



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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## **Heart to Heart...**

It is spoken in Scripture: *“I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea.”* (Romans 16:1) A servant among God’s people. Paul speaks to the churches of Galatia: *“For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”* (Galatians 5:13) Love is the motivation of servanthood.

We have many loving brethren among us that serve. They do not want a pat on the back or the praise of man. They simply love the Lord and want to serve Him in whatever capacity they can within His church. I speak of this because this is what encourages us to see the reality of Jesus working in the lives of these servants. Recently we had a meeting in order to work on our teaching program. It was simply amazing how many showed along with those who couldn’t make it but let it be known they wanted to help and know the outcome of the meeting. We have everyone who spoke to serve as a teacher “plugged in” and ready to go. Servants! We spoke of the example we must set for those we teach, knowing we are helping them see the Lord and hear His word not only from teaching but by a living faith in our lives. It includes: being prompt to their class (discipline), living what they teach (example) and faithful in their desire to worship, love and grow with the saints (unity).

I would like to encourage everyone with children, take advantage of the opportunity to have them in a class as this is one of the most beneficial, eternal elements you could do for them. It would benefit the parents too in their personal study to be in class! We will begin in September with a new curriculum. In this new curriculum, from 4 year olds to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, they will go through the entire Bible two times during this period. Two complete times that our children will hear the complete word of God by the time they enter the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. What a great opportunity

stands before us. It is too easy to become busy in the world affairs and let the true eternal things slide.

If you want to know who is teaching what and catch up on the new material, please see Joe Robinson or Matt Hankins. These servant men are presently caring for our teaching program. Give thanks to God for such men as these as well as the many servants that teach. If you want to help in the teaching or be a sub for teachers that is needful from time to time, please let them know.

***“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.”*** (I Corinthians 15:58) Teaching is a good work. Think about it!!!

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