

Learning to Love the Brotherhood

By David Bragg

Born in New Garden (Guilford County), NC on May 20, 1768, Dolley Payne was raised in a large and wealthy Quaker family on a Virginia plantation. After being married for only three years to her first husband, John Todd, a severe outbreak

of yellow fever claimed the lives of her husband and youngest son. In 1794 Aaron Burr introduced the 26-year-old widow to James Madison (43). They were married four months

later. Dolley would become of the most popular First Ladies, overshadowing all others for decades (whitehousehistory.org). When the capital city was burned by the British in 1814, Dolley Madison famously rescued a portrait of President George Washington. During her reign over Washington society Mrs. Madison gained a reputation as the quintessential hostess. Henry Clay said of her, "Everybody loves Mrs. Madison," to which Dolley was said to reply, "That's because Mrs. Madison loves everybody" (Cormac O'Brien, *Secret Lives of the First Ladies*).

Is not that what Jesus wants us to do (Mat. 22:36-40)? He stated that the identifying mark of faithful Christians was their love for each other (John 13:35). Paul echoed that the "more excellent way" for believers to live is love (1 Cor. 13:13). John also called all Christians to prove their claim on eternal life by their love for fellow Christians (1 John 3:14). And Peter issued the simple command, "Love the brotherhood" (1 Pet. 2:17). Time and time again inspired writers reassert the need for the Lord's church to show true love (Eph. 1:15, Heb. 13:1, etc). By so doing the unbelieving world may realize that they too might share in a love and God above will recognize and reward us for becoming more like Him (1 John 4:8).

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Dolley Madison

Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Myron

Opening Hymn:

23–Sweet Hour of Prayer

Opening Prayer:

Robert

Hymn:

401 – Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims

Scripture Reading:

Gary

I John 3:13-19

Hymn:

301 – He Loved Me So?

Lord's Supper:

Dale & Ryan

Hymn:

257 – Amazing Grace

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

593 – Free Waters

Closing Hymn:

27 – Be With Me, Lord

Closing Prayer: Ray

PRAYER LIST

*Pat is home from the hospital and feeling better.
 *Ron is still having problems with congestion.
 *Tom's cousin, Rob, is hospitalized with rapid on-set dementia.
 *Juanita and her family.
 *Dale's friend Zarna's father has health issues. Zarna is participating in a Bible Correspondence course. Pray that she is receptive to the gospel.
 *Larry and Ruth..
 *Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.
 *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
 *Our congregation
 *Our Veterans
 *Our Nation

CALENDAR

Feb. 3—Bible Study 10 am
 Tom
 Feb. 3—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
 Speaker: Mark
 Feb. 3—Business Meeting
 Feb. 8—b. Mason
 Feb. 10—Bible Study 10 am
 Tom
 Feb. 10—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
 Speaker: Mark
 Feb. 10—Potluck
 Feb. 17—Bible Study 10 am
 Tom
 Feb. 17—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
 Speaker: Mark
 Feb. 17—a. David & Darlene
 Feb. 22—a. Ray & Barbara
 Feb. 24—Bible Study 10 am
 Tom

The Outworking of Love

1 John 3:13-19

ABIDING	ASSURE	BECAUSE	BEFORE
BRETHREN	BROTHER	CHILDREN	DEATH
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LITTLE	LOVE	MARVEL	MURDERER
NEED	PASSED	SEES	SHALL
SHUTS	THAT	THIS	TONGUE
TRUTH	WHOEVER	WORD	WORLD

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Hidden Message:

Answer to puzzle: we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm
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