

Ephesians 5:1-33

Two lives that many of us know and experience.

1. The life before _____.
2. The life after _____.

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- a. _____ immorality.

2 Timothy 2:19

- b. Filthy _____.

Matthew 12:36

- c. Walking and stumbling in _____.

1. Don't _____ with those who do evil deeds. *Vs 11*
2. Instead of hanging out with them, _____.

- d. _____ with wine.

2. The life after _____.

- a. Two separate _____ become one _____ together. *Vs 31*

1. Leave _____.
2. Leave _____.

- b. Wives _____ and _____ your own husband. *Vs 22, 24, 33*

1. Submission like _____.
2. Submit in the _____ of the Lord.
3. Reverence - _____.

- c. Husbands love your wife _____. *Vs 25, 28, 33*

1. _____ your wife.

- a. Nourish - Literally bring up. _____.

1. *Vs 25-27* Set her apart Spiritually so you might present her glorious, holy, without spot or wrinkle.
2. As Christ presents the Church that is how husbands are to present their wife.

- a. How does Christ present the Church that way, He gave His life to make her that way.
- b. You don't force her to this, you _____ her.

- b. Cherish - Literally Impart Warmth. _____.

1. Don't be a cause for her stress, anxiety, and regret.
2. Be an answer to her emotional needs, don't offer answers.
3. Be the shoulder to cry on, the arms of comfort, the squeeze of assurance, the voice of security, and when the world is ever so cold toward her, WARM her.

2. Love her as _____ of you.

- a. Men feed their thirst for amusement, football, basketball, baseball, racing, hunting, video games.
- b. Men feed their appetites.
- c. Love her as much as you love yourself.
- d. In particular love her - chief, most importantly,

The Bible does not tell us to marry the one we _____. We are commanded to _____ the one we marry.

3. Marriage is the illustration of _____.

- a. Husbands you are picture of _____.

- b. Wives you are the picture of the _____.

- c. You living your role correctly is the only way that your children will know how Christ interacts with the Church.

Wish our Pastor and his family a Merry Christmas - take a moment to sign a card in the Welcome Center.

12TH STREET BLESSINGS TREE - In the Welcome Center in front of the world map you will find a lonely bare tree just waiting for you to decorate. The ornaments are provided we just ask that on the ornament you take that you write one blessing that has come your way this past year, and then hang it on the tree. As our tree fills with color you will be amazed at what God has done this past year in our church family's lives!

NEW ACCESS CODES FOR CHURCH ENTRY - Reminder, if you have a key to the church, please remember to give Cheryl your new 4 digit door access code. Once your new code is entered into the system you will be given a card with your number on it to begin using immediately. The old code will be deactivated permanently February 1. Please return church keys you are not using to the office.

SNOW REMOVAL - Volunteer schedules are posted at the Welcome Center.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7pm

CHRISTMAS DAY 11am Morning Service only

SECRET SISTERS 2016 REVEAL DINNER - December 16th at 6pm. Please bring a dish to pass.

LOVE OVER FLOWS - The LAC Christmas dinner with Wings of God Transition Home was a huge success. Not only was it a blessing for our guests but to the ladies of 12th Street as well. The guests not knowing what to expect came fearing judgement, labeling and criticism, but rather when they entered our church a peace fell over them. From our members they found love, support and new sisters in Christ. Testimonies, smiles and tears were shared by all. It was truly a night of blessings!

FOOD PANTRY - Help others in need of food. See Krista Asher or Lynn Anderson

DEACON ASSIGNMENTS - Available in the wooden glass case in the Gym hall. If you are not on an assigned deacon's list please let the church office know.

UPWARD BASKETBALL - Online Registration runs until Jan 1. Early Registration for discount runs through Dec 11.

AWANA Every Wednesday evening 6-7:30pm.

PRE AWANA DINNER - If you are planning on attending dinner before Awana this week please be sure to sign up in the Welcome Center \$5 pp or \$10 per family.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

December 18 Youth Christmas Party

December 30-31 Youth Lock-in

January 27-29 Winter Blast Camp Details TBD

February 12 Lunch & Symphony Details TBD

ADOPT-A-FAMILY - This year for Christmas our Youth Group and Awana Kids are adopting a family. If you are interested in helping, please see Nate or Kyla Penning.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN - Let our students away at college and in the military know they are not forgotten. In the Welcome Center are several empty shipping boxes that you can drop in cards of encouragement, letters, snacks, laundry soap, bath items, books, stamps or other items of choice. Imagine their surprise when the package arrives! Last day to contribute to the current student boxes will be January 22

BRONSON COMMONS MINISTRY 2017 - The schedule for 2017 has been established. Looking for volunteers who are willing to provide music and message for a church service on the following dates - January 15, April 23, August 12 and December 3. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

NEW-DRAMA MINISTRY - If you are interested, contact Angi Layton at church or email at: reddielayton@gmail.com.

ADULT SINGLES 18+ - Lunch on the first Sunday of each month following Morning Worship Services. Meet Pete Pollard in Welcome Center after church.

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Tuesday Evening 6pm

MEN'S PRAYER - Breakfast Tuesday 8:30am at LaRues.

LIBRARY - Christian DVD movies now available for all ages. You must be 18 years of age to check out movies.

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