



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION**

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find and follow Jesus!***

**Church for people disillusioned with church, who want to make a difference!**

# True love and caring . . .

Romans 12:9-17

Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.

Bless those who hurt you. Bless them, and do not call down curses on them. Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. Agree with each other. Don't be proud. Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important. Don't think that you are better than others.

Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can.

# Agenda (see news letter)

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INTRODUCTORY/ OPENING PRAYER	5 min
Gathering / Communicating Community needs	10 min
Gathering prayer needs	5 min
Prayer for community and praying for needs	15 min
Short Message/ Discussion /Helpful thoughts to remember from the bible	30 min
Gathering of the monetary contributions for the community work (tithes)	5 min
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See website

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# PRAYER ITEMS

James has a tumour. Lets pray for wisdom for the doctors, compassion for those around him and that he would connect with God deeply in some way so that he will have courage to face this difficulty.	Patricia(85) who's husband with hip replacement, cannot walk is having heart trouble. (Bay lake). He needs live in care giver.
Janis: Activity and home environment. To have improvement.	Remaining loads of wood.
Janis and Courtney going to Alberta and needing work. Courtney request: <i>I need prayer to help us find a house and to help us with a little situation. Jordan's fiances mom is really mad that we left without telling her where we are going she is trying take away her one son she is also threatening to harm us if we don't get her computer out of the pawn shop (she put it in there) we really need prayer on this situation because she is now on a hunt to find us</i>	Ira mini stroke seems to be recovering but he still need movement in one finger to work.
<i>Israel: Request to sponsor a baby 6 days old. Heart surgery help. The family.</i>	



# Sort message/ discussion

**Let's leave simple teachings and move on!**  
**(An answer to boredom with life)**

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**Without continual  
growth and progress,  
such words as  
improvement,  
achievement,  
and success  
have no meaning.  
- *Benjamin Franklin***

**Every feel you have reached a humdrum state in life?**

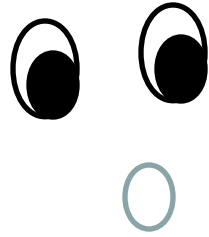


**The same things done in similar ways seem to trundle us through our lives daily. That spark that originally ignited enthusiasm and vision has become a weak glimmer that barely enthruses us to reach for our morning coffee!**

***It happens!***

**Life goes through times where we sit in doldrums and seem to make no headway!**

To move  
we need  
wind in our  
sails  
and to get  
that we  
have to  
appeal to  
the power  
of the God  
of the  
universe.



As usual, if we turn to God's word he has some good advice. Listen to these words...

**So let us leave the simple teachings about Christ. Let us grow up as believers. Let us not start all over again with the basic teachings. They taught us that we need to turn away from doing things that lead to death.**

**They taught us that we must have faith in God.  
They taught us about different kinds of baptism.  
They taught us about placing hands on people.  
They taught us that people will rise from the dead.  
They taught us that God will judge everyone.  
.And they taught us that what he decides will last forever. (Hebrews 6 NIRV)**

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**this**

so Secondly, **have faith in God**. Paul  
considers this basic, but how  
many people find this one of the  
most difficult things to do?

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**about baptism**. Have we been  
baptised? Another basic!



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Fourthly, **the placing of hands on people for spiritual effect**. How many people today even consider this true, never mind how uncomfortable we feel when physically touched, simply because of the social phobias that our world has instilled in our lives. Where is the normal appreciation of another's touch and love.

Healthy touching! Caring touching!  
Spiritual touching! This to Paul is a basic need of a  
Christian(and everyone)!

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**We need to understand people rise from**  
**the dead and believe this**. A basic  
understanding of a Christian. Do we have  
difficulty believing people rise from the dead,  
that we will, that Jesus did? If so we haven't  
yet mastered the basics.

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**These are  
the BASICS  
folk!**

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If our lives seem humdrum or boring or lacking vitality, **let's start by getting the basics right.**

Then, if we again get to a humdrum, boring existence (which I really doubt) then we can move on to the next step.

Most of us have not yet fully explored and assimilated the basics!

**However if we want more there is plenty more!**

Our confidence is on Paul' encouraging word that follows...

God is fair. He will not forget what you have done.

He will remember the love you have shown him. You showed it when you helped his people. And you show it when you keep on helping them.

We want each of you to be faithful to the very end.

We want you to be sure of what you hope for.

We don't want you to slow down. Instead, be like those who have faith and are patient. They will receive what God promised.

**Life is full of opportunities for us to step into love  
and caring,  
when we march in step with those who want to make  
a difference, who want to fully love God and others!**

If we feel humdrum, perhaps we are being *self focused*,  
instead of having *God's focus* on loving others.

**Today I want the wind of Holy Spirit in my sails  
pushing me into turbulent but exciting life paths.**

**What about you?**

**Need a challenge?**

## **Benjamin Franklin tried to cultivate his character by a plan of 13 virtues, which he developed at age 20**

1. "**Temperance.** Eat not to dullness; drink not to elevation."
2. "**Silence.** Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation."
3. "**Order.** Let all your things have their places; let each part of your business have its time."
4. "**Resolution.** Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve."
5. "**Frugality.** Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; i.e., waste nothing."
6. "**Industry.** Lose no time; be always employ'd in something useful; cut off all unnecessary actions."
7. "**Sincerity.** Use no hurtful deceit; think innocently and justly, and, if you speak, speak accordingly."
8. "**Justice.** Wrong none by doing injuries, or omitting the benefits that are your duty."
9. "**Moderation.** Avoid extremes; forbear resenting injuries so much as you think they deserve."
10. "**Cleanliness.** Tolerate no uncleanness in body, cloaths, or habitation."
11. "**Tranquility.** Be not disturbed at trifles, or at accidents common or unavoidable."
12. "**Chastity.** Rarely use venery but for health or offspring, never to dullness, weakness, or the injury of your own or another's peace or reputation."
13. "**Humility.** Imitate Jesus and Socrates."

**What is your list...**



# **Try getting the basics right!**

- Turn away from things that drag us down...
- Have faith in God...
- Get baptised and teach others about it...
- Place hands on others for spiritual effect...
- Truly understand and explain that people rise from the dead...
- Understand God's judgement...

**Are we doing this?**

**If not, we should be!**

**It's biblical!**

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# Judas Purses

- Taylor \$350 in purse
  - Wood \$1200, \$850 (not \$600), paid 9 cords delivered (15Oct) , 11 cords outstanding,
- Kathleen \$172 in purse
  - Missions \$172
- Shinara \$172 in purse
  - Community \$172
- Morry \$892 in purse
  - Stairs Well and additional wood fun

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