

Love One Another

Jesus stressed how important it is for His followers to love one another. In John 13.34, 35, Jesus said, ***“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. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*** Jesus says that love is the identifying characteristic of those who follow Him. He also says what kind of love that should be: ***“just as I have loved you.”*** How did Jesus love us? Jesus loved us sacrificially by giving Himself to die in our place on the cross. Do we love one another sacrificially?

What kind of love is sacrificial love? It is love that is willing to forsake all for the one you love. You are willing to put the other person’s needs ahead of your own because you love them. What a challenge that is for us to do in today’s world. Most people normally think of what they want, what they desire, and what they need. It is a self-serving love that puts one’s desires ahead of everything else. Have you ever heard someone say, *“What I want is what matters the most to me”*? Basically, I am going to do what makes me happy regardless of what anyone else thinks. The idea is that it is my life and I have to look out for number one.

What does sacrificial love mean for the Christian? It means I am deeply concerned for others and want to love them and help them before I love and help myself. In the church family, our love for one another should be evident and it should continue to grow. Our hearts should rejoice greatly for the good others receive and then our hearts should pour out to one another in times of distress and sorrow. Is that not what Paul meant when he said, ***“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Romans 12.15)***? The outpouring of Christian love should be evident to all around us. Our love is to be Christ-like and freely given without partiality. It makes my heart swell with joy and peace when I see our Western Hills family respond so readily.

Jesus said, ***“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10.10)***. One of the greatest joys of the abundant life is the love of the Christian family. To know that so many love you and are concerned for you strengthens your faithfulness and love for God. The love, joy, and comfort we all share as disciples of Christ fortify our resolution to live for God and to dedicate our lives to His will. We are blessed to be a part of *“the family of God.”*

Gary

Simple Transformation

Romans 12.1, 2

- 1) Do you remember the children's toys called "transformers?"
- 2) Would it not be wonderful if we could change into something magnificent as well?
- 3) Do we change when we become followers of Jesus?
- 4) Is it difficult to go through this transformation from living in the world to living for Christ?

To Become A Disciple, Jesus...

I) Extends An _____ To _____ (Matthew 11.28-30).

- A) Jesus invites us to enter into an intimate, _____ with Him.
- 1) The invitation is for _____ (Matthew 28.19; Mark 16.15).
 - 2) What is a "_____?"
 - 3) Jesus invites us to find _____.
- B) God has given us two ways to lighten our _____.
- 1) We can give our burdens to _____ (I Peter 5.7; Psalm 55.22).
 - 2) We can make a conscious effort _____ to _____ on any more than we can manage in a single day (Matthew 6.34).

II) Gives _____ Simple _____ (Matthew 22.37-40).

- A) The Jewish Rabbis had made _____ a _____.
- 1) They had found 613 commands in the Pentateuch.
 - 2) 248 were _____, while 365 were _____.
 - 3) Spent their days debating over which was the most important commandment of the Law.
- B) Jesus simplified the Law and the Prophets down to two simple commands.
- 1) The first and greatest command is to _____.
 - 2) The second is to _____.

III) Says To Stay _____ (Matthew 21.12-17; I Peter 1.13-16).

- A) Two times Jesus _____ the _____ (Matthew 21.12-17; Mark 11.15-19).
- 1) Jesus found three things occurring in the temple that infuriated Him.
 - (a) People were _____ and _____ in the temple.
 - (b) _____ were charging an exorbitant fee to change people's money into the required currency for the temple.
 - (c) People had made the temple a _____ for carrying burdens.
 - 2) Jesus is _____ to anything that gets in the way of our communing with God.
- B) We are called to be _____ (I Peter 1.13-16).
- 1) Nine times throughout scripture God calls His people to be holy.
 - 2) Can _____ be holy?

Conclusion: Are you ready to be transformed into a disciple of Jesus today?

C O N N E C T I O N

C O R N E R

Good morning church family! This morning for our Connection Corner, I wanted to give you a “Coming Soon” preview of our 2023

Wednesday night Summer Series. I am very excited about it, and I hope that you will make special effort to attend.

