

Maple Spring

Water Cup



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Then he said to his
disciples, "The harvest
is plentiful but the
workers are few. Ask
the Lord of the
harvest, therefore, to
send out workers into
his harvest field."

MATTHEW 9:37-38

Our monthly newsletter, *Water Cup*, is distributed gratis to members and friends of the congregation to encourage vital Christian living and to promote participation in the life and work of the Church.

We hope you find this issue of the *Water Cup* informative and helpful. We welcome your contributions and comments.

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and Dew Drops announcements
to the office by 11 a.m. on Thursdays.*

**WATER CUP DEADLINE
for the November 2022 issue
is October 15, 2022.**



MISSION STATEMENT

The living water of Christ wells up within us and overflows! It is our mission to be obedient to Christ by living in unity with one another, by discipling one another through the Holy Spirit, and by reaching out to our neighbors.

PRAYER PARTNERS THIS MONTH

Nancy Gindlesperger	and Pat Koba
Bill Watkins	and Karen Nagyvathy
Sandy Watkins	and Marlin Ott
Jordan Shroyer	and Deanna Fisher
Elsie Michael	and Sally Kaufman
Connie Martin	and Arbutus Blough



...Pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. ~ James 5:16b



The **Rummel Church of the Brethren**, Windber, PA is our prayer partner church for the year 2022.



ONE CALL/PRAYER CHAIN

There has been a change in the posting of prayer requests through our One Call system. Please make all prayer requests to Arbutus Blough.



Sunday – 10/2

World Communion Sunday

Special Council Meeting, immediately following Worship Service. All members are encouraged to attend.

Deacons Meeting, directly after the Special Council Meeting. Covered Dish Meal and Set-up for Love Feast & Communion.

7:00 pm: Love Feast and Communion

Upcoming Events

Tue., 10/11, 7:00 pm: Deacons Quarterly Meeting.

Sat., 10/15, 9:00 am: District Conference, at Camp.

Thu., 10/20, 7:00 pm: Quarterly Board Meeting.

Thu., 10/27, 7:00 pm: Quarterly Council Meeting.

***Please remember the following,
who are actively serving our country...***



SGT Adam Veres, Army Specialist (Whitney Weimer)

Jonathan Zanoni, US Coast Guard (Cayla Roberts)

MAJOR Mark Bedrin, Army (Katie McDonald)

SPECIALIST Sierra Alwine, Army

Ssgt Nathan Pahel, Air Force (Annie Bridge)

Police Officer Matthew Bridge, Richland PD

AB Jenna A. Hauser, US Air Force



PRAYER FLAG

We are thankful for those who do God's work to protect us. Please pray for our peacekeepers. The Missions and Service Commission has a prayer flag displayed in support of active duty military personnel, 1st responders, EMS, firefighters, police officers, and conscientious objectors, presently serving from our congregation. If you have a loved one you would like to add, please give the name, office, or type of duty, along with a picture to the church office. If you prefer not to submit a picture, we can simply post the name.

***Please remember those
on our Visitation List...***

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| Rita Alwine | 767 Soap Hollow Rd.
Hollsopple, PA 15935 |
| Frank & Mona Blough | 1003 Wildflower Ct.
Davidsville, PA 15928 |
| Howard & Helen Hildebrand | Laurel View Village
2000 Cambridge Dr.
Davidsville, PA 15928 |
| Robert Lape | 1000 Vista Dr., Apt. 813
Davidsville, PA 15928 |
| Jim Moran | 1056 Soap Hollow Rd
Hollsopple, PA 15935 |
| Marlin Ott | 131 Apache Ln.
Stoystown, PA 15563 |
| Betty Shaffer | Richland Woods
3324 Elton Rd
Johnstown, PA 15904 |
| Doris Shaffer | c/o Rest Assured Living Center
1137 Shirleys Hollow Rd.
Meyersdale, PA 15552 |
| Gale Shipley | 51 Akers Street, Apt. 306
Johnstown, PA 15905 |
| Owen Stevens | 1000 Vista Dr., Apt. 825
Davidsville, PA 15928 |
| Ruth Stevens | 125 W. Main Street
Stoystown, PA 15563 |
| Cliff & Sally Stutzman | Meadow View Nursing Center
1404 Hay St., Rm 328
Berlin, PA 15530 |
| Emma Thomas | 822 Fisher Rd.
Boswell, PA 15531 |
| Phyllis Thomas | Laurel View Village
2000 Cambridge Rd., Rm 522
Davidsville, PA 15928 |
| Marilyn Ullery | 588 Woodstown Hwy.
Hollsopple, PA 15935 |

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

How to 'Love Your Neighbor as Yourself' Bible Meaning of Mark 12:31

Christianity.com; by Pearl Dy

For all of us who lived the Christian faith, we have heard the phrase “Love Your Neighbor as Yourself.” But what does it really mean to love your neighbor as yourself? Do we truly understand the way Jesus Christ intended?

Love Thy Neighbor Bible Verses

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself is the second great commandment of Jesus. It immediately follows His commandment of loving God with all your heart, mind, and soul. Following this commandment is the key Jesus Christ gave us for loving others as God loves us.