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Grace and Peace to you

Love One Another

By Rev. John E. McKenzie

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:11-18 ESV)

The high command to love is encouraging and crushing. Christians experience God's love in Jesus Christ and want to love like Jesus. However, we struggle with our sin and the sin of others which makes the command almost stifling. Thankfully, our loving God graciously grants whatever He commands from His servants. This is especially true of the command to love one another.

We are commanded to love God and our neighbor. It was a standard that Martin Luther knew he couldn't meet, and it almost drove him crazy. He said, "This word is too high and too hard that anyone should fulfill it. This is proved, not merely by our Lord's word, but by our own experience and feeling. Take any upright man or woman. He will get along very nicely with those who do not provoke him, but let someone proffer only the slightest irritation and he will flare up in anger, if not against friends, then against enemies. Flesh and blood cannot rise above it" (Martin Luther, *An Introduction to St. Paul's Letter to the Romans*, Erlangen: Heyder and Zimmer, 1854, 125). Martin Luther realized what a high standard was set by God, and he despaired because he didn't have the natural ability to love in this way. The bad news is none of us have the natural ability to do so.

The love of God is the good news. We love God because He first loved us. God loved us before we were born. He chose each of us to be His child. He knew each of us by name. God's love saved us. When we receive life-saving love, we can love God.

We must love the unlovable as God did with us so we continue to grow in the love of God. The only way we know perfect love is through Jesus. We learn about love by daily going to the cross and seeing Jesus' love for the unlovable. So, we need to preach the Gospel to ourselves daily.

When pastors and teachers tell us, "We need to preach the Gospel to ourselves daily." They are saying we must learn, study, and remember Jesus' love and sacrifice for the wicked, the rebellious, the indifferent, the cold and uncaring, the black-hearted like you and me. When we look to Jesus to learn about His perfect love and His sacrificial love for us, we find the power to love like Him.

Beloved, look to Jesus. Learn about Jesus' love. Study Jesus' love. Remember Jesus' love. Then, love one another.

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Easter Sunday Children's Worship: Journey to Jerusalem Sunday, March 27th is for 3 yr. olds through 5th grade: (Expanded for Easter). A special Children's Worship service entitled "Journey to Jerusalem" will be presented by our Director of Children's Ministries, Mitch Townley, during the Easter morning worship service. This presentation will allow children to go on a guided tour through the recreated sites and events of "Holy Week". Make sure your children and their friends are here for this memorable "you are there" experience, as the Easter Story is brought to life.



Palm Sunday Processional – March 20th. All children are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday Children's Processional on Sunday Morning, March 20th. Send your child to the 1st-3rd grade classroom (Room 99, former nursery) that morning, for their instructions. Children will march in at the beginning of the worship service, place their palm branch down near the steps and then find and sit with their parents. Parents will need to let the child know where they are sitting and be prepared to guide them to their pew.

Kids Quest Catechism Club

On Wednesday evening, February 3rd, WHPC initiated the Kids Quest Children's Catechism Club. This club is for ALL children of WHPC regardless of whether they attend on Wednesday evening or not. The goal is to have all 1st - 5th grade children learn the full and complete answers to the "First Catechism" questions 1-42 by Sunday, May, 15th. Children ages 3yrs to K will utilize a different program and set of standards. Each week the children will have the opportunity to say the answers for the assigned question to an adult WHPC "listener". Children participating on Wednesday evening may do this on Wednesdays from 6:00pm - 6:15 pm in room 106. All other children may do this on Sundays after worship in room 99 (1st-3rd grade classroom) across from the Sanctuary. Children who miss a week may make it up the following week.

Catechism "Listeners" needed:

Our WHPC children and Wednesday Night Kids have begun the process of memorizing the questions and answers of the "First Catechism". They are very excited. Now we need some adult friends like you to quiz them on what they have learned so they can earn some designated prizes as an incentive. I am looking for people to be listeners on Sunday morning after worship at 12:00 noon and Wednesday Evenings during dinner from 6:00pm -6:20pm. You would serve as a listener on a rotating schedule. Sounds easy, right? Well, it is. All you need you to do to volunteer is contact Mitch Townley with your name and the day you would like to serve (Sundays or Wednesdays).

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WIC Circle Bible Study – “Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World, Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life”
by Joanna Weaver Chapter Two – “Lord, Don’t You Care?”

“Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” Luke 10:40

The Day Circle wasn’t able to meet in February due to the weather and some of the ladies in the Night Circle were unable to attend. I also know that some of you are reading the book even though you cannot attend Day or Night Circle. Therefore, I thought I would share a few highlights of our lesson.

Chapter 2 brings us into full view of reality – being distracted, being discouraged, and having doubts about God’s care for us. I love Martha’s question: “Lord, don’t you care?” It’s one we’ve all asked, isn’t it? And we’ve asked it after we think we’ve judged our circumstances rightly. We think we know what Mary should be doing, and that we are doing what pleases God, and if God really cared about us He certainly would see it our way and change the circumstances!!!

