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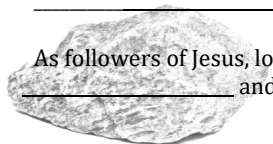
There are any number of commands Jesus could have chosen as the distinguishing mark for His followers, but Jesus chose love: *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples if you love one another.”* (John 13:34-35) This command, given by Jesus to the disciples 2,000 years ago, is no less important or needed today than it was back then.

The world Jesus stepped into was as divided then as it is now: Jews, Gentiles, Samaritans, Pharisees, Sadducees, Romans, Greeks, slave, free, female, male, rich, poor, sick, well, haves and have-nots. Anger, suspicion, self-preservation, entitlement, fear, hatred, prejudice, ridicule, bullying, oppression, need, desire, and agendas were as common in the 1st Century as they are in the 21st Century. So as Jesus instructed His followers in how to live, God gave us one command: *“And this is His command: to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us.”* (1 Jn 3:23). What people need to see in the life of His followers and in the life of His church is an absolute belief in Jesus and a genuine, authentic love that is freely given.

It’s not easy to love people in a world like ours. It’s not easy to love people who are angry. It’s not easy to love people who are determined to push and force their personal agendas. It’s not easy to love people who don’t appear to care about anyone who shares a different perspective, different values, or different beliefs. It’s not easy, but that is how God has loved us; it’s how God loves us. This is the world that *“God so loved that He gave His one and only Son.”* This is the world in which *“God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* (Romans 5:8). If this is how God so loved the world, shouldn’t we?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 describes love, not as a _____, but an _____.

- 1 Corinthians often carries the deepest meaning and greatest impact when loving those we see as _____ people.
- John 5:1-18 - A _____ and a _____.
- Jesus _____ them and so should we.
- Love is _____.
- Jesus saw them as _____, not as _____.
- As followers of Jesus, loving difficult people is now part of our _____ and _____.



Bereavement Support Ministry



Thursday | 7pm
Fireside Room



BEGINS 1/8

SNY

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Sunday Nights | 6:00-8:00

Invite:

- * family
- * friends
- * neighbors

WINTER

CARNIVALE

01.27.2023 | 6-8:30pm

Donate: *(More info at Connecting Point)*

- * individually wrapped candy
- * cookies/desserts



Volunteer:

- * sign up in the Atrium
- * sign up in the app or online



THIS WEEK AT BCGGANDERSON

TODAY, January 8

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
 Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
 Sunday School
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth (7th-12th)

MONDAY, January 9

- 5:30 a.m. Rev Boot Camp

TUESDAY, January 10

- 10:00 a.m. Miriam Circle
- 3:30 p.m. A Heart for Kids
- 6:00 p.m. Rev Fit Class
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Missions Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 11

- 5:30 a.m. Rev Boot Camp
- 6:30 p.m. Anderson Christian Marial Arts (8 yrs & up)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

THURSDAY, January 12

- 3:30 p.m. A Heart for Kids
- 6:00 p.m. Rev Fit Class
- 7:00 p.m. Bereavement Support Ministry

FRIDAY, January 13

- 5:30 a.m. Rev Boot Camp

SATURDAY, January 14

SUNDAY, January 15

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
 Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
 Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Training
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth (7th-12th)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bereavement Support Ministry** will be this Thursday, December 8, in the Fireside Room. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Gary McManus, Daleville Christian Church. Please enter through the North Entrance, Door #7.
- **Memorial Christmas Tree** will stay in the Atrium until Sunday, January 15. Feel free to take home your ornaments at any time.
- **2023 Offering Envelopes** are available for pickup in the Atrium. Envelopes are arranged alphabetically by last name, so please stop by the table to see if a box is waiting for you. If you would like envelopes or need to update your mailing address, please contact the church office. **Just a reminder,** your gifts may also be made by automatic bank draft, through our website, or by the BCCAnderson mobile app.
- **Winter Carnivale** will be Friday, January 27, from 6-8:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and coworkers to a fun, free, family event. We need your help to make this event a success! Please sign up at Connecting Point, on the website, or by the BCCAnderson mobile app to volunteer to help make this a great event.
- **Weather Alerts:** When inclement weather hits, church campus-wide closures will be listed at these sources: BCC App, www.facebook.com/BCCAnderson, Channel 6-WRTV, Channel 8-WISH, Channel 13-WTHR, and Channel 59-FOX.

<u>Income Summary</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Offerings	\$103,199.00	\$840,111.00
Budgeted Income	<u>\$66,692.00</u>	<u>\$867,000.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget	\$36,507.00	-\$26,889.00

*YTD Expenses were under budget by \$30,555.



If you are new to Bethany, have a prayer request to share, recently changed contact information, have questions about Jesus, volunteering, or more—***we want to connect with you!*** Simply open your smart phone's camera app and point it here or navigate to www.bccanderson.org/connect