

The Cross and Compassion

(Colossians 3:12-17)

Let's talk about doctrine for just a minute. Remember Jesus said, "They will know you are my disciples by your understanding of the Bible, your correct way to interpret Scripture, getting right the way you worship, by your morality and example, and by the way you attend church and let everyone know about it." I can't quote all those verses but they must be in there somewhere. Of course I can't find the Biblical mandate for these things because they are not there – at least the way many understand things. What Jesus is quoted as saying is, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35).

We claim to follow one who was God, who came to earth to live among us. He was rejected by the world – even most of his closest friends left him at the end. It is said of Jesus in Matthew 9:35-36, "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Compassion has been called "the heaviest virtue." It is one of the truths that must be expressed in a Christian's life for all to see, or, I believe, one cannot truly say that they are following the way of the cross. Compassion is focused on others rather than self. When compassion is present, much of what we selfishly chase falls aside as secondary or even chattel. As Paul said in Philippians 3:7-8, "But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ."

The idea of compassion in the New Testament has to do with the seat of emotion – even connected with anger (at an injustice done to another). It is used of Jesus in John 11:33, 38 at the tomb of his friend Lazarus. Compassion is no doubt one of the motivations behind Jesus walking all the way to the cross and through death for us. And he calls us to demonstrate this same depth of feeling for all people.

Too often, "doctrine" and "ethics" are separated – and it is fatal to faith. In the Bible they are seamless, and so they should be in our lives as Christians. If we are to be a people shaped by the cross of Christ we must be known for our compassion for others.

We will talk this morning about compassion. According to Leonard Allen in his book, *The Cruciform Church*, it involves three parts.

1. It begins with understanding.
2. It must deepen into a willingness to bear the burden that such understanding brings.
3. Compassion finally involves identification with the sufferings of another.

May we become a cross-shaped people, full of the compassion demonstrated for us on the cross.

WELCOME GUEST

We are glad you've joined us for worship today!

Please fill out the information sheet found in the maroon binder at the end of your pew.

*An attended **nursery** is provided during worship assembly as well as a **Children's Church for ages 4 years thru 3rd grade** which dismisses after Communion.

***Communion**—We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord every Sunday ("first day of the week") through a time of communion known as the Lord's Supper. The "unleavened bread" represents His body and the "fruit of the vine" (cup of grape juice) represents His blood shed on the cross. As our guest, you are welcome to participate, though you are not required to do so.

***Giving**—We are challenged to be good stewards of God's blessings by supporting the various ministries of the church through a weekly collection that is taken during our worship time. You are welcome to give, but please do not feel as though you must.

JUST 4 YOUTH!

- ⇒ **TONIGHT:** Meet at the city park from 5:00—7:00 pm. Bring \$3 for food.
- ⇒ **Wednesday:** We will eat before class at 5:30 pm. Bring \$3 and a friend!
- ⇒ November 7—9 - Celebration Retreat—**SIGN UP and PAY \$70 BY OCTOBER 5th.**
\$10 discount if you are committed and paid by October 1st!

Connecting Forever Families October 13, 6—7:30 pm

Connecting those effected by adoption to open doors to build relationships of support, understanding, & strength that will last a lifetime.

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month.



Worship Order

Order of Worship

For Today

Sunday, September 28, 2014

Worship Leader: Randy Travis

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

#846 God Of Grace And God Of Glory

Congregational Reading: 1 Peter 3:5-8

Prayer: Bryce Kittinger

#725 Let Us Break Bread Together

Lord's Supper

Roger Matheny Jon Stubblefield

Jeremy Duggin Tim Ashby

Buster Almon Daniel Davis

Presiding: Jon Stubblefield

#705 A Common Love

Contribution

Dismiss for Children's Church—Fellowship Room

Amazing Love

Scripture Reading: Jon Stubblefield; Colossians 3:12-17

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

Prayer: Roger Dillingham

Before The Throne Of God Above

Benediction

ALTERNATES:

Please meet
in case you are needed
to serve as a substitution for
the Lord's Supper

September:

Larry Stone

Larry Keith

October:

Pete Shoulders

Darin Swaidner

Prepare communion:

September—Teel

October—Danny & Gayle Lutz

For The Record:

Last Sunday

Bible Class: 90

Worship: 158

Contribution: \$5,004.00

Wednesday: 92

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 28, 2014

Monitor: Terry Goodale

Nursery: Kenna Teel

Children's Church—David & Alyssa Stubblefield

Sound Booth—Tim Teel

Sunday, October 5, 2014

Worship Leader: Randy Travis

Call to Worship: Roger Matheny

Prayer: Quincy Stephenson

Prayer: Wayne Adams

Scripture Reading: Brock Shoulders

Monitor: Ronny Stubblefield

Nursery: Betty Rust

Serving the Lord's Table

Barry Webb Byron Pruitt

Steve Stoltz Larry Stone

Tim Scott Kivil Brown

Presiding: Barry Webb

Children's Church—Wendy Coleman

Sound Booth—Tim Teel

ANNOUNCEMENTS







Magi Project THANK YOU to everyone who brought in boxes! Marvin and the children will be so grateful for all you've done!!

