

Christians are different. Those of us who are in the church and belong to God, who have been purchased by the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28), are different. We are not the same as people who do not have that relationship with God - we are "His own special people (1 Peter 2:9); we are different. God and His Son both expect and intend for us to be different from the world. Because we are different, we ought also to make a difference.

If that is true, it becomes important that we know what kind of difference the Lord expects us to make. We must also somehow figure out how we can go about making this difference that is our responsibility to make. We should make a difference in the quality of the world in which we live by the way that we live. Because of us, there should be more love displayed. 1 John 4: says that "God is love."

As His children, we are to be like Him; thus, we also must exhibit love. We must be serious about making a difference in the morality of the world. The Bible is the Christian's standard, our guide through life. The standard of morality found in the Bible will make a tremendous difference in our world if it is ever practiced by a very significant part of the world. But for that to ever come about, Christians are going to have to first live by that standard, and then teach others to do the same. The church, as God's special people, as Christians, must set the example the world needs in showing compassion for our fellow man. Jesus taught us and showed us the need for and the blessings of compassion; now He expects us to do the same for the rest of mankind. ~Bryan Nichols

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Sunday:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday:

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome

Attendance 03/10: 67

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 03/10 \$5849.20

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Resurrection is the Basis of Joy

On that Sunday evening following the death of Jesus, the disciples were gathered behind doors "for fear of the Jews" (John 20:19). Jesus appeared "And as they spake these things, he himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they beheld a spirit" (Luke 24:36-37). On this, and subsequent occasions, Jesus gave reassurance with the words, "Peace be unto you" (John 20:19, 26). He rebuked them for their failure to believe. And afterward he was manifested unto the eleven themselves as they sat at meat; and he upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them that had seen him after he had risen" (Mark 16:14). He also gave them a mission for life.

Jesus told the apostles, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned" (Mark 16:15-16). And, a promise of great joy was added, "and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). From chaos and sorrow to unwavering faith and hope, the risen Lord Jesus made the difference!

Peter wrote "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). And, he added, "Wherein ye greatly rejoice" (1 Peter 1:6). As that was characteristic for the early disciples, so it is for Christians today. Because He was raised from the dead, we shall also be raised. (1 Cor. 15).

And because Jesus arose and lives we shall live with Him forever. "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go, ye know the way. Thomas said unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest, how know we the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:1-6). The grave is not the end, and all fear of death and suffering is taken away. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain (Phil. 1:21) ~Clem Thurman

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died, has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. (Romans 6:5-9)

Keep These Dates in Mind	March Birthdays and Anniversaries	
03/10 Potluck today Open Congregation Meeting 5:00p 03/20 Wed. Night Soup Night 5:00p 03/31 Fifth Sunday Singing 04/07 First Sunday Potluck 04/13 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 04/14 Open Congregation Meeting 5:00p 04/19 Family Fun Night 6:00p	Sammie Engelke 3/7 Tom & Thelma Gritzen 3/14 Doris Pennington 3/15 Faye Henry 3/17 Pansy Caywood 3/20 Amanda McCrickard 3/22 Lucy Larsen 3/23 Bill Henniger 3/31	<i>The resurrection of Jesus changes the face of death for all his people. Death is no longer a prison but a passage into God's presence</i>
Bible Studies		
Adult Bible Classes Sunday am.–Ephesians Wed pm – Shadows of the church from the old testament	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Thursday 10:00a.m – 11:30a.m.

Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil – this is the gift of God. (Eccl. 5:18,19)



Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Shirley Childers, Kaleb McCrickard, Sue Aldrich, Marji Lindholm, The Johnson family, Marilyn Davis, Randy Hargus, Eunice Petros, Shawna Stephens, Tami Pennington

Norm Goldsmith is home. Keep him and Barb in your prayers as he heals.

Let's give Amanda McCrickard a pounding

All are invited on Friday March 22 at 6:00p at the church building.
 We are planning an old-fashioned pound party for her 30th birthday.
 Bring finger foods, your favorite games and something useful that weighs a pound
 If you have questions contact Melinda Botts or Sammie Engleke

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry – Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.” (Proverbs 19:17)

Austin and Kennadie McCrickard – Bear Valley Bible Institute

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Loving One Another

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35).

How does the world know that we are the disciples of Christ? Is it because we know the truth and are able to explain God's truth to them? Does the world know we are the true followers of Christ because we engage in the proper form of worship, have the correct form of leadership in the church, and follow what Jesus said we must do to be saved? These things are proper and good for us to do.

However, as the opening verses above clearly show, Jesus said that the world would know we are His disciples by our love for one another (John 13:35). Jesus says that His disciples were to love one another the way in which He had showed love to them (John 13:34). Earlier, John records how Jesus had loved His disciples to the very end of His earthly ministry (John 13:1).

If we are to love one another the same way in which Jesus loved His disciples, how did Jesus show love to His disciples? The 13th chapter of John further describes how Jesus showed love to His disciples. Following their supper together, Jesus rises, lays aside His garments, girds himself with a towel, pours water in a basin and begins to go around the room washing His disciples' feet (John 13:2-5). He showed love to His disciples by serving them. After washing their feet, Jesus sits down and says, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them” (John 13:12-17).

Among those disciples whose feet Jesus had washed was Judas (John 13:21-30). Even though Jesus was deeply troubled because He knew Judas was about to betray Him (John 13:21), Jesus still showed Judas love by washing His feet. Jesus not only taught us to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44-45), He gave us a powerful example of showing love to one's enemies (John 13:5, 12). How many of us have matured in the faith enough to love our enemies the way Jesus did in this passage? How often do we allow the pain from past hurts caused by others to hinder us from following Jesus' example to still show them love by serving them as Jesus served Judas?

Why did Jesus do this? Did Judas really deserve to be loved by Jesus? Judas did not DESERVE to be loved by Jesus, but Jesus DECIDED to love Judas. Jesus wanted His disciples to be different than the world. He wanted them to love one another in a way far superior than the love typically found in the world. It was essential that Jesus give them an example of the superior way in which they were to love one another so He washed Judas' feet. Jesus did not want His disciples just to love those who earned or merited their love. Jesus wanted His disciples to love all men because that is what they chose to do!

~SV Church of Christ

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he first loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:7-11)