

As we continue our series on "Jesus' Words For The World" we continue to ask what Jesus' commands are that He told us to teach to others, we will spend the next 5 weeks addressing His command to love. At the same time we will continue to structure each Sunday's emphasis upon prayer according to the ACTS acrostic:

Adoration
Confession
Thanksgiving
Supplication

Today, we return to John 14:15-31 to talk about the love between the Father, The Son and the Spirit and the desire of the three to include us in their circle of love.

15 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[c] in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me.Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

23 Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

28 "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. 30 I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, 31 but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.



Welcome!

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To make Christ known through acts of loving service.

We hope you have been encouraged in your daily walk with Christ today. If this is your first time with us please complete an attendance card and place it in the collection plate. While we will respect your privacy, our prayer is that this will be a first step towards a relationship that will lift up Christ as we strive together to follow Him.

January 22, 2017

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Adoration Medley and Prayer
(577, 123, 15)

Confession Medley and Prayer
(683, 332, 364)

Lord's Supper

Thanksgiving Song and Prayer
(1015)

Contribution

Love for All!
(828)

Prayer of Supplication

Services Sunday

Worship 10:00 am
Sunday School 11:15 am
Caretel Service: 10:00 am
Willows Service: 11:00 am
Evening Bible Study 5:00 pm

Tuesday Ladies Class 9 am
Friday Men's Breakfast 6:45 am

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Upcoming Events

Potluck Communication Meetings –
January 22nd, February 19th, March 19th

WEEKLY SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

- Sunday Evening Bible Study, 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Ladies' Bible Class, Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Men's Breakfast, Fridays at 6:45-7:45 am at @ Joe's Cafe

Prayer Requests

Barb Conkin, Vanessa Matthews, Ken Weatherford, Dewayne and Debra Shannon.

- Maggie James was recently at the ER with ear problems. Also, the entire James family has been under a lot of stress lately
- Reggie Leedy will have surgery on January 30th for her carotid artery
- Clyde and Faye Daniel have headed down to Alabama for the next 6 weeks

Announcements

- **CONGREGATIONAL POT LUCK & COMMUNICATION MEETING** – Today after services, we will have a congregational pot luck in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service. This planning meeting over a meal will be a time to chart our course for 2017. Several options will be presented and new ideas will be encouraged.
- **5th SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE –POSTPONED:** It is our turn to host the next fifth Sunday service with our brothers and sisters at the East Main Street Church of Christ. However, because of the risk of poor weather conditions this time of year we will not meet together this month. Lord willing we will come together on the next 5th Sunday in April (30th).
- As we begin the new year there are some very important dates for which you will want to place on your calendar. The purpose of today's pot luck and communication meeting is to explain the process ahead and to ask everyone to begin a season of prayer and fasting.

Pot Luck Communication Meetings

- January 22
- February 19
- March 19

Celebrate!

Birthdays

1/23 Drew Franks
1/30 Dewayne Shannon

Anniversaries

2/11 Patty Vargo

Attendance & Giving

January 15, 2017

Worship Attendance: N/A

Contribution: \$3,547.00

Weekly Budget: \$1,804.00