"Marriages That Were Steadfast, Immovable, and Abounding In The Work of the Lord" (Part 2) Romans 16:1-7

"Therefore, my beloved brothers (the whole church), be steadfast (firmly situated, anchored), immovable (finish what is started), always abounding (more than what is asked or required) in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor (physical labor) is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

"Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well....Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me." (Romans 16:3-4 & 7)

- Why marriage? (Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 6:1-4; Ephesians 5:22-33)
 - Marriage is to be held in honor among all (Hebrews 13:4). God created marriage (Genesis 2:18-24), defined marriage as one male and one female becoming one flesh (Matthew 19:4-6), and desires in marriage that both people glorify God by walking in obedience to His Word (Hebrews 13:4 & Ephesians 5:22-33).
 - Wives submit to their husbands for the glory of God (Ephesians 5:22-24).
 - Wives respect their husbands for the glory of God (Ephesians 5:33).
 - Wives love their husbands and children for the glory of God (Titus 2:4).
 - Wives are to be kind to their husbands for the glory of God (Titus 2:5).
 - Wives are to strive for holiness for the glory of God (1 Peter 3:3-6).
 - Husbands are to show honor to their wives by protecting them (1 Peter 3:7).
 - Husbands are to praise their wives for fearing the Lord/obeying God (Proverbs 31:28-30).
 - Husbands are supposed to be an instrument of sanctification by encouraging their wives with the Word (Ephesians 5:25-27).
 - Husbands are supposed to nourish and cherish their wives as they do themselves (Ephesians 5:29-30).
 - Husbands are supposed to take on the responsibility of the physical, spiritual, and emotional well being of the household (Ephesians 5:31 & 6:1-4).
 - How does this kind of marriage affect or impact the church? (Acts 18:1-4; Acts 18:24-28; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19; Romans 16:3-4 & 7)
 - It shows that regardless of our social status (single, married, Jew, Gentile, slave, free, Galatians 3:28) our identity is first and foremost in Christ.
 - It produces a hospitality that says: "use my resources for the glory of God,"
 - It produces a willingness to take great risk for the gospel, both with our resources and our lives.
 - It produces a work ethic that is centered on the furthering of the gospel. We work together for salvation and sanctification.
 - It produces a great knowledge and commitment to the Word of God and the teaching of others in accordance with it.
 - It is a tremendous encouragement to those in leadership to keep fighting the good fight.
 - It is a great encouragement to the body of Christ to fight for the same realities in their marriages.

Worship: Nothing But the Blood (Various Artists) His Mercy is More (Matt Boswell) Come Adore the Humble King (Matt Boswell and Matt Papa)Closing Song: Christ the Solid Rock (Norton Hall Band) Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

- <u>MEMBERS MEETING</u>: *TONIGHT*, immediately following the worship service, we are having a short business meeting to officially vote on the 2022 Church Budget.
- <u>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</u>: Our Christmas Eve service will be on Thursday, December 23rd, this year. We will NOT be having a service on actual Christmas Eve! <u>As a reminder, there is no childcare for this service!</u>
- <u>FELLOWSHIP DINNER</u>: NEXT Sunday, December 19th, immediately following the worship service, we will be having a fellowship dinner. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

Account Balance: \$26,250.58 October Balance: \$28,758.64	Weekly Budget: \$3,200.50
Actual Tithe: November 7	\$3,675
Actual Tithe: November 14	\$2,924
Actual Tithe: November 21	\$2,088
Actual Tithe: November 28	\$1,904