

Family Love

The holiday season is here again. There is the sound of carols being sung and music at almost every place you enter while shopping. The smell of pine needles in the air, hot apple cider laced with cinnamon and nutmeg, cookies and holiday candy to share. Your children are close by and the grandkids are sitting with you at the dinner table for a wonderful meal. You know that everyone is safe and the memories they are making will stay with them a lifetime. God has been so good to us and blessed us in so many ways; there are no words we can use to express our gratefulness and gratitude toward Him.

This is a special time of year when we focus on family. However, we shouldn't forget the command God gave to us about loving Him and *One Another*. In the book of Matthew, chapter 22 and verses 37-40, He said "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We sometimes forget there are others who have no families and are very lonely this time of year. It's our duty as Christians to follow God's command and include those who have no family in our activities whenever possible. To brighten someone's day and extend hospitality and love is showing God's love in a simple act. Keep in mind that Jesus said in the book of John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

Our family at Karns is something special to all of us. We are coming to the end of a good year with a lot of new members. We have lost several members but have also gained several. Our family keeps growing both in numbers but most important, it has grown in Spirit and in the truth from God's word.

The elders want to thank each of you for your co-operation and hard work during the year. We look forward to next year and all its opportunities for serving and spreading God's word throughout Karns and the world.

For the elders,
Don Wagner