

Love One Another Tip #6. Encourage

In this fallen world, trials and hardships are all too frequent. God has put us together as a church family so that we can encourage each other as we face these difficulties. *“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”*
—1 Thessalonians 5:11

Love One Another Tip #7. Forgive

People who are looking for a conflict-free life will not find it in following Christ. In fact, there are many verses warning us to expect bumps and bruises as we live out this life together. However, the one thing we cannot do is bail on each other just because we fight. The family of God can love each other by hanging tough even when we disagree.

“Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”—Colossians 3:13

Love One Another Tip #8. Play

A godly family is one that also knows how to enjoy each other. I think that sometimes we forget that joy is one of the attributes of God. Jesus’ first miracle was at a wedding. He was known for going to parties, so much so that he was accused of being a drunkard. Kids loved spending time with Jesus, and if there’s one thing I know about kids, it’s that they love to play. As a family, we can love each other by simply having fun together.

“Everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God’s gift to man.”
—Ecclesiastes 3:13

Love One Another Tip #9. Speak truth

God is a truth-speaking God, and as his image bearers, one of the ways that we show love to each other is by following his example. Speaking truth includes, but is not limited to: doctrinal correction, calling to repentance, teaching the Bible, confessing sin, giving wise counsel, not lying or exaggerating or gossiping, and using our words to build up.

“Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.”—Ephesians 4:15

Love One Another Tip #10. Pursue godliness

God is love (1 John 4:8). As we become more loving we become more like God. Flee from sin, leave unrighteousness behind, and seek the Holy Spirit’s help to become more and more godly in your words, your thoughts and your conduct.

“Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.”—2 Peter 1:5-7



October 23, 2022

10:30 A.M.

No Greater Love

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this: Love each
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loved you.
Greater love has
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to lay down one’s
life for one’s
friends.
John 15:12-13



Order of Service

Announcements

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

Call To Worship

Hymns of Praise

"The Lord Almighty Reigns".Althoff/Kauflin/Stiff

"God you Reign". Brewster/Fieldes

Prayer of Invocation

Affirmation of Faith: The Westminster Confession of Faith*

Song of Praise

"All Because of Jesus". Steve Fee

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

----- God's Renewal-----

The Law of God: Deuteronomy 10:16-18, The Message

Public Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: Ezekiel 36:25-27

Song of Renewal: "The Power of the Cross". Getty/Townend

-----God's Grace-----

Scripture Reading: John 15:12-15

Prayer

The Sermon

"No Greater Love"

Song of Communion: "My Jesus I love Thee(Your Holy Name)"

. . . Add'l lyrics by Roy/Ingram

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Approach

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:22-25 (Optional)

Holy Communion

-----God's Blessing-----

Parting Hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be". Havergal/Cesar Malan

Benediction

**The Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Westminster Shorter Catechism and the Westminster Larger Catechism, serve together as the statement of faith for the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Formulated in the 17th century England, they are a second level of authority under the Scriptures and serve to explain the system of doctrine revealed in the Bible.*

Church Love – 10 Ways to Love One Another

By Aaron Gray

The Bible teaches that for Christians, God is our Father, other Christians are our brothers and sisters, and the church is like a family and we are to love one another. Like every family, the church is made up of imperfect people who need to ask for forgiveness, receive grace and grow in their love for the other members of the family.

Love One Another Tip #1. Pray

One of the most loving things that we can do for each other as a church family is to **pray** for one another. Great love can be shown not by merely saying "I'll pray for you" but by putting a hand on someone's shoulder right then and there and lifting up the need in prayer. "Brothers, pray for us." —[1 Thessalonians 5:25](#)

Love One Another Tip #2. Gather

In this age of technology and digital "friendships," one of the most loving things we can do is gather together in person to worship our King Jesus. When the church gathers together, I like to think of the analogy of the family sitting down for a meal together. The band provides the soundtrack for the party, the preacher is like the cook who serves the meal, the volunteers help set the table, and all the adopted children of God gather around the table to spend time with their Father. "*Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some.*" —[Hebrews 10:25](#)

Love One Another Tip #3. Community

There are approximately 90 "one another" verses in the Bible: greet one another, comfort one another, seek good for one another. It is pretty hard to live out these commands when you don't actually spend time together in **community**. "*Live in harmony with one another.*" —[Romans 12:16](#)

Love One Another Tip #4. Serve together

Serving the church is both corporate and individual, both in large groups and small. We can serve by showing up early on Sunday and helping make the church building welcoming. We can serve by giving money to a friend in need. This service is a practical, tangible way to show others the love that God has already shown us. "*Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.*" —[Ecclesiastes 4:9](#)

Love One Another Tip #5. Show honor

In many cultures, honor and respect are huge. American culture is not one of those cultures. In fact, a good argument could be made that our culture actually encourages dishonor and disrespect. God's children can show love by speaking words of honor where honor is due: for a job well done, for a particular servant-hearted act, for longevity in the faith, etc. "*Outdo one another in showing honor.*" —[Romans 12:10](#)

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The Principle of Mutuality in Friendship and Love

John 15:14-15 (ESV)

“You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”

What does it mean to really be a friend of Jesus Christ?

Jesus gives a clear cut condition for being his friend.

“You are my friends if you do whatever I command you.” That’s the key. The key to being a friend of Jesus is obedience.

The friend of Jesus loves the other friends of Jesus.

