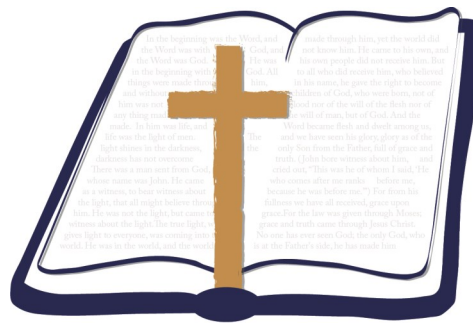


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Sun, May 5th

8:30 am - WMU Breakfast
 12:00 pm - Deacons Meeting
 3:00 pm - Visitation (Weekly)

Wed, May 8th

6:00 pm - Business Meeting

Sun, May 12th

11:00 am - Recognition of Mothers
 No Evening Services

Wed, May 15th

6:00 pm - Children's Choirs Concert

Thurs, May 16th

SonShiners (TBD)

Sun, May 19th

9:15 am - Sunday School Teachers Meeting
 11:00 am - Graduate Recognition

Sun, May 26th

11:00 am - Lord's Supper



Church Family,

We have talked a lot about striving to be the body of Christ that scripture calls us to be. One way in particular that we can strive to do this is by being attentive to what scripture tells us to do in relation to "one another." The next several newsletters will look at some of the "one another" commands in the New Testament.

Love One Another – Jn 13.34-35

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This command is perhaps the most foundational and most summative of the "one another" commands. It is repeated at least 17 times in the New Testament. So about one third of the one another commands are: LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Our fulfilment of this command will be an indication to both believers (1 Jn 4.7-8) and all the world (Jn 13.35) that we know God and belong to Christ.

The Bible not only tells us to do this, but how to do it. "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." 1 John 4:10-11 elaborates further "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

"One another commands" are a response to the Gospel. Christ died to reconcile us to God, now we are reconciled to one another. So we need to love the body of Christ. And we must do it the way Christ loved. We must love unconditionally—not asking the other person to get their life together before you love them. We must love sacrificially—being willing to lay everything down for the other person's sake.

Look around Westmont. Are you loving each believer in this body unconditionally and sacrificially? How can you put this into practice in an ever-increasing way this month? (1 Thess 3:12). Who do you specifically need to seek out in order to show Christ-like love?

In Christ,
 Pastor Landon



- 1 Lindsey Byrd
- Carrie Terpo
- 8 Julie Brown
- 13 Lisa Watkins
- 18 Caleb Brown
(Missionary)

Now faith, hope, and love remain — these three things — and the greatest of these is love.
 1 Corinthians 13:13

Budget Report (through April 28, 2024)	
<u>Receipts</u>	Month - \$16,338.17 YTD - \$62,571.29
<u>Budget</u>	Month - \$18,496.17 YTD - \$73,984.68

