

November 2024

 Sun City Center  
Shrine Club

Communicator

# President's Message

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My Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

Hello, I hope this message finds you well! Where has time gone. It's November already and Christmas decorations are out in all the stores.

Please remember, our November Club meeting will be at the Masonic Youth Park. We will meet at the normal time and lunch will be served around 12:15'ish. We will be meeting in the building marked on the map below with the yellow star. Just follow the arrows.



For our last Chat and Chew we are returning to the Sakura Japanese Steakhouse, located at 10722 Big Bend Rd, Riverview, FL 33579! **However, we are meeting on Friday 22 November since the last Thursday is Thanksgiving.** We will meet at 2:00 PM for lunch. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. We'll have a new registration page up shortly so you can sign up.

Our Red Skelton Tribute was an awesome time! Thank you to all the ones who helped sell tickets, check folks in, helped them to their tables and seats, and helped setup... I'd try to list everyone; however, I know I would leave someone out. Just know that you are very much appreciated. We did gross over \$18,500 for the entire event. That is a huge success! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We will be stuffing our pillowcases for our children's Christmas party at 12:30 pm on 2 December at the community hall in the room right off the kitchen. Same place we were last year. We have about 250 pillowcases that we have to get ready for Wimauma and Reddick Elementary Schools. Reddick will be on Wednesday, 4 December and Wimauma will be on Monday, 9 December both beginning at 7:00 am.

My only request for you, is please have fun in everything you do! It was why the Shriners were created in the first place. Fun and laughter are very contagious... it attracts others!

Do it Because You Can!

Thank you and God bless each one of you and your families.

IS Denny Hardy

# Chaplain's Corner

## Hosea 3:1-3

### THE WONDERS OF REDEEMING LOVE

**Intro:** To understand the book of Hosea, one must understand the background against which was written. The book of Hosea was written by the prophet whose name it bears. The name "**Hosea**" means, "**salvation**." This book is literally a message of salvation to a spiritually bankrupt people.

During the days of Hosea's ministry, Israel was a very prosperous nation materially. They enjoyed peace politically and militarily, but they were morally bankrupt. **Verse 1** of our text describes their spiritual condition. They are said to, "**look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.**" Among the "**other gods**" they looked to the Canaanite God Baal. The worship of Baal, and his consort Ashtoreth, involved acts so vile that I will not honor the flesh by describing them. Suffice it to say that Israel was guilty of great spiritual evil.

While the people of Israel had no real love for God, for His Word, or for His worship, when a prophet showed up, they were very interested in his actions. That is why God often used the personal lives of the prophets to illustrate His relationship with Israel. That is the case in the book of Hosea.

God uses Hosea, his wife Gomer, and the children born into their relationship, as a picture of His relationship with Israel. Through this family, God will reveal His love for His wayward people.

In Hosea's relationship with Gomer, we are allowed to see a wonderful portrait of the redemption we have in Christ Jesus. I want to take the verses we read today, and talk about **The Wonders Of Redeeming Love**. Notice the **wonders** that present themselves in this passage.

#### I. v. 1 THE WONDER OF A LOVING PURSUIT

- A. **Gomer's Lifestyle** - To understand the depth of Hosea's love we must first understand something of Gomer's life. When Gomer first appears in **Hosea 1:2**, she has called "**the wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms.**" This does not mean that God commanded Hosea to marry a prostitute. Most likely, Gomer was a chaste woman when Hosea married her. The phrase "**a wife of whoredoms**" simply means that she was an Israelite. It means that she was a product of her society; meaning that she had been raised in idolatry and rebellion.

At first, Hosea's marriage to Gomer must have been a happy time for both of them. God blessed their union by giving him a son whom they named Jezreel [Hosea 1:4](#).

By the time we come to our text, however, Gomer is called an "**adulteress**." [Hosea 2:5](#) says, "**For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them have done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread, my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.**" In other words, Gomer is a prostitute. She committed adultery while she was with Hosea, then she left him for another man. Now it appears, that her new lover is finished with her and has put her up for sale, [Hosea 3:2](#).

This glimpse into Gomer's lifestyle is a clear picture of what sin produces in every life it touches. A lifestyle of unrepentant sin may bring pleasure at the time, but eventually it leads to ruin, devastation, destruction, and death. Sin always leaves its mark, and eventually it leads to Hell. (Ill. [Rom. 6:23](#); [Pro. 13:15](#))

By the way, no one ever gets away with sin. There is always a price to pay, [Gal. 6:7](#); [Num. 32:23](#).

- B. [Gomer's Lusts](#) - According to [Hosea 1:6-9](#), Gomer was guilty of committing adultery against Hosea. The child born in [verse 6](#) was named "**Lo-Ruhamah**." This name means, "**no mercy**." The child born in [verse 9](#) is called "**Lo-ammi**." This name means, "**not my people**."

What's striking about the three references to Gomer's pregnancies is the contrast between [verse 3](#) and [verses 6](#) and [9](#). In [verse 3](#) the Bible says, "**which conceived, and bare him a son**." [Verses 6](#) and [9](#) simply say, "**she conceived**." The implication is clear: the first child was Hosea while the next two did not, [Hosea 2:4](#). So, Gomer was guilty of violating her marriage vows and I'll be trading Hosea's through adultery. Eventually, Gomer abandoned the family to pursue her lust for sin.

