

Loving others (even the difficult ones)

Most of us think of ourselves as loving people. We feel warmth and devotion to those family and friends within our circle of relationships. But then Jesus comes back and says, “*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,*” and suddenly we have to rethink our view of love.

This call to love others like God loves us is much more difficult than we might think. Love is much more than a detached tolerance – live and let live. Love, instead, is a conscious, intentional act of will to desire and act to accomplish the very best for others. It is not primarily an emotion. In fact, this love that we are talking about: “agape” love is not an emotion at all, but selfless action in which we bring a blessing to the life of the one we are “loving.” John writes, “*Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth*” (1 Jn 3:18).

When Paul describes love as the fruit of the Spirit, he takes it out of our hands. Love is a result of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives – not because we finally willed ourselves to be more loving and then did it – but because of the work of the Holy Spirit convicting and strengthening and planting and nurturing love in our lives, we start loving as we have never loved before.

That’s not to say you can’t or shouldn’t act more loving – you can and should. As you look at the love God has for you, as you observe the loving actions of other Christians, you can begin to imitate that kind of love. But love that comes purely from the well of human virtue will always be tainted with selfishness – always a little bit of “what’s in it for me” – never completely free of pride or jealousy or conditions.

But this kind of love – this agape love – is a supernatural kind of love – it can only come from God as he changes your heart and renews your spirit from within.

John Roberts

The Book of Hebrews
Such a Great Salvation

“The New Covenant”

Hebrews 8:1-13

- I. A Passover meal - **the** Passover meal
- II. We do have such a high priest!
 - Our high priest
 - The sacrifice he offered, the covenant he served
 - A copy and a shadow of the reality to come
- III. The new covenant
 - The guarantee of a better covenant
 - Not to abolish, but to fulfill
- IV. The same old religion
 - Frustrated and ineffective
 - Not that you will _____ God,
but that you will _____ God.

Upcoming Events

TODAY - The Children's Ministry is inviting the congregation to join them on a hike. We will be hiking to the cross and back, with turn arounds for anyone who doesn't want to make the entire hike. Please meet us downstairs after service and bring a packed lunch, water, sunscreen, proper clothing, etc.

In less than a month, we will begin our 11th year of partnering with Feed My Sheep to house the homeless in our Fellowship Room during the nights. We will also begin serving breakfast every Saturday morning. If you would like to help cook and serve breakfast, see John.

Opportunities to Serve

Children’s and Teen Classes

Infant through 2 yrs	Rosa Collier	Rm 204
3 yrs to Kinder	Linda Flohr	Rm 104
1st - 3rd grades	Debbie Loter	Rm 105
4th - 6th grades	Nichole Ives	Rm 107
7th - 12th grade	Kurt Carruth	Rm 103

Praying for Our Missionaries

Keep Youth For Christ in your prayers as they head into a new school year.
Pray for hearts to be opened to Jesus as new friendships are made.
Pray that YFC can get into all of the schools with Bible studies, lunches, breakfasts...
Pray that YFC is generously funded this year to be able to take care of their many ministries and their staff.
Pray that eyes are open to the many volunteers YFC depends on, and that hearts take up the mission.

Opportunities for Ministry

Missions Ministry: Bulletin boards; Keeping in contact with our missionaries.

Children’s Ministry: Substitute teachers; Decorating classrooms, bulletin boards.

See **Debbie Loter** for more info.

Opportunities to Grow in the Word

Sunday morning 9 am: Adult Bible class in the Fellowship Room. Studying the Names of God.

Sunday evenings: Life Groups - See Higgins or Roberts for times and places.

Wednesday evening 6 pm: Meal and Bible class in the Fellowship Room. Studying *Mere Christianity* by C.S.Lewis.

Help Needed!

Feed My Sheep is in desperate need of canned soups, stews, chile, etc. Please pick up a few cans and put them in the box in the foyer.

For Our Guests:

We are thrilled that you have joined us this morning. We hope that your time of worship and fellowship will be a blessing to you.

As our guest, we would like to ask you to **fill out a guest card** that you will find in the rack on the back of each pew. When the offering tray comes around, just drop it in as your contribution to us.

If you have any needs we can help with, or if you are looking for a church family where you can worship and serve God, please let us know how we can serve you.

For Your Children:

A Nursery is available for babies through age 3 at the back of the auditorium (on the east side).

Kingdom Kids is for children who are ages 4 years through 4th grade. They will be dismissed to go downstairs after the offering.

Kingdom Builders is for 5th grade through teens. Meet in teen room after the offering.

Each week this congregation participates in the Lord's Supper, following the teaching of Scripture and the pattern of the church in the New Testament. This is a time for those who have committed themselves to follow Jesus as Lord to remember His sacrifice for us and to renew our allegiance to Him. Everyone sharing this intention is welcome to participate.

<u>Last Week's Contribution</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>	<u>YTD +/-</u>
\$6,561	\$3,608	\$5,309

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Please Pray For:

Current Prayer Requests:

Our sympathy to Bob Collier and family in the passing of his mother, **Barbara Collier** (10/5).

Lori Zehring's friend and co-worker, **Carolyn's** son took his own life Saturday am (10/6). Please pray for the family.

Jeff Badger—recovering from hip surgery (10/1).

Julie Boteilho's brother Rick, recovering from heart surgery.

Canard Family—Matt is improving. He is being watched closely by his doctors—they are pleased with his progress.

Jorge, Debbie Loter's nephew - recovering from first of three eye surgeries.

David and Sharon Bishop—health concerns. Have moved to Grand Junction.

Brad Jordan—recovering from hip surgery.

Ginny Badger - health concerns

On-going prayer requests: Please contact John with updates

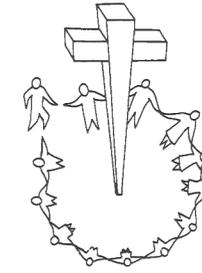
Pam Brown's mom Myra West
& Dennis' uncle Doug Houg
Ryan and Molly Brinkman
Jamie Campa
Leona Croissant
Rosa's brother Bill White
Hagemann's friend -Kim Cornelius
Charlotte & Margaret Hicks
Linda Holloway
Dennis Hunstad's father Don, mother
Carolyn and cousin—Debbie
Hutchinson Family
Chris Lynch
David Collier's father-in-law, Jerry
Batres and Gutierrez families in
Nicaragua

Kellie Higgins' brother Johnnie
Croissant's friend Laura and Cousin's
Hudson and Kelly
Russ Licht and Family
Lewis' son, Richard
Loters—Debbie's father—Cecil
Olivia Jones' friend Debbie
Roxanne Lough & Travis Jadwin's
Aunt Alice and niece Lindy
Amanda & Major Ogg
Mike Peppers
Kristen Richards
Eric Reinmiller, friend of the Vromans
Rich Roper & family
Deena Stanley and her aunt Pat
Larry Tarrant

Our missionaries: **Russ & Jo Anne Licht** (Campus Crusade for Christ), **Larry and Connie Zinck** (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), **Carlos and Rossy Montoya** with **La Roca Ministries, (Tijuana)**, **Youth For Christ** (Glenwood Springs).

Our nation's leaders and those serving our country: **Tate Stanley**, **Juan Felan**, Kathy Lough's nephew, **Taylor Rowan**; Jean Hawkins' nephew, **Joshua Catellier**; Lisa Schultz's, nephew **Patrick Byers**; Margaret Hicks' step-grandson **Austin Atken-son**, Debbie Loter's nephew **Chris Wiggs**, friends **Shane**, **Vanessa Hinojos & Kyle Gill**. Rosa Collier's nephews **Trey Chisolm & Chris Griffin**; Wade's brother **Troy Higgins**, **Kate Loman**, Ann's grand-daughter.

We have a group of people who serve this congregation by praying for any situation, person, or need. You can activate the chain by contacting Jean Hawkins or Zona Hays or any member of the prayer chain.



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A church where you can...

experience God's love

grow in God's family

serve in God's kingdom

October 21, 2018

Worship in Song

117 - God Is the Fountain Whence

Greeting

153 - Come, Let Us Worship and Bow

Prayer

Cliff Zehring

Firm Foundation

Wonderful, Wonderful

163 - His Name Is Wonderful

Communion

Steve Stanley

Scripture Reading: **Hebrews 8:1-2**

Brodie Tollefson

Great Are You Lord

Sermon "The New Covenant"

John Roberts

660 - People Need the Lord

Announcements & Prayer

Bob Collier

508 - A Wonderful Savior

Scheduled Meeting Times

Sunday

9:00 A.M. Bible Class

10:00 A.M. Worship

Various times Life Groups - in homes

Wednesday

6:00 P.M. Bible Study