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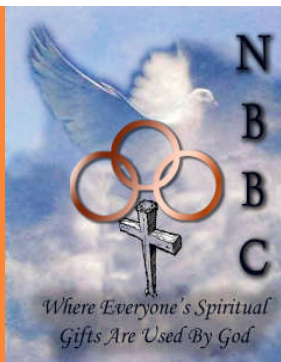
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**Special points of interest:**

- Scriptures: Acts 28:15, Matt 25:34-46, Matt 26:6-13, Lu 5:31, Ps 116:1-2

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# “Lessons Part Two”

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## “Lessons” Part Two

This is part two of our series on Neighborly Love (Ro 13:9) and Following Christ (Mat 16:24). I hope that you have been practicing kindness towards your brothers and sisters this past month.

### Neighborly Love (Lesson 2)

Acts 28:15

And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage (Acts 28:15).

In this passage Paul expresses his joy about fellow Christians traveling to welcome him to their city. He had written to them about three years prior but finally, they would meet face to face. This encouraged Paul greatly. Neighborly love helps to motivate and encourage. Jesus said that inasmuch as you have done to the least you have also done it unto me. Wait, do we really want to examine this passage closely? Looking at this from the opposite angle I find something quite disturbing. So in other words if I am treating someone bad, I am also doing it unto Jesus. Wow! That is heavy. (Matt 25:34-46) This proves even more reason to share neighborly love.

### Following Christ (Lesson 2)

Matthew 26:6-13 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup>While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. <sup>8</sup>When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. <sup>9</sup>"This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor." <sup>10</sup>Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup>The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup>I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

This lesson is about following Christ but I can't help but to first point out verse 6 that speaks so plainly to me about neighborly love. Lets take a close look at the situation, Jesus is in the house of a leper. We know that lepers were considered as outcast and in many cases, they were placed away from the rest of the population. What was Jesus doing there? I am certain that many would have welcomed Jesus into their homes. I reflect back to the passage where Jesus teaches that they that are well do not need a physician (Luke 5:31). His priority was to save and give hope to the lost, to welcome the unloved and outcasts. Glory! I know that I fit into at least one of those categories

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## Prayer Closet (same prayer from June)

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before you in humble submission. We come before you asking forgiveness of our sins and shortcomings. We come to you asking that you will give us the knowledge, wisdom and understanding to learn the lessons that you are teaching us daily. We ask that you will place a burning desire within us to want to have a deeper personal relationship with you. We ask that you remove anything that is not like you and hinders us from operating in your will for our lives. We give you glory, honor and praise in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

## Food For Thought

I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. Psalms 116:1-2

Submitted by Teresa Jones



## “Lessons” Part Two (cont from page 1)

but, Jesus does not care he loves me anyway.

This woman with the alabaster box offers a precious and valuable sacrifice to the Lord. She gave her best not thinking about how much she could have sold the perfume for. On the other hand Jesus' very own disciples do not even consider the fact that they are in the presence of The King, The Savior of the world, Emmanuel and The Creator. Had they thought about that, there would not have been an argument.

That makes me think about my daily life and my walk with the Lord. I am constantly in his presence because he is everywhere, He promised me that he would never leave me or forsake me and to be with me until the end of the world. So, how could it be that sometimes I don't act like I am in the presence of The Almighty? Well let me keep it real, there are times that I could handle situations a lot better. There are times I could keep my mouth shut or open my mouth depending on the situation. Remember that these lessons are first to me and then to whomever God sees fit to teach them to. Some lessons are hard to learn for some of us. If we took a poll of Spiritual IQs, I wonder how each of us would rank. Our Spiritual IQs are being tested every day. Is your Spiritual IQ getting higher?

Violet

## “Women’s Corner” “I am Woman and I Ain’t Scared!”



Women of Faith and Virtue held their Second Annual Brunch on June 27th. The theme was “Total Woman (body, spirit and soul). The guest speakers were Minister Debbie Broughton, Minister Rotonger Burns and First Lady Claudlene Duirden. If you would like a DVD (\$5) of this powerful service, please contact us. WOFV would like to thank: our special guest speakers and all of the women that attended and helped with the event, First Lady Kesi Percy of Word of Truth for praise dance, Ann Duirden and Carman Marshall for their generous Mary Kay contributions, Remona Duirden of Blessed Hands for her donations to the women in attendance (we all received necklaces and bracelets), Ceddric Ayers of Scentsy for the generous gift basket, Debbie Broughton for her donation of “Gospel Aerobics tee shirts and bags and free visit to Gospel Aerobics at the Glass Center in Tyler, Rotonger Burns for sharing information about an inexpensive travel opportunity with us, Johnnie D of Shear Decadence Hair Salon for gift certificates, Bishop James L Duirden for the watermelons, Cassandra Taylor of Agape Photography for photographs and helping with the brunch, Pastor Charles Burns and

our Pastor Curtis Durham for praying for the women, Gary Durham for video, and most of all we thank God for blessing us.

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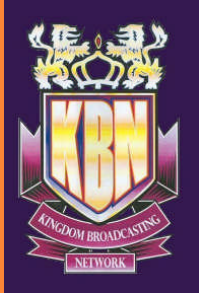
Monday 6:00am  
Friday 6:00am  
Saturday 7:00pm  
Sunday 7:00pm

#### Tyler Ch 18

Saturday 9:30pm

#### 1330AM KGLD

Tuesday 12:15-12:29pm



Violet Pier  
Editor



**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (II Corinthians 5:17)**

### Worship Services

New Beginnings Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation for you to be a part of our worship services.

Sunday School 10:00am

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30pm

If you would like to be placed on our mailing or prayer list please write or contact us by phone. If you would like further details or you are interested in tax exempt donations to this ministry please contact Pastor Curtis Durham (903)752-3573 or (903)657-7470

### Mission

The mission of New Beginnings Baptist Church is to impact lives for the cause of Christ, to reach out to all communities and people to share the love of God thus fulfilling the great commission. (Matthew 28:19-20)

### Directions to New Beginnings Baptist Church

