



February 11, 2024

Pastor Note:

He knew the answer, but he didn't like the answer. Any chance that ever happened to you? It wasn't about anything trivial either, eternal life and the most important commandment were the subject matter. In the middle of a conversation between Jesus and his disciples, **an expert in the law stood up to test Him, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"**

"What is written in the law?" He asked him. "How do you read it?"

He answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.

"You've answered correctly," he told him. "Do this and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:25-29 (HCSB).

Jesus knew that this Old Testament lawyer knew the answer down to chapter and verse, specifically Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. He let the lawyer, who was trying to trip Him up, answer his own question. Amazing how quickly Jesus reversed the roles; the hubris of trying to outsmart God will trip us up.

Even though the lawyer's motives were lousy, and his attitude was adversarial, Jesus acknowledged that his answer was spot on. He should've left good enough alone, but somehow, he felt the need to justify himself regarding loving your neighbor. Did he feel an immediate pinch of guilt for failing to keep this commandment? Did the stares of the bystanders, who were all too aware of the rampant hypocrisy of their leaders, birth the need for this self-justification?

He tried to get back on his home turf, to make it a theoretical, categorizing the law kind of discussion. You guessed it, Jesus didn't let him. Instead, he told him what may be the most widely known story of the Bible, the story of the Good Samaritan, **"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw the man, he had compassion. He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. When I come back, I'll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend.'** **"Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" "The one who showed mercy to him," he said. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do the same"** Luke 10:30-37 (HCSB).

Loving, whether it is God or your neighbor, is never just theoretical. Knowing the command to love and keeping it are two different things. By wanting to know who he could pass by, who he was free not love, he placed himself in the camp of the priest and Levite, which, ironically, was the group he belonged to in real life. Highlighting the goodness, neighborliness, and law-keeping of the Samaritan, Jesus expanded the loving your neighbor scripture found in Leviticus which focuses on loving your fellow countrymen, "your people," to including "those people," all people.

According to Jesus, if this lawyer wanted to really keep the commandment of loving your neighbor, he shouldn't have asked who he could bypass and instead answered the very personal question of, "Am I being a loving neighbor?" Not just to "my people," but to anyone God puts in my path. If we ask the lawyer's question, we will have no problem keeping our distance even while we quote chapter and verse of the command to love our neighbor. But, if we learn to continually ask ourselves what Jesus wants us to ask, "Am I being a loving neighbor?" then we might actually put our heart, hands, feet, and resources into what is most important to God, to our neighbor, and in life.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

NAMB - Isaac & Ende Woodward, Church Planters from The Church in Michoud, New Orleans (pray they make disciples who make disciples), the King Family (Rimma's mother passed), Richard Mayes (Mabel Passed), Bill, Shirley & Family, Gabi (Knee Surgery), Greg Demauro (cancer), Loren (Adiction), Billy (Challenges), Henry (Back Pain), Judy Mahar's grandson Army Natl Guard serving in Jordan, And VBS 2024

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing,
Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez,
Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula,
Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 & Prayer Request e-mail to: **Judy Mahar**
ldpbcpayer@gmail.com

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor . Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,
Sue Kluding, Gabi Cox, Chuck Arndt,
Sue Hankemeier, Barb Deibler

Ministry Opportunity

Our children's department is seeking help for our Wednesday night class to assist the teacher. No teaching or prep is required - just show up to help as needed.

For more information, contact Susie Frei

(phone: 209-247-9234) or skfrei@gmail.com).

Where are you uniquely wired to serve??

- Multimedia
- Music
- Prayer Team
- Facility & Grounds
 - Youth
 - Kitchen
 - Food
 - Missions

Let us know. There's a place for you

February Announcements

Sermon Notes:

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Women's Morning Bible Study— Wed. @ 10:00 AM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.

Communion Sunday February 25th

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided
By - "Dan's Class"

Thank you

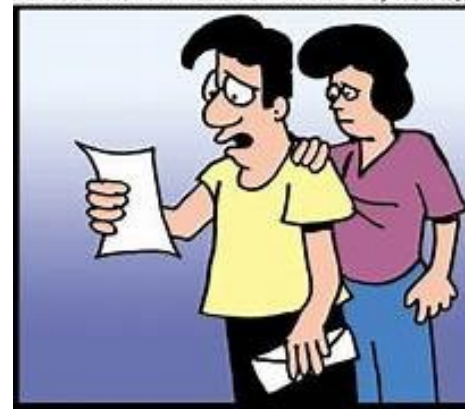
Next week Beverly's Class & The Youth are up!!



It's Windy

A Bit of
Humor
Corner

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

Giving

February 4, 2024

Offering:
\$5,708.00

Food Basket:
\$140.00

Facilities:
\$250.00

Books & Material:
\$5.00

Attendance:
86

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM
Grief Share - On Hiatus

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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Acts 4:12

Sunday Services 10:30am & 6:00pm

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February 12th - February 18th

DAY 1 - Ex. 11-12
(Ps. 12)

DAY 2 - Ex. 13-14
(Ps. 13)

DAY 3 - Ex. 15-16
(Ps. 14)

DAY 4 - Ex. 17-18
(Ps. 15)

DAY 5 - Ex. 19-20
(Ps. 16)

DAY 6 - (Ps. 17)
DAY 7 - (Ps. 18)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.