While Mary was “filling” her soul with the pure milk of Jesus’ words, Martha was “filling” her soul with a brew of the 3 Deadly Ds – Distractions, Discouragement, and Doubt. The whole situation started out well. As Linda Mowles pointed out in the Night Circle, Martha welcomed Jesus into her home, but a short time later she’s accusing Jesus of not caring and blaming her sister for not helping her. How do we get from a good place to a not-so-good place in 50 minutes flat? (The answer to that question will be in our next lesson – Chapter 3 – “The Diagnosis”). So what can we learn about finding intimacy with God from Martha’s question: “*Lord, don’t you care?*” Oh, so much!

First, intimacy with God isn’t dependent on our performance but on God’s faithfulness and unconditional love for us. God loves us even when we don’t choose the better part! Let me quote Philip Yancey from his book, *What’s So Amazing About Grace*: “There is nothing you can do to make God love you more...there is nothing you can do to make God love you less.” God loves you! Whether you’ve chosen the better part to sit at His feet or whether you’re distracted, discouraged, and doubtful, His love for you is the same! If we sit at His feet, He doesn’t love us more. If we are irritable, accusatory, and full of blame, He doesn’t love us less. Amazing love!

Second, Martha knew where to go. She went to Jesus. Despite her motives, she went to the person who had the answer to her situation. And that’s where we need to go. Our memory verse for Chapter 2 was Psalm 62:8 “Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.” We can take everything to Jesus – good and bad.

Third, Jesus is in the “life” boat with us. He has told us we’re going to the other side. He is there when the storms of life assail us. He has the power to overcome all storms. (Mark 4:35-41)

This is what “finding intimacy with God in the busyness of life” is truly all about. We have an intimate relationship with Jesus. He has placed the “engagement ring” on our finger, pledging His faithfulness to us, in sickness and in health, in richer or poorer, in good times and bad times. He has covenanted with us to be His Bride; He is preparing an eternal home for us, and He is planning the wedding of all weddings!



To know and be known, without fear of loss – that is what keeps intimacy growing. And that is what we have in Christ – To know Him, to know that He knows us better than we know ourselves, and to know that no matter the “scorecard”, He loves us the same. Jesus was available to both Mary and Martha and He loved them both the same.

So be encouraged today, Ladies! God loves you! Let Him “fill” you so that He can “spill” you for His glory!

Grateful for Him and you!

Julie Moore



March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30pm Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Kathleen Parsley	GNC 2:30pm WIC Night Circle 6:45pm Wayne Smith		Prayer Gathering 10am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am WIC Council Noon Prayer Gathering 6pm	Monday Moms Group 10am Monday Night Group 6:30pm	WIC Day Circle 10am Fred Fowler	Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30pm Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	GNC 2:30pm Jim Saulpaw	Spring Lock-in, 6:pm-9am	Prayer Gathering 10am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday School 9:30am *Communion/ Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm	Monday Moms Group 10am Monday Night Group 6:30pm Session/Deacon 7pm	Kane McAfee	Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30pm Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	GNC 2:30pm Margaret Rodgers	G.A.P. 11am Bill Mowles	Prayer Gathering 10am Beth Grant Barry Bartlett
<i>Hosanna!</i> 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday School 9:30am Palm Processional 10:50am Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm. John McKenzie	Monday Moms Group 10am Blue Star Moms 6:30pm Monday Night Group 6:30pm Ray Dean		Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30pm Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	GNC 2:30pm	Church Office Closed Charlie Richardson	Prayer Gathering 10am Garry Chin
27	28	29	30	31		
Sunday School 9:30am Journey to Jerusalem 10:50a Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6p	Church Office Closed Monday Moms Group 10am Monday Night Group 6:30pm	Nancy Miller Anne Moor	Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30pm Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	GNC 2:30pm		

Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office at 693-2031.

Announcements & Prayer Needs:

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Church Office will be closed March 25th & 28th for Easter.

Please remember that the church office needs to approve all note cards, articles, pamphlets, tracts, flyers, announcements, etc. before they are put on the foyer table, church bulletin board or wall/door sign holders.

Like to Sing? We invite anyone who wants to volunteer to sing in our WHPC sanctuary choir. The choir meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. If you can't make practice, come on Sunday mornings to choir room at 10:20am. We welcome you to join us!

The 2015 Flower Calendar is available on the bulletin board across from elevator. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary, please sign your name on the designated date and note if you are giving the flowers "in memory" or "in honor" of a loved one. The cost is \$50.00. Please make your payment to the church, marked "Flowers."

Blue Star Mom's meet every 3rd Monday military Mom's & family. For more information contact Laurice McCord at 384-8047.