Of course, Gomer's actions are a picture of the spiritual condition of the nation of Israel. They lusted after the gods of the Canaanites, and they abandon the God of their fathers.

Again, Gomer is a picture of the lost sinner. Just like Gomer, those who are lost in their sins pursue their own lusts and care nothing about the God Who loves them. Il. [James 1:14](#); [Eph. 2:1-3](#). Left to themselves, the lost sinner will never seek God, [Rom. 3:11b](#).

- C. [Gomer's Lover](#) - In spite of how she has hurt him; in spite of how she has treated her children; in spite of how she has lived her life; Hosea still loves her. He is told in [verse 1](#), "**go yet, love a woman**." This phrase means, "**show her again how much you love her**." Then the Bible says that she is, "**beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress**." This phrase means, "**she is a woman who loves another man and is still guilty of adultery**."

When Hosea receives the command to go after Gomer, he does not hesitate. Why? He goes after her because he loves her. He loved her before she fell into sin, and he still loved her in spite of her sin. His love is so great that he is willing to do whatever it takes to bring her back to himself.

What a picture this is of the awesome love of God for sinners! Did you know, that no one had to tell God to love you? He loved you before you were born. He loved you when you were an innocent child. He loved you when you chose sin over righteousness. And He loves you today. In fact, He has always loved you, [Jer. 31:3](#). Nothing can make Him stop pursuing you until you brought you back to Himself.

In [Eph. 2:4](#) Paul says that God's love is a "*great love*." This means it is a surpassing love. It is a love that knows no boundaries. It is unconditional. It is timeless. It is self-sacrificing. It is wonderful beyond words!

My friends, God loves you. His love never ends.

- You may spurn His love yet He continues to love you.
  - You may not have time for Him, but He continues to love you.
  - You may ignore Him, but His heart is still set on you.
  - You may turn a deaf ear to His pleas, but He does not stop calling you to come to Him.
  - He loves you regardless of who you are, where you are, or what you've done. His is an overcoming, overwhelming, awe-inspiring love.
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# Monthly Luncheon



## November 13th Luncheon

**\$19 per person**

### Entrées:

Bourbon Glazed Salmon  
Carved Sugar Glazed Tennessee Baked Ham  
Carved Roast Turkey with Dressing,  
Cranberries & Gravy

### Sides:

Salad Bar with assorted dressings  
Rolls/Butter  
Vegetables—Chef Selection

### Desserts :

Chefs' assortment

### Beverages:

Coffee/Tea

*November 13<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon*

***Please go to the new [Luncheon page](#)  
and fill out the new form for your reservations***

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# Chat & Chew



*Sakura Japanese Steakhouse*

*10722 Big Bend Rd, Riverview, FL 33579*

*November 22nd @ 2 pm*

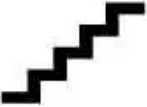

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# Fun Times

This is something new I am adding to the communicator. It will be different each month. Hopefully you find it funny, interesting, and even educational sometimes. The main thing is whoever reads and completes whatever exercise I have each month and sends me the correct answer, their meal will be no charge for the month. I hope you enjoy!

This month will be a rebus puzzle. Simply write your answers in an email and send them to me. Good Luck!

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# Anniversaries

Anniversaries Nov 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Harry & Donna Perkins	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Dores & Dianna	28	29	30

Happy Anniversary to our members in November!

# Birthdays

Birthdays Nov 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Leslie Zwain	28 Debbie Bennett	29 Bruce Clingan	30 Jack Rammelsburg	31 Carl Nunn	1 Shelley Welper	2 Jim Blevins Lin Griffiths
3	4	5	6	7 Bob O'Roak	8 Patricia Jones	9
10 Judy Stenger	11	12 Trish Robinson	13	14	15	16
17 Carol Schwindt	18 John Pettito	19	20	21	22	23
24 Carol Yendell Jim L. Peterson Kathleen Davis	25	26 Jeanette Olesen	27	28	29	30

Happy birthday to all of our members who have a birthday in November.

# Thoughts and Prayers

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*Bill Bierce*

*Dores McDonnell*

*Bob & Lee O'Roak*

*Jon & Janice DeCaluwe*

*Sandy Nunn*

*Suzanne Cloore*

*IS Jim and Pat Blevins*

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In Loving Memory

# Upcoming Events

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3 Daylight Saving T	4 Showman's Shrin • 7pm Demolay I • 7:30pm Past M	5 Election Day (Ge • 7pm Hernando	6 • 6pm Fez-A-Qu • 6:30pm Trike P • 7:30pm Counc	7 Legion Of Honor • 7pm Highlande 2 more	8	9	
10	11 Veterans Day	12 • 7pm Pharaohs	13 • 12pm Sun City • 5:45pm Tampa 3 more	14 Sands Deadline • 11am Newport • 7:30pm Midge	15	16 Fall Ceremonial	
17	18 Showman's Shrin • 5pm Honor pat • 7pm Sultans O	19	20 • 12:30pm Zephy • 6:30pm Fun'n I • 7:30pm Tin Liz	21 • 7:30pm Provos	22-23 Feztival of Trees		
24-30 Feztival of Trees							
	• 7pm Brandon S	• 7pm Pinellas S	• 7pm Highlands 2 more	Thanksgiving Da	Cracker Jacks M Native American		



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