

Weekly Services

Sunday	Bible Class	10:00am
	Worship	11:00am
Mid-Week Study	@ the Building	6:30pm

Happening Soon

Online Contribution - Troy C of C has set up an online contribution site, please see Duane for details

Do Unto Others...Closet
Saturday, March 27th
9:00 - 12:00 am @ the Building

Please note there will be new procedures in place.

Our endeavor to open the Do Unto Others...Closet has already made an impact on our community. Every month we have increased our numbers and met new folks from the community, that are in need. To continue though, we need to consider ways to restock our shelves. Donations are always welcome, and we appreciate all our members and visitors that are able to help.

Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide to urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.
Titus 3:14



Welcome
March 14, 2021

Today's Service:

Sermon: Duane Cefalu
Songs: Duane Cefalu
Communion: Duane Cefalu

Inspiration:

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalms 19:14

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And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

Dan Farrington is recovering at home, please continue to pray for his full recovery.

Lia Farrington, while she cares for Dan during his recovery.

The increased cases of Covid-19 and the vaccine roll out.

Mary Gilman, a friend of Lia Farrington's is undergoing cancer treatments

The continued growth of our Do Unto Others...Closet

Visit our website for a complete list of prayer requests.

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Loving Those with Whom We Disagree

We must love those with whom we disagree. Jesus set the example when, from the cross, He prayed for His tormentors, saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Lk. 23:34). His life and ministry were characterized by both compassion and conflict. But, in His love for people, Jesus never sacrificed truth. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught us to love even our enemies (Mt. 5:44).

Such love does not mean we will ignore sin or water down the truth. Scripture directs us to "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints" (Jude 3). Salvation depends on doing the will of the Father (Mt. 7:21). Paul exhorted Timothy, saying, "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you" (1 Tim. 4:16).

The same apostle who wrote so much about unity in the body of Christ (Eph. 4:1-6; Col. 3:12-14; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Heb. 13:1) also withstood Peter to his face when he and Barnabas got caught up in hypocrisy because they were afraid of Judaizing teachers (Gal. 2:11-14).

On the other hand, Paul and Barnabas had a sharp disagreement about whether or not to take John Mark along with them on their second missionary journey (Acts 15:36-41). Although they agreed to disagree and parted company, there is no indication of ongoing bitterness or an unforgiving spirit (Col. 4:10; Phile. 24; 2 Tim. 4:11).

We must not mistake confrontation of sin with an unloving disposition. In the body of Christ, we are to "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15). There is no excuse for bitter, caustic language in dealing with sin and error. However, ignoring sin in a cloak of counterfeit love does not cover our responsibility nor is it truthful or loving. In most instances, confronting sin in a brother or sister in Christ can be done gently after introspection (Gal. 6:1). Other times, genuine love for God, the truth, and the body of Christ leads us to act decisively. Because of the leavening influence of sin in the body and because false teaching can spread like gangrene; sin and error must be quickly exposed to the light of truth (1 Cor. 5:6; 2 Tim. 2:17; Eph. 5:11-12). Loving those with whom we disagree involves standing for the truth in matters of faith and practicing forbearance in matters of opinion.

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