**Please Pray For:
WHPC Family & Friends**

Clara Abercrombie
Charlotte & Dan Anderton
Nancy Crocker
Kermit & Ceola Davis
Ray Dean
Barbara Eldridge
Glenn Glass
Al Grant
Shirley Hedrick
Fay Hontz
Bud Kelly
Kane McAfee
Henry McIlwaine
Bob & Betty Mills
Bill Morrison
Linda Mowles
Martha Phillips
Alice Redman
Jean Russell
Keith & Cheryl Sowder
Claudette Starr
Robert Thio
Mary Zitzman
Our Elders & Deacons
Our Church
Our Missionaries
Our nation/President

WHPC Active Duty Military Personnel
Eric Abercrombie
Jonathan Hamilton
Jamie Morris wife of Rob Morris
Kevin Bell
Gabe Green
Scott LaPanne

(1-17-16 through 2-14-16)

Average Attendance - 142

Average Visitors Attendance - 11

January 2016 Financial Report

Income

Actual Income for January:	\$21,413.71
Actual Income for Year-to date:	\$21,413.71

Expense

Actual Expense for January:	\$41,856.63
Actual Expense Year-to-date:	\$41,856.63

Summary

Current Month Expenses Exceeds Income by:	\$20,442.92
Year-to-date Expenses Exceeds Year-to-date Income by:	\$20,442.92



New Children's Sunday School Class Added Sunday, March 6th.

Praise the Lord that our recent influx of families with young children has caused us to add a new Sunday School class and reconfigure the others. Effective Sunday, March 6th our classes will be:

3 yrs. (as of 9/1/15) – Kindergarten
Room: 101 Teacher: Mitch Townley
Curriculum: PCA's "Show Me Jesus", Preschool level

1st-3rd Grades
Room: 99 Teacher Dannell Harb
Curriculum: PCA's "Show Me Jesus", Younger Elementary Level

4th- 5th Grade
Room: 207 Teacher: Pastor John E. McKenzie
Curriculum: "Understanding the Faith" by Gary Smallman**

** Pastor McKenzie will teach an 8 week (March/April) class entitled "Understanding the Faith" to all the 4th/5th grade age and other interested older students. This 8 week course will also serve as a communicant class for children wishing to become a "Communing" member of the church. Additional information will sent to all parents. On Sunday, May 1st, after the 8 week course concludes, the class will be taught by Mark McNeil and Kim Townley on a regular basis. Curriculum will be the PCA's "Show Me Jesus", Older Elementary Level.

**Adult/Child CPR and AED class is being offered at WHPC
Saturday, March 5th, 2016
9am-noon in the Family Activity Center**

**Training provided by CPR Choice of Knoxville
Cost: Special group rate of \$35 per person with a minimum of 6 participants**

This training is encouraged for all and especially families with young children and for those working with children and infants at WHPC. Learn the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only CPR, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR and relief of choking in an adult, child or infant. Skills are taught in a dynamic group environment by using the AHA's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which provides students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible.

You may register by March 2nd using the list on the foyer table or by calling (693-2031) or emailing the church : churchofficewhpc@gmail.com

Payment will be transacted on the day of the training

LEARN CPR  SAVE LIVES

Ladies, you are invited!
Please join us for our

*Second Annual Spring Luncheon
& Fashion Show*

Fashions provided by
The Silk Purse

April 9th, Noon - 2 p.m.
West Hills Presbyterian Church, FAC

Please RSVP by April 1 via signup sheet in church foyer.

Lots of hands will provide quick work with set-up and clean-up so please call Joni
Maples, 288-0295 or
Ruth Caldwell, 851-9126 to volunteer your service!

**** **The Deadline for the newsletter** is the 15th of every month at noon. You may submit your article to Faye Poston, church secretary or email her at churchofficewhpc@gmail.com. Include your name with your submission. We reserve the right to edit for style, content and length. ****

WHPC Staff/ Office Hours 9-5

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- John E. McKenzie, PastorM-TH
- Fred C. Fowler, Assistant Pastor to Seniors
- Mitch Townley, Director of Children’s Ministry.....M-TH
- Doug White, Coordinator of Discipleship & Outreach.....T&TH
- Faye Poston, SecretaryM-F
- Ruth Melton, Financial Secretary.....M-TH
- Sarah Dockery, Choir Director

You Are Invited To The: Almost Spring Lock-In

*For Children In
Grades K-5th*



When: Friday, March 11, 6:00pm to
Sat. March 12, 9:00am

Where: West Hills Pres. Church

What: An overnight adventure of
pizza, games, music, movies, and a
devotion. **Absolutely no electronics
are to be brought by the children.**
This includes phones

For children in grades K-5th.

Cost: \$5.00

Call: Mitch @660-3792

Please sign up or call by

Wednesday, March 9th.

email: mitchwhpc@gmail.com