

Meditation

'...And the greatest of these is love'

Food, water, sleep and exercise; we have been told over and over again that we have the need for each of these resources in our life in appropriately measured amounts. Of course, we have other important needs as well, and one of them is for love. Let's face it, humans are social beings and we have a hard time being healthy in mind and body if we are in total isolation.

Through her research, a family therapist discovered that infants have as much need to be touched as they do to be fed or to sleep. In fact, this therapist determined that the pores in the skin are places on our bodies through which we pass along feelings of warmth, comfort and encouragement and that we all have the need to be hugged on a daily basis, with four hugs a day required for survival, eight for maintenance and twelve for growth. But let's face it; love may be expressed in more ways than by skin-to-skin touch.

Another way to express our love to

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one another is by loyalty. Herschel Hobbs was a prominent Southern Baptist pastor, who had a profound influence on other Baptists through his writings and denominational service. While he was still serving in Oklahoma City, Hobbs joined a small group of community clergy from various denominations who had decided to develop a plan that would enable them to work together across denominational lines. The hope was that they would be able to support community projects of mutual interest without having to worry about their doctrinal differences.

When the group completed their plan, they issued a press release stating the details they had worked out and announcing the initiation of the plan with a citywide rally that would feature evangelist Billy Graham as the guest speaker. Unfortunately, as is

often the case in the politics of religion, other members of Hobbs' denomination were not pleased that he was involved with the project because they thought he was going to compromise his beliefs.

The criticism of these detractors was so vocal that it made the news locally and nationally, compelling a reporter from another city to call a prominent pastor in his town to ask for a statement on the controversy.

This pastor happened to be a good friend of Hobbs, and his response to the reporter was, "This is the first I have heard about it, but if Herschel Hobbs is involved in it then I'm sure it's all right." That pastor did not know anything about the program that Hobbs was involved with, but he was devoted to his friend and trusted him enough to support him.

One of the blessings that we should all be able to experience in the local church is the gift of love, both God's love and the love of fellow human beings. This love can certainly be expressed through the human hand of fellowship, but also through the same kind of trust and loyalty that Hobbs experienced. May it be so for all of us.

Church briefs

Chicken Pie Supper at Dover Baptist

Dover Baptist Church, 1501 Polkville Rd., will sponsor a chicken pie supper Saturday, Jan. 22, from 5-7 p.m. Eat in the fellowship hall or take-out orders. Donations go toward the construction of a new picnic shelter.

Gospel Singing Saturday

Cherokee Street Baptist Church, 421 Cherokee St., will sponsor a gospel singing featuring His Anointed Saturday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. at the church. The public is welcome.

Kevin White camp meeting

Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Rd., will hold a Kevin White camp meeting, a week of power and praise, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. and Feb. 14-18 at 7 p.m. nightly. The public is invited.

Lutheran Bishop to speak Sunday

Rev. Dr. Leonard Bolick, Bishop of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, will fill the pulpit at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, January 23 at Resurrection Lutheran Church. A luncheon will be afterwards and a time of fellowship in the church fellowship hall. A nursery will be provided for children ages 5 and under. The public is invited.

Fellowship & Faith



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2032 Bethlehem Road
704-730-0075

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220 N. Watterson Street
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704-730-9507

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704-739-2606

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863 New Camp Creek Ch. Road
704-487-7128

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428 Oak Grove Road
704-739-9371

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105 Waco Road
704-724-0414

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1022 Oak Grove Road
704-739-4833

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1517 York Road
704-739-7831

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3100 Parkdale Circle
704-734-0852

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301 Oak Grove Road
704-739-5826

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1010 Groves Street
704-739-0398

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1001 Cleveland Avenue
704-734-1070

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600 Crescent Circle
704-739-5580

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704-739-7466

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339 Shady Grove Road
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704-739-1256

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1908 Shelby Road
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704-692-3007

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612 N. Cansler Street
704-739-4716

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1608 Shelby Road
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948 Unity Church Road
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2175 Vestibule Church Road
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114 Westover Drive
704-739-2187

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3714 S. New Hope Rd

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