

The Spotlight

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Do People Know You are Christ's Disciple?

Every week we sing as our benediction: *"Beloved, let us love one another. For love is of God and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love. Beloved, let us love one another."* (1 John 4:7,8).

As I write this, I'm not interested if the 'world' knows you are Christ's disciple. That is, those people outside Salem Road, those who don't claim to be Christians, religious, or anything else. I want to know if we know among ourselves that we are Christ's disciples.

You may be thinking, 'What on earth does Pastor Mark mean by that?'

Simply this, "love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

Please memorize the whole chapter of

1 Corinthians 13 as soon as possible and use it as a basis of daily meditation for the rest of the year.

Once you've got it memorized and are comfortable with its words and phrasing, then personalize it by substituting your name in verses 4-8 every time the word 'love' and its pronoun is used.

For example where it says 'love is patient, love is kind;' say, 'Mark (your name) is patient, Mark (your name) is kind.'

Do this a couple of times a week until you feel as if you are truly taking on the character of a loving person.

As people who claim to be disciples of Christ, people who know God and love God, but who, if we are honest with ourselves, don't always love like God. If we are to be growing in Christ-likeness, then, if anything, it means growing in love. 1 Corinthians 13 details what that growth is to look like.

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Pastor Mark

Meet and Greet in April

It's that time again.... get ready to join your Salem Road brothers and sisters in April for the second round of "Meet & Greet"! We got off to a great start in February with wonderful participation and lots of positive feedback. Do you remember the original

"rules"? Each time around, go to a different elder's home and try to sign up with people you were not with the first time. The goal is that by the end of the year (six sessions, one every other month) you will have been to six different elder's homes and with as many of

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Women's Spring Fling Luncheon

All women are invited to this special event on April 12th from 11:00-1:00. Our guest speaker will be Vicki Tiede, a local speaker, author, and mother speaking on the topic, "*Holy Enthusiasm.*" See Vicki's web site at www.gracelessons.com. Invite your friends and neighbors. Sign up on the back table by April 6th.

Serving With a Tool - SWAT

Please join us on April 19 for our quarterly SWAT team project. We will meet at church at 8:00 a.m. to pray, and then head out to paint the exterior of a small, single story home for an elderly woman. We'll pray for a dry and sunny spring day and enjoy a wonderful time of serving together. Please sign up in the foyer if you are able to come. Call or email Deb Dewanz with any questions; 285-1747 or deb-dewanz@charter.net

Lake Beauty Events

Men's Retreat - April 11-13

Father & Son Retreat - April 25-27

Mother & Daughter Retreat - May 2-4

Camp Workday - May 10: 8:00-4:00

Summer Youth Camps

June 8-13	Senior High
July 10-12	Joyful Juniors
July 13-17	Trailblazers
July 20-25	Junior High
July 27-Aug. 1	Super High

Registration Brochures are in the hall.

Summer youth camp registrations are due March 30 to Lisa Lucas.

There will be a Yard Sale on May 2 & 3 with proceeds helping our kids get to camp. Contact Lisa Lucas if you have donations to be picked up the last week of April.



- 2 - Johan Emanuelsson
- 5 - Jim Svelmoe
- 6 - Loren Lorang
- 7 - Linda Mosbo
- 8 - Bobbi Miller
- 12 - Ron Peterson
- 12 - Sheryl Peterson
- 12 - Tom Brass
- 16 - Margaret Huebner
- 17 - Tiffany Luong
- 19 - Judy Boyum
- 24 - Paige Robinson
- 27 - Timothy Luong

April Anniversaries

- 11 - Wayne & Nan Halbmaier
- 15 - Tom & Connie Reinhart
- 30 - Doug & Alice Zerbe

Set Up

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| 6 - Gillis | Douskey |
| 13 - Hanson | Engstler |
| 20 - Heikes | Therneau |
| 27 - Riegler | Hanson |

Greeters

- 6 - Bredeson
- 13 - Halbmaier
- 20 - Edmonson
- 27 - Heikes

Ushers

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| Douskey |
| Engstler |
| Therneau |
| Hanson |
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| Iott |
| Johnson |
| Hanson |
| Driscoll |

Births

Eva Margaret born on March 25 to Peter & Liz VerHage
Grandparents: Dave & Linda Mosbo

Deaths

Connie Reinhart's father, Daren Reitmann, on March 5th

Mission News and Updates

Paul Carlson Partnership

Congo Project 2008

Hope Lights the Way

How do you get over a war and recover? Especially from a war that killed 4 million people in six years - the deadliest war on the planet since WWII. The Civil War in Congo claims more than 1000 people every day from related causes. Yet the people in northwest Congo have hope. They are cheerful and generous. They are tough and are survivors. It takes partners to recover from a war - friends who care enough and can help people turn hope into achievement. You can help by giving financially which will help with projects relating to health, poverty, and education. Just make a check out to SRCC designating PCP on the memo line and drop it in the offering any Sunday during April. Thank you for resources to empower the hope of the Congolese people.

See the brochures on the table in the hall with pictures and more details of the projects.

April Meet and Greet

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your Salem Road brethren as possible. Sign up sheets for April's events will be in the back of the sanctuary Sunday, March 30. Sign up for the date/place of your choice and enjoy both a good meal and your friends new and old. See you there!

April 6 - Lorangs

April 12 - Edmonsons

April 13 - Lewises

April 19 - Huebners

April 26 - Evingers, Dewanzes, Rieglers

New Life Family Services Update

New Life Family Services is grateful for your support and participation in the Bottles for Life Campaign. Salem Roaders gave over \$1300 to provide free pregnancy tests, counseling, free ultrasounds and the opportunity to share the gospel with women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Another way to support NLFS is by attending their *Laugh for Life* Fundraiser with comedian, Tim Hawkins on Friday, April 11 at Assembly of God Church. The program begins at 7 pm. Dinner is served at 5:30 and 6:15. Free tickets may be picked up at the New Life office or Christian Book & Gift Shop.

Heutons Join with Wycliffe

Joel and Elaine Heuton have been accepted by Wycliffe to be boarding home parents. The exact place is yet to be determined. It could be Indonesia or Papua New Guinea. They will be in Orlando for two weeks in April for training and will leave later this summer. Your prayers are appreciated as they prepare for this new adventure of service.

March Bible Quiz Results

Congratulations to all our Bible Quizzers who have worked hard memorizing God's word.

Little League Individual Placings

Grace placed 1st. Kohl placed 2nd.

Little League Team Placings

Ashton, Kohl, and Taylor's team, the *Imitators of the Lord*, placed 1st.

Grace and Faith's team, the *Phillies* placed 3rd.

Accumulative Results for the Year

Grace placed 1st. Kohl placed 2nd.

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