NEW Fourth Quarter Adult Bible Classes:

Beginning this Wednesday: **Singing Class** will resume in the auditorium; **Ladies class** continues in room 103; **NEW in Room 104: Islam, the Quran & Christianity:** The primary purpose of this class is to examine Islam's origin, the Quran's claims of supernatural origin, and how this religion compares to Christianity and the Bible. We will be using a video series lead by Dave Miller PhD who is a graduate of Lubbock Christian University. He also holds degrees from Harding School of Theology, Texas Tech University and Southern Illinois University. The class will be facilitated by Tim Teel.

Beginning next Sunday: **Ronny Stubblefield** will teach in the auditorium;
Elizabeth Webb will lead ladies in the DVD/book study Organic God in room 103.

- **WKYC Golf Scramble**, October 11 at 9:00 am at Deer Lakes in Salem. See the registration information on the bulletin board to support WKYC. If you own a business and are interested in a sponsorship, see that information in the office.
- **The next Ministry Meeting will be October 6th at 7 pm.** If you have an item you would like to discuss, please let Krista know. The items will be listed in the bulletin in order to encourage more members to come to the meeting and participate in the discussion.
- The **Encouragement Group** will meet tonight at the building.
- **David & Alyssa Stubblefield** have a new address: 109 Audubon Loop, Madisonville. Update your directory!

 <p>COAT DRIVE</p> <p>There will be a coat give-away on October 4th from 9 am to 12 pm. Please bring in your coats to room 107!</p>	 <p>October 29 5:30-7:30 Please donate candy for the Trunk-or-Treat in the box in Bryce's office!</p>
 <p>Bring in non-perishable food items for holiday baskets! Place those items in room 107 also.</p>	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>October 4—9am—12 pm—Coat Give-Away October 6—7 pm—Ministry Meeting October 13 — 6—7:30 pm—Connecting Forever Families October 14—6:30-7:30 pm— The Coupon Swap October 29—5:30—7:30—Trunk—or—Treat November 7-9—Celebration Teen Retreat</p> 
<p>Tuesday, October 14 6:30—7:30 pm</p> 	
<p>September 28—Danielle Almon September 29—Jenni Bartley October 4—Wyatt Coleman</p> 	

When we meet:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sunday P.M.

At the building 6 P.M.

Small Groups Sept—May: various times;
contact Randy Travis 270-322-9778

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

Contact Us:

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Love. Grow. Serve.

Grapevine Elementary Weekend Backpack Program

This program distributes around 50 backpacks full of weekend food to children who would not otherwise have food. Please continue to bring in your items!

A list of suggested items is on the table in the foyer for your

reference. **Main meal items are most needed!**



Brittney Shoulders, Eric Curry's niece, age 21, was in a car accident and is now paralyzed.

Melissa & Johnathon Walker are experiencing health problems.

Cancer & Terminal Illness:

Lawrence Barger, cancer
Jeff Porter, cancer
Tommy McCormick, cancer
Scott Wallace, cancer
Terry Rakestraw, cancer
Luke Willis, 14 year old with leukemia
Nikki Adcock, bone cancer
Sandra Richardson, bone cancer
Austin Thompson, 16 yrs old,
Lori Corley, cancer
Sheri Wyatt, cancer
Charlene Williams, cancer
Sherri Mitchell, ovarian cancer
Fred Johnson, cancer
Mary Hammers, Sarah Scott's sister, cancer
Todd Walker, ALS
Dr. Terry Cunningham, cancer
Rita Frazier, lung cancer
Louis Stanley's sister, Genevieve Heltsley
Michael Skultety, cancer
Eunice Randolph, lung cancer
Aaron Reding, late stage ALS
Harry Gregory, terminal illness

Shut-Ins & Elderly:

John Cunningham
Lois Bowling
Bill Scott
Elizabeth Powell; Phyllis' mother
Wilma Eagle
Lee Townsend
Junie Peterson
Jewell Mooney
Ewing Stubblefield
Edna Pruitt
Sara Riadon, Lea & Judy's mother
Malcolm & Anna Etta Brown

Military:

Ryan Hill—Korea
BJ Perkins—Afghanistan
Christopher Goodale—Naval Academy
Pompea Adams—National Guard
Jeff Wade—Italy

Expecting Parents:

Titus & Ashley Scott
Jeremy & Melissa Walker
Zach & Karen Pressley

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Byron Pruitt
Dan Rust
James Rust
Ronny Stubblefield

Ministries

Benevolence-Dan Rust
Youth-Bryce Kittinger
Small Groups-Randy Travis

Foreign Missions-Roger Matheny
Website-Bryce Kittinger
West KY Youth Camp-
Ronny Stubblefield

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