



March 10, 2024

Pastor Note:

Have you ever gotten lost? Totally turned around? I'm not talking geographically but lost in life. The Corinthian Christians had gotten themselves very lost. Sounds like an oxymoron since becoming Christian involves being found and saved. They weren't lost regarding the salvation of their souls, but they for sure had lost their way when it came to living the Christian life.

What they had lost sight of the most was the supreme importance of loving one another as Christ loved them. They were Christians but behaved like the non-Christian world, and in some instances worse than unbelievers. They got lost in factiousness, immorality, greed, chasing the miraculous, pride, and more. They got so lost in living the Christian life that Jesus' new command, **"Love one another, even as I have loved you, you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another"** John 13:34-35), was good for the fancy sign over their church doors but found no application in everyday life.

When God commands us to do something, it implies that we can count on His support and that we are capable of carrying out that command. If James had stopped by, he would have said, **"Remember, if you keep the royal law prescribed in the Scripture, Love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well,"** and, **"It is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it"** (James 2:8 & 4:17 (NLT2, italics mine). Paul on the other hand told them what they specifically needed to focus on if they were going to keep God's commands of loving their neighbor and each other like Christ loved them, **"Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited, does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrongs. Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things,**

**hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends"**  
1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (HCSB).

Did you notice that for the Corinthians, and you and me, to unleash our God-given capacity to love requires us to consistently practice some things, like being patient with and kind to others, and we need to reign in other things, like envy, conceit, and keeping score? Unleashing the love of God requires obedience, you can be kind even when you don't feel like it, but it also requires obedience of restraint, of not doing certain things even if you feel like or think you are justified doing them. How much of your God-given ability to love others is being realized? How much of it is being squelched because you are lost in Christless attitudes, thinking, desires, and practices?

Take your Bible and go find a mirror to stand in front of. Then look up 1 Corinthians 13. Once you have found it, slowly read it to that person looking at you and pray that he or she will have ears to hear. Then ask yourself who you are not patient with, not kind to, not ..., that will get you started on where more and what of your love capacity needs to be unleashed. Then check on things you are not reigning in, like envy, conceit, selfishness, ..., that will get you started on dealing with specific attitudes and behaviors that continually sabotage, constrict, and hinder your capacity to love.

If there is one thing we want to get right as followers of Jesus, Christians, and as a church, loving like Jesus commanded us is it. Can I hear an "AMEN!" Now give that "AMEN!" some real-life, real-love meaning, because you can, because God delights in it, and because others will be blessed by it.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



# Lord Hear Our Prayers

## PRAYER REQUEST

NAMB - Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Richard Mayes & Family, Cecil (healing), 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**  
[ldpbepayer@gmail.com](mailto:ldpbepayer@gmail.com)

## Church Board Members:

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

## Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church

# EASTER



- **Good Friday Communion**  
Friday, March 29th, 7:00 P.M.  
*@ Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church*
- **Sunrise Service**  
Easter Sunday, March 31st, 6:30 A.M.  
*Blue Oaks Campground, Lake Don Pedro*
- **Easter Worship Celebration**  
Easter Sunday, March 31st,  
10:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. @  
*Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church*

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# March Announcements

## 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.
- Church Board Meeting - Tomorrow, March 11th**

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

**Thank you**

*Next week Beverly's Class & youth are up!!*



SPRING IS N THE AIR

A Bit of  
Humor  
Corner



**Giving**

*March 3, 2024*

**Offering:**  
\$4,293.00

**Food Basket:**  
\$75.00

**Books & Material:**  
\$30.00

**Annie Armstrong:**  
\$98.00

**Facilities:**  
\$325.00

**Attendance:**  
91

**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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**Sunday Services** 10:30am & 6:00pm  
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**March 11th - March 17th**

DAY 1 - Lev. 11-12  
(Prov. 11)

DAY 2 - Lev. 13-14  
(Prov. 12)

DAY 3 - Lev. 15-16  
(Prov. 13)

DAY 4 - Lev. 17-18  
(Prov. 14)

DAY 5 - Lev. 19-20  
(Prov. 15)

DAY 6 - (Prov. 16)  
DAY 7 - (Prov. 17)

**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.**