaven passed through the house of her enemy.

Two nights later, there was a knock at her door. She opened it, and there stood a young man. He was about her son's age.

"Yes?"

He hesitated. Then he said, "I am the one who killed your son. Since that day, I have had no life. No peace. So here I am. I am placing my life in your hands. Kill me. I am dead already. Throw me in jail. I am in prison already. Torture me. I am in torment already. Do with me as you wish."

The woman had prayed for this day. Now it had arrived, and she

didn't know what to do. She found, to her own surprise, that she did not want to kill him. Or throw him in jail. Or torture him. In that moment of reckoning, she found she only wanted one thing: a son.

"I ask this of you. Come into my home and live with me. Eat the food I would have prepared for my son. Wear the clothes I would have made for my son. Become the son I lost."

And so he did.

Agape love does what God himself has done, making sons and daughters out of bitter enemies. Though we were responsible for His Son's death, God has invited us into His home, His life and the provisions of His grace that we might experience His love. He also commands that we love our enemies and forgive those who have wronged us. The healing of a hurt heart is found in forgiveness

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Caroline Lee	3 rd
Tonya Brown	7 th
Amy Phipps	8 th
Billy Phipps	8 th
Faye Woods	14 th
Courtlyn Lee	18 th
Ellison Megee	19 th
Chuck Beverage	21 st
Kelsey Kirby	21 st
Lisa Tyson	22 nd
Gillian Kirby	23 rd
Debbie Smith	25 th
Joe Walker	25 th
Andy Marange	26 th
Josh Cheatwood	26 th
Carole Prucey	27 th
Dustin Harrell	31 st

ANNIVERSARIES

Sammy & Brandy Collins	15 th
Glen & Ruby Barnes	28 th



Mugs & Muffins
Sunday, May 6th
 from 9 to 9:30 a.m.
 (Proceeds go
 towards Kid's Camp)



Fellowship
Saturday, May 18th
 from 5 to 8 p.m.
 in Elizabeth Lott's
 Home



CHARLIE'S CHATS

Thanks to all of you who are faithful to sing in the Praise Choir each Sunday and attend choir practice on Wednesday night. We always welcome anyone who is interested in joining the Praise Choir. There's a chair just for you. 🎵



SUNDAY, MAY 13TH
 (no Evening Worship)

Support
Hope for Bossier
Food Pantry
Volunteer
Donate ♥ Pray

2012
VBS



July 23-27
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Join us for
Sunday School at
9:30 this Sunday
Morning

Monthly Business Meeting
 Sunday, May 20th
 7:00 p.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Fellowship Supper	5:30 p.m.
Children's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Adult Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.



Toddler Nursery
Worker Schedule
May 6th
 Michelle & David Lemoine
May 13th
 Kayla Fondren & Andrea McAdams
May 20th
 Jessi Humphrey & Peggy Grice
May 27th
 Amye Megee & Sherry Hudson

Baby Nursery
Worker Schedule
May 6th
 Darlene Hay
May 13th
 Shelbie Ponder
May 20th
 Jessi Humphrey
May 27th
 Wanda Kent