FAMILY MATTERS

This year, we have a new line up of speakers, only 3 of these speakers have ever been part of our summer series, so we have some “new blood” so to speak. This year’s theme is “**Family Matters: How God’s family should treat one another.**”

Here are just some of the speakers we have lined up this year, with more to come!

Ryan Inlow, Pleasant Ridge church of Christ, Ft Worth, TX
Leonard Keele, Chisolm Trail church of Christ, Duncan, OK
Des Steyn, Birdville church of Christ, Haltom City, TX
Hutt Hutson, Burlison church of Christ, Burlison, TX
Michael Lum, South Main church of Christ, Weatherford, TX
Larry Keele, Midway church of Christ, Lawrenceburg, TN
Aaron Lewis, Jacksboro church of Christ, Jacksboro, TX
Chris Graham, West Freeway church of Christ, Ft Worth, TX
Alex Jameson, Southside church of Christ, Ft Worth, TX
Eli Hinojos, North Texas church of Christ, Northlake, TX

All our speakers will be teaching on the “One Another” verses in the bible, sharing how God says His family should treat each other. Not only is this series designed to help us connect and stay connected as the WH family, but also helps us connect with the family of God in other areas as well. If you are here, you will be blessed, I guarantee it!

Les Keele



Lorinda Bell has returned to our area and is looking for a ride to services. Her address is 5301 Bryant Irvin Road, Apartment #143, Fort Worth, Texas 76132. Phone: 817-247-3951

SHEPHERDS

Greg Ball	214-801-7375
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*Dan Kille	817-793-7493
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**Shepherd of the month*

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<i>Laotian Minister</i>	
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<i>Laotian Minister</i>	

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Doug Lowrey	817-249-0238
Ben Meyer	817-673-8557
Robert Scott	817-246-0911
Matt Sloan	405-471-3404
Steve Taylor	817-291-2065
Buck Thomas	817-733-2620
Arthur Torrez	817-721-2726

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Taj Gray

Song Leaders - Jonny Bartee

Song - Let Every Heart Rejoice And Sing

Song - Ring Out The Message

Song - A Beautiful Life

Prayer - Ben Meyer

Scripture - Romans 12 : 1,2

Song - Turn My Heart

Lord's Supper - Ronnie Tucker

Prayer for Contribution - Ronnie Tucker

Children's Bible Time Dismissal

Song - Jesus Hold My Hand

Simple Transformation - Gary Williams

Song - The Way Of The Cross

Announcements - Dan Kille

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Dan Kille

Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years. There is also a cry room available if needed.

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Here is ours:
Thank You!



Sunday, May 14, 2023: Life of Christ Commentary Vol. 2, Lesson 127 on pages 617-625

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, May 8

II Chronicles 22-24

Tuesday, May 9

II Chronicles 25-28

Wednesday, May 10

II Chronicles 29-31

Thursday, May 11

II Chronicles 32-34

Friday, May 12

II Chronicles 35-36

Saturday, May 13

Ezra 1-4

Sunday, May 14

Ezra 5-7

Last Week

Bible Class:	139	Wednesday:	121
AM Worship:	219	Contribution:	\$ 31,589.25
PM Worship:	N/A	Budget:	\$ 12,978.00

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Beginning in June / Summer Quarter

Auditorium: I Corinthians:
Russ Barte

Young Married/Young Adults:
I Corinthians: Jay Garner
Room 207: Educational Building

Wednesday Night Adult Class:
For the Month of May:
Chuck King will be speaking on Paul and the book of Romans

April Food Bank Stats:
184 - Families Served
\$910.98 - Cost to WHCOG
5729 lbs - Estimated Weight of Food

VBS will be June 25th- 28.

VBS sign-ups are on the bulletin board. Please plan to to participate.



Louise Beagle wishes to thank all those that have brought food for Biff Kay and herself. It has been delicious!



Senior Sunday

Senior Sunday: June 25th, We will celebrate our seniors and all their hard work . Tickets will be sold for the Senior Sunday luncheon. Our seniors are: Aaron Adkins, Adam Davis, Makayla Johnston, Ben Keller, DJ Keller, and Landon Kille.

Senior Sunday



BYO Brown Bag Suppers continue on Wednesday nights. Please bring your family's meal and we will enjoy a time of fellowship before evening services and classes. The building will be opened at 6:00 PM.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7
As a new encouragement opportunity, we will be posting an email for one of our missionaries every two weeks. Please send words of love and support.



This week: Olayisade Adebawale.

His email address is

olayisadedebo@gmail.com

Until May 20

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members

May 7, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Johnie Wright's family 5/4/2023	His cousin, Nancy Wright passed away in Longview. 8600 Vista Royale Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76108	Comfort for the family
James Yawn 5/4/2023	He has shingles. 9213 Idaho St. Joshua, TX 76058	Quick healing
Bill Baumann 05/04/2023	Has now been sent back to Harris down town ER. 3712 Ben Creek Court, Aledo, Texas 76008	Better days
Dahlia Cade 04/19/2023	Has returned home following 6 weeks of rehab from a hip replacement and isolation due to COVID. 3832 Kelvin Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76133	Continued good health
Yvonne and Aubrey Hallum 04/18/2023	She has left the hospital. He is struggling with his own health issues. 3235 Rosemeade Drive, #1913, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Healing and strength
Charlie and Louise Beagle 04/18/2023	Charlie could use some visits or calls. His number is 817-683-9480 and he is in Benbrook Nursing Home Memory Care, Room 110 B, 1000 McKinley Street, Benbrook, Texas 76126. Louise has broken her right wrist. Louise's address is 3916 Reagan Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. She has left this number for people to call her: 817-560-4419.	Comfort, loneliness, peace
Grace Murray 04/18/2023	Is having some personal struggles. 2836 Ballington Drive, Apartment #414, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	God's direction, strength, solutions
Lillian Kite 04/12/2023	She and Charles are unable to attend in person due to Lillian's eye getting worse. 8409 Palo Duro Court, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	They miss attending
Leah Bowie 04/12/2023	Had shoulder surgery on April 13. 9809 Stoney Bridge Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Recovery and rehab
Barbara Lowrey 04/12/2023	Had surgery on her hand Friday, April 14. 921 Timberline Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Speedy recovery and healing

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NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Shirley Bennett <small>3/28/23</small>	Is having blood pressure issues. 4018 Ridglea Country Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Blood pressure to regulate
Judy Birmingham <small>3/28/23</small>	Is now home recovering from her bypass surgery. 5021 Birch Hollow Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76132	Healing and recovery
Chris Intharansy <small>3/28/23</small>	Heart ablation has been rescheduled for May 8. 7812 Downs Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76137	A successful procedure
Georgia Mahan <small>5/4/2023</small>	She had a stroke and is in Harris down town, Jones bld. Room 393.	Healing and the help that she needs
Jackie Jaso <small>5/4/2023</small>	She Had a heart attack, had 2 stents put in and is now staying with her son.	Quick healing
Bridget Yawn <small>3/12/23</small>	Has bronchitis, COPD and other health issues. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Quick healing
Betty Baumann	Has moved to Harvest of Aledo and Bill will join her when he is finished with his rehabilitation.	Not to be in so much pain

PRAYER REQUESTS
Family & Friends
May 7, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Paula Hamrick sister of	Patti Musselman	Will have a biopsy	Clean bill of health
Alisun MacLeroy daughter-in-law of	Kristie McLeroy	She is in her 35th week of pregnancy and she is on bedrest	Full term healthy baby and mother
Linda cousin of	Betsy Strothers	She is finally getting the rehabilitation therapy that she needs.	Thankfulness and quick healing 05/4/2023
Karen friend of	Betsy Strothers	She had a hip replacement.	A quick and speedy recovery 05/04/2023
Larry Williams, son of	Carolyn Williams	Had a hip replacement 3 weeks and now has suffered a heart attack which required a quadruple bypass on Friday, April 28.	Full recovery from all surgeries 04/30/2023
Ben Hale, friend of	LaRue Bow	Is in Harris Downtown on dialysis from kidney failure. His wife has Alzheimer's.	Increased health 04/20/2023
Gene Key, friend of	Nancy Wright	Had brain surgery on April 18.	Complete and successful recovery and improved mobility 04/20/2023
Clara Boudreaux, mother of	Ray Doshier	She is 92 years old and is flying to Alaska on May 2 to visit with her sister who is suffering from a stomach aneurysm and has chosen not to seek treatment.	Safety, peace of mind, and comfort 04/19/2023
Dan Gatlin, friend of	LaRue Bow	Is the preacher at Junction, Texas. He is suffering from cancer and his 14 year old son has just died from a brain aneurysm.	Healing of the cancer and comfort in the loss of their son 04/17/2023
Pam, cousin of	Les Keele	Is in need of a kidney transplant.	For a donor and to be moved up on the transplant list 12/18/2022

All prayer requests will remain on the list for 30 days. Following that time, the request will be removed unless the office is notified differently. Thank you.

The Forty Days After the Resurrection of Jesus,

Part 2: The Third and Fourth Appearances

Looking into the Face of Jesus The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 607-611

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 125

1. Jesus' third post-resurrection appearance was most likely to whom?
2. What is written in the Bible about this meeting?
3. How, then, do we know this third appearance happened?
4. To whom was the fourth post-resurrection appearance of Jesus?
5. On what day did this appearance take place?
6. Where were Cleopas and his companion heading when Jesus appeared to them?
7. Did they immediately recognize Jesus?
8. How many prophecies were there in the Old Testament that anticipated the Messiah?
9. When did Cleopas and his companion recognize Jesus?
10. What did Jesus do when they recognized Him?
11. Where did the two go after recognizing Jesus?

The Forty Days After the Resurrection of Jesus,

Part 3: The Fifth and Sixth Appearances

Looking into the Face of Jesus The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 611-617

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 126

1. Who was present for the fifth post-resurrection appearance of Jesus?
2. Who was, notably, absent at this fifth appearance?
3. Did the disciples believe the reports of those who had said they had seen the risen lord?
4. As we reckon time, when did this appearance take place?
5. What two things did Jesus do to destroy their doubts?
6. What did Thomas say he would need to see and do to believe?
7. When Jesus appeared a sixth time, who was, notably, present?
8. What was Thomas' response to seeing and touching the scars?
9. What was Jesus' response to Thomas (and, probably, the other apostles as well)?
10. Since we are unable to see Jesus with our physical eyes, how can we believe?

The Forty Days After the Resurrection of Jesus, Part 4: The Seventh Appearance

Looking into the Face of Jesus

The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 617-625

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 127

1. What is another name for the Sea of Galilee?
2. At least how many of His disciples were present for the appearance of Jesus at the Sea of Galilee?
3. What may have been another name for Bartholomew?
4. What were the disciples doing when Jesus appeared?
5. Had they had much success?
6. At what time of day did they see Him?
7. What did Jesus tell them to do? What was the result?
8. How many fish did they catch?
9. How did Peter respond when John said, "It is the Lord"?
10. How many times did Jesus ask Peter to affirm his love for Him?
11. What rumor spread about John because Jesus said, "If I want him to remain alive until I come, what is that to you?"

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- 1 Arthur Torrez
- 2 Brenda Rodman
- 2 Gail Willmington
- 3 Kitti Davis
- 3 Pat McGuyer
- 5 Geoffrey Rodman
- 10 Dan Kille
- 14 Dahlia Cade
- 14 Shirley Bennett

- 15 Jayden Clay
- 21 Curtis Fisher
- 21 Sherry King
- 21 Judy Birmingham
- 23 John Boudtaroth
- 23 Sandy Edmond

Children

- 4 Brady Meyer
- 24 Ellie Sloan
- 31 Kathryn Bartee

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