Our hearts are full of love. That’s a part of being a believer. Romans 5:5 tells us, **“The love of Christ is shed abroad in our hearts.”**

The true believer doesn’t hate his brother.

1 John 5:1-2 (ESV)

“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.”

Those of us who are the friends of Jesus have a fellowship of love.

Notes

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 5 6:00 PM Prayer Dinner

At the home of Pastor Rick and Barb

Saturday, November 12 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Ladies Luncheon

Verna Bowman will be speaking on Overcoming the Storms of Life
Held at Mt. Carmel UMC 2203 Harmonyville Rd. Elverson, Pa 190520
See Koreen for a brochure and to make your reservation.

Sunday, November 13 12:15-1:00 P.M. Sunday School Reorganization

Meeting in the Conference Room upstairs for current staff and anyone interested in being involved in our Sunday School as a teacher, assistant, care-giver, or prayer partner.

Sunday, November 20 4:00 P.M. Coventry-Warwick Community

Thanksgiving Service held at Calvary Christian Center
426 Laurelwood Rd. Pottstown, PA 19465

DiscipleMakers: Tim and Holly Howden

- Pray for their baby who should be arriving soon.
- Pray for the college students they are discipling.

CRU: Steve and Kristin Scholl

- Pray for their Blended Family ministry where leaders are trained to minister to the unique needs of blended families.



Crossing Cultures International: David and Mindy Nelson CAMBODIA

Please pray that the 14 students who graduated in Battambang this month will apply their training to start new classes and help make mature reproducing disciples of Jesus.

Pray for Sitha and the rest of the CCI National Directors as they continue to travel in the U.S. until the end of the month. We are thankful to God for His safety and protection over their travels, and may the Lord continue to guide them during their journey.

Pro-Life Prayer

COUNTRIES ON THE VERGE OF LEGALIZING ABORTION

When Argentina decriminalized abortion in 2020, they set a precedent for other South American countries looking to follow suit. Similarly, countries like Thailand and South Korea have recently passed pro-abortion legislation. Pray for this trend to end. Ask God to strengthen people around the world who have a desire to protect every human life. Pray that leaders would rise up and the tide would turn against abortion around the world.

Prayer/Praise. October 23, 2022

- Pray for Dionne and Jordan Mace as they care for their son Sam. Sam is at Children’s Hospital for in-patient care. Pray for God’s wisdom and guidance for the doctors associated with Sam’s care. Pray for God’s strength for their family.
- Pray for Donna Jenkins as she recovers from COVID,
- Pray for Fred and Lisa, friends of Donna Jenkins. Pray they have successful surgeries, and they would be able to have help caring for Ashley. Pray for God’s healing strength for their family.
- Praise that Lorraine Blanski’s nephew, Jason, had his shunt revised on Wednesday, October 12th. This surgery relieved some of the pressure behind his eyes. His blurry vision is starting to clear. Jason still has short-term memory loss. Pray for continued healing.
- Praise that Daisy Roth, had a successful surgery and needs no further treatment.
- Pray for Tim Li, from Taiwan, as he attends Conestoga Christian School.
- Pray for Ashley Adams and her friend, Hannah, who have the opportunity to go on a short-term mission trip to the Texas/Mexican border from November 10th to the 13th. Pray for God’s strength for Ashley and Hannah as they build relationships, pray, and evangelize to these women and children.
- Pray for Macie and Cassie Frame, who are all settled in their apartment and working in California. Pray for their safety and that Cassie can find a church.
- Pray for Terri Yerk, friend of Donna Jenkins, who was admitted to Park House with a stroke. Pray for healing for him and God’s comfort for his wife.
- Pray for Jill Aument, who needs to have an eye procedure done one time per month for three months, for bleeding and fluid behind her eye. Pray for continued healing for Jill following this procedure.
- Praise that Lorraine Blanski’s sister-in-law, Beth, finished her radiation treatments on October 17th. Pray for God’s continued healing for Beth.
- Pray for Austin, the stepson of Lorraine Blanski’s niece. Austin is doing okay with school. Overall, he is doing well. Pray for continued healing and mental health and God’s strength for Austin.
- Pray for Terry Cecchetelli’s grandnephew, Liam, who is 1-year old and has a rare disease called PDHA-1. He will need a feeding tube. Pray for God’s wisdom for Liam’s doctors and strength and comfort for the families.
- Pray for Igor Parfeniouk, a North Coventry police officer with Matt Deichert. Pray for Igor’s sister and her family, as they are still living in Ukraine.
- Pray for Donna Jenkins’ nephew, Evan James, who has a very rare disease, CDA. Praise that Evan can be off the breathing machine for the hours he is awake. Pray for God’s healing for Evan and for his family and wisdom for his doctors.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker for healing from cancer.

Message

No Greater Love

John 15:12–15 (ESV)

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God has created us for community – vertical community with God and horizontal community with each other. We shouldn’t run away from the messiness of community. We shouldn’t try to avoid imperfect people.

Recognize that God has the last word on those messy, conflict-ridden relationships. He can use them to make you into someone who can give and receive love—with God and others.

Principles that Promote Friendship and Love Among the Branches

John 15:12–13 (ESV)

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

Sacrifice is essential to genuine friendship and love. Verses 12–13 are a restatement of the “new commandment” given back in John 13:34: *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”*

This new commandment requires us to love as Jesus loved. His sacrifice is our model. Jesus calls for sacrificial love in his church.