



And Also With You

JULY 2014

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JULY

SUNDAYS

10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)

Children's Chapel

TUESDAYS

6:30pm
Small Group

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am
Women's Bible
Study

FRIDAYS

8:15 am
Men's Group
10:30 am
Soaking Prayer



CHALICE BEARERS

July 6

Jane and Bob
Grafe

July 13

Becky Johnson
Jan Bogue

July 20

Maggie Rockett
Susan Jones

July 27

Kitty Barksdale
Janic Terry

Three Hearts by Sue Anne Davis



True confessions: I watch a lot of television. Watching TV began in my youth: we were not allowed to watch television during the school week, only on weekends so that we might concentrate on academics. This rule had two specific results: (1) I made good grades and studied hard! (2) Watching TV became the “forbidden fruit” and evolved into my major leisure activity. It was how I played and “re-created” myself. TV also became a coping/defense/escape mechanism from the dysfunctional home in which I grew up. A long time ago when Scott and I were still newlyweds, I read an article that said “Television meets your need to be outside yourself.” Anyone who knows me well knows I LIVE inside my brain, but doing so can get exhausting; sometimes I just have to get out of my head. Hence, television has been the way I give my brain a rest for a very long time now.

I don't watch just anything, though; I have a very specific set of shows that I watch – with very specific criteria. No slapstick comedy, NO REALITY TV OF ANY SHAPE OR FORM, no soap operas (daytime or nighttime), nothing with politics as the setting, and nothing with Adam Sandler, Chris Farley, or Ben Stiller (except *Night at the Museum* for the historical content), and nothing

really sensationalist, graphic, or horror-filled. I love legal dramas, forensic science shows, historical fictional ones, rescue shows (like *Chicago PD* or *Chicago Fire*). Anything that involves psychological analysis of criminals is right up my alley (hence the Lord's making me give up serial killer shows for Lent this year).

So all that is to say that *NCIS: Los Angeles* is definitely on my list. I just finished watching an episode I had saved on TiVo, and a conversation early on in the show struck me like nothing else has in a long time. One of the NCIS operatives said he had learned everything he needed to know about deep undercover work from a cowboy on the ranch where he grew up. This ranch hand told him that everyone has three hearts. The first heart is the one we show to strangers.

The second heart is the one that only the family and our soul mates get to see. But the third heart is the one the cowboy told him never to let anyone see because there's too much truth inside and too much risk.

Now I don't know what I actually think about the three-heart theory, but I do think this concept describes well how we approach life. It aptly describes how we relate to others, but it can also apply to our relationships with God. If you notice, the three-heart concept is defined by each heart's proximity to others. Just like how at Jesus's crucifixion, there were several

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sets of people at different proximities to Jesus as He died. We know that the majority of the disciples were nowhere to be found (the first heart) on Good Friday; they were



off in self-protection, making sure they didn't wind up on a cross similar to Jesus's – very carefully exposing

themselves (or not) in a very controlled (but safe) environment. Then Matthew 27.55 reveals that there were also “many women were there, *watching from a distance*” – the second heart. Only John the Beloved and the Virgin Mary were at the **FOOT** of the Cross, risking their very lives, but determining to be as close to Jesus for as long as they could (the third heart). Indeed, in Mary and John's third hearts, there was much truth AND much risk.

All of this raises several questions: Through which heart do I relate to Jesus now, as I walk daily with him? Through which heart do I relate to those in my “territory”? Through which heart do I relate to my closest loved ones? Which heart do I bring to church on Sundays? And through which heart do I relate to my brothers and sisters in Christ?

Truly, to me, the most comforting aspect there is in the Scripture and in the Christian faith is the total, unconditional acceptance I receive from the Lord as He sees deeply into my deepest heart – where all the truth about me is hidden, whose content is too risky to reveal to others, even to my soul mate and closest loved ones. As we plough through life, getting caught



Special prayer during the Season of the Basilisk. A number of you have asked me when the Season of the Basilisk is

this year and it corresponds to our calendar beginning July 15 at sundown and ending on August 5 at sundown. The Basilisk Season is a serious time associated with spiritual warfare aimed at God's people, the Jews, and also believers in Jesus Christ. On the first or last day of this season, in various years and centuries, Solomon's Temple and Herod's Temple fell to enemy hands, Jews were expelled from Spain, France, and England, War I was declared (resulting in 37 million casualties), and the *final solution* to the Jewish problem was developed and implemented by the Nazis. All of these occurred on the same day in history but in varying centuries. All of these occurred on either the first or last day of this three week period in the Jewish Calendar. I wonder if the 21 day period in Daniel 10: 2ff might not be reference to the same season? I will be calling for special prayer throughout this period and more to come in the mid-month newsletter. I have written more about it in my book beginning on p. 151. *Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world!*

up in life's “contents,” we often forget this basic starting point. I am loved and accepted by God completely. There is no rejection from Him no matter what He sees in my third heart. Now THAT is the point at which knowing the truth will set us free. There is the freedom to live our lives as He intended. This is where the “abundant life” can truly be found. Blessings, Sue Anne

July



Birthdays

4 Jerry Schussler

5 Keith Oehley

24 Anita Sharpless

25 Robin Smith

31 Maggie Carnes

The Rev. Matt Riley, our missionary to France will be the guest preacher at Grace Church on July 20. Matt will be in the States for six weeks and will not only be preaching that Sunday but will also give us an update on what the Lord is doing in France, much like Paul and Barnabas would return to their supporting churches, giving updates of what the Holy Spirit was doing in Asia Minor. Matt will also take part in a clergy retreat at Grace the Friday, July 18.

