



# The Spotlight!

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## Get involved!

Have you been wondering what you can do to get involved at your church? Well we need your help in all areas of the ministry. There are things to do on Sundays like working in the nursery, greeting at the door, running a camera or working as an usher during the service. There are also things that need to be done during the week. We have monthly DVD and CD mail outs that need to be copied and sent. There is also office and clerical work that needs to be done on a weekly basis. But most importantly we need your help in keeping the House of God looking good!

There is always something that you can put your hands to at New Covenant! How can you get involved? Just give us a call or show up! See Pastor John and Amanda Brogdon and let them know that you are there to help.

## Honor through Obedience

Does God's Word Weigh Heavy in Our Lives? Are we honoring Him?

1 Samuel 2:30, *"Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed."*

If God's Word weighs heavy in our lives, it is the final authority. It should lead and guide us in all decision making.

"We honor God when we submit ourselves to the Word." "In the natural, if your children obey you, they are honoring you." When we obey God and are being led by His Spirit, we are honoring Him. We are told to renew our mind to the Word of God so that we can be led by His Spirit. "Being led by the Spirit is when your spirit and God's Spirit become one." It is running our thoughts through the Word of God. "Every thought has to be judged by the Word of God." "If your thoughts line up with Gods Word, your spirit and God's Spirit are on the same page." "You have got to get your thoughts in line with God's



thoughts and your life in line with God's life so that can be obedient."

We honor God when we highly esteem His Everlasting Covenant. "The covenant has to be highly es-

teemed, not lightly esteemed." "The everlasting covenant from God is not everlasting in the homes of most Christians because we have lightly esteemed what is important to God. So goes the home, so goes the Church." "To lightly esteem means to look at lightly; not much attention given to." "There are a lot of hurting people in the Church because they have never been taught what is right in the home." "God established the marriage first, then He built the Church."

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## A Message from Pastor Linda

**Giving to God with a pure heart.** 1 Chronicles 29:1-9— *‘Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup>Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. <sup>3</sup>Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house. <sup>4</sup>Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal: <sup>5</sup>The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, <sup>7</sup>And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. <sup>8</sup>And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup>Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.*

These scriptures show us how God want us to give today...with a perfect heart. We see King David gave an offering, over and above what he had dedicated from the spoils of neighboring nations to build the House of God. He gave a liberal offering of more than one hundred million dollars from his own personal treasury. He told the people, “because I have set my affections on the house of My God, in addition to all I have prepared for the holy house, I have a private treasure of gold and silver which I give for the house of my God...(see verse 3)”

It was not the size of the gift that was so important, but David’s motive in giving. He gave not to make atonement for his sins, nor as the Pharisees who gave alms to be seen of man, but because he set his affection on the House of God! He gave from a pure heart because of his love for God and for His House. Our motive for giving to God should be with a perfect heart, because of our love for God and for His Kingdom. David gave liberally, not because he was asked or encouraged or compelled to give, but because he had set his affection on the House of God. His heart, his desire, his love, his passion was focused upon God and building God’s House. When our hearts are focused upon God and He is the central focus of our love, we will be willing to give all that we have to Him for the of His Kingdom. Paul in Colossians 3:2 says, “set your affections on things above, not on earthly things.” David after setting an example of unlimited liberal giving challenged the people...“who then is willing to consecrate his sources this day unto the Lord” (1 Chronicles 29:5). The people immediately responded and willingly gave because of their love and devotion to God (1 Chronicles 29:9).

The leaders of Israel, leaders of families, officers of tribes of Israel, captains and rulers seeing the great love and devotion David had for the House of the Lord, gave freely and whole heartedly with all the people David blessed the Lord. In his prayer he acknowledged God as their source. He told God, “But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from Thee and from Thy hand we have given Thee” (1 Chronicles 29:14).

**God is OUR source.** To give with a perfect heart is to acknowledge God as your source. All that you have has been given to you by God (Deuteronomy 8:18) “But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.” Next to give with a perfect heart is to give willingly and wholeheartedly. 1 Chronicles 29:17 -“I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.” When you give to God do so without restraint, willingly, without being pressured. God takes pleasure in those who give cheerfully, whose heart is in His giving. Today give God your perfect heart offerings. God has been dealing with me as Paul said in Colossians 3:2 ‘Linda set your affections on this above, not on the earth, for they are temporal.’ What we do for God and to further His Kingdom is all that is going to matter when we stand before Him.



## Honor through Obedience (Continued from Front Page)

“Society has trained us to fail in relationships. We go out with; go steady; and break up until we find the right person. We are in and out of relationships and join ourselves to people. (soul ties)” “We have a genetically altered Church because we have lightly esteemed what is important to God.” In the natural, our food has been genetically altered. Our livestock is loaded with antibiotics and steroids which we intake when we eat. The original genetic structure of our fruit and vegetables no longer exist. We consume only small amounts of the nutrition we are suppose to which leads to growth defects and diseases. Our spiritual food has also been altered. The Word has been changed to justify disobedience. The Word has been “lightly esteemed”, or not paid much attention to”. When we lightly esteem the Covenant, we in turn are lightly esteemed by God. “God has got to be number one in our lives if we are going to have an everlasting covenant with Him.”

When we disobey the Word, we rebel against and disrespect Him. In 1 Samuel 2:30, the word despise means dispute or rebel against. “If the Word says don’t do it, and we do it, we are dishonoring God and there is no justification.” “Disobedience is the same as witchcraft. You cannot cast a spell and try to change His Word. He is not going to allow someone to ride a broom in His Kingdom. “ “Disrespect creates an atmosphere of tension and there are no blessings. Tension leads to problems.” “When things go wrong in our lives, we should evaluate whether we are dishonoring God in anyway.” We dishonor God when we are led by emotions or past experiences. “Your experiences can be the driving force behind your life. Most people don’t honor God in their lives because of past experiences. “ Feelings and emotions do not bring direction and empowerment. They will not keep you grounded.” This is why we are told to renew our minds

with the Word because feelings cannot justify what is of the Spirit.

“God will honor us if we honor His Word.” “If you choose to keep your mind on God’s Word when making decisions, God is going to honor you because you honored Him.” “God is looking for people who will separate themselves and be led by His Word.” “Tell yourself daily, ‘I am teachable; I will learn today because I am going to listen to God’s Spirit. I am going to obey God’s Spirit and not my flesh’.”



Notes by Sha Wright, Partner since June 2004

Message by Dr. Robert Brogdon 04/27/10

For a complete copy of the message on CD please call 334-749-3916 someone in the office.

Founders and Senior Pastors:  
Dr. Robert and Linda  
Brogdon



## Sanctuary Construction on Hold!



The ceiling is completely blacked out and the new duplication room has been sheet rocked and primed! But that is

where we have had to stop for now because we are out of building materials. How can we get more materials you ask? Well we need you to give into the Building Fund. The bathrooms still need to be renovated and the firewall needs to be installed before we can have another inspection to be approved for occupancy. Please pray about what God will have you give into the Building Fund. Until then other

projects are being worked on in the Dental Clinic and Day Care. If there is anything you can do to help be sure to contact Bro. Chris McChargue and schedule a time that you can come up and give a hand.

Come “Labor in Love” with Bro. Chris McChargue.

Call 749-3916 if you have any questions.



*Room removed to prepare for installation of firewall.*

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## Upcoming Events

### **Birthdays in May:**

1st Olivia Hall

3rd Lee Gates

8th Dr. Frank Wright

14th Pastor Amanda Brogdon

16th Josie Whitby

### **Anniversaries in May:**

20th Pastors John and Amanda Brogdon

### **Birthdays in June:**

8th Chris McChargue

16th Jason Keene

### **Anniversaries in June:**

2nd David & Kelly Plott

14th Frank & Heather Cooper

If you had a birthday or anniversary in May and June and you did not see it listed, it is probably because we didn't know about it. Please call the office and speak with someone, to make sure you are included.

Friday night food and fellowships have been moved to quarterly instead of monthly. Please check your calendar for the new nights. Our next fellowship will be in June, then in September, and December for the Christmas Banquet.

### **Attention Ladies**

Missionary Jeanie Steadman will be here to minister to us one Saturday in August. A date will be announced soon, but if you would like to help plan the lunch part of the day please see Pastor Amanda.