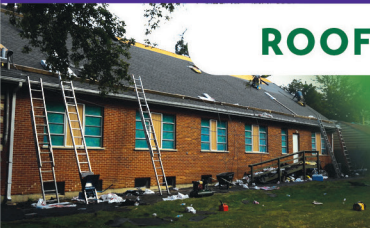


HURRICANE RELIEF

Thank you for your generous offering of \$485 for Hurricane Relief. That will be sent to Samaritan's Purse, who are coordinating recovery efforts for both Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.



ROOF REPLACEMENT...



has taken place on the sanctuary! Thank you for your faithful giving that makes our maintenance possible.

NEW ADDRESS

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Goliath *Must* Fall

You can still enroll!
Select Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm

GRAPPLE GROUP EVENT
(after the service)
GAMES GALORE
THIS SUNDAY
09/17/17

BIBLE STUDY (Off Campus)



Study is scheduled at Kimberly's in September: Thursday, September 21, and 28.

CONNECTION CARD

in order to **"MEASURE"** our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.

FAITH IS ...



- Sept 03 » Believing that Everything is Based on Promise
- Sept 10 » Accepting that God's Work Has Made Me Clean
- Sept 17 » Accepting His Gift of Unchanging Love
- Sept 26 » Believing that God is Not Disillusioned With Me

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick W. ▶ Pinched nerve	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beth F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Misty L. ▶ Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tommy F. ▶ Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cindy ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gerry G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ed G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry P. ▶ Cancer/spleen	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Bill M. ▶ Biopsy	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The antidote to fear is faith, and the sound-track of faith is worship." —Louie Giglio

09/10/17

32	ATTENDANCE	12,284 ⁴⁸	GIVING	0	GUESTS
16	VOLUNTEERS	0	DECISIONS FOR CHRIST		

METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER

FAITH IS ...



ACCEPTING HIS GIFT OF UNCHANGING LOVE



The **CROSS** is the centerpoint of God's love. It is the visual expression of His heart toward us. It is the ultimate "I love you." God's love changes us—and secures our eternity. It is "good news".

1

We need to be reminded of the God's love

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. *1 Corinthians 15:1*

- » There is good advice—it tells you what you should do.
- » This is "good news"—it tells you what God has done.

2

God's love saves us

By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. *1 Corinthians 15:2*

- » We need to be rescued from our sinful life.
- » We were in peril—there is a hell.
- » God has rescued us.
- » It is a lifestyle to serve Jesus.

3

God's love is of first importance

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

- » The storyline is about God's promise and provision.

- » There is one story—this story is about Jesus.
- » Christ died for our sins. This is of first importance.
- » Jesus died under state-sponsored terrorism.
- » Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb.
- » After three days he rose again to conquer death and forgive sin.



4

God's love flows to our relationships

⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles *1 Corinthians 15:5-7*



- » When a person dies, there gravesites are sometimes visited.
- » In this case, Jesus pursues his family and friends.
- » It goes beyond that. His family and his friends worship him as God.

5

God's love transforms us

⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. *1 Corinthians 15:8-9*



- » Paul is an example of a transformed life.
- » He led a "terror" cell that persecuted and killed Christians.
- » He allowed the stoning of Stephen.
- » Saul got saved. His name was changed to Paul.
- » He was forever changed.



6

God's love enables us to share with others

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed. *1 Corinthians 15:10-11*

- » We don't work for our salvation. / » We work from our salvation.
- » God saved us that we might declare the "good news" together.

When You Love

David Augsburger



When you love others,
You love them as they are—
not as you wish them to be,
not as you hope to help them become,
but as they are.

When you love others,
you love them because they are they—
not loving them in order to change them,
not loving as a way of remaking them,
but loving because you love.

When you love others,
You love them warts and all—
not blinding yourself to their faults,
not denying their imperfections,
but loving in spite of. (God did)

To love another
Is to reach out in hope
for your love to awaken love
in the heart of the other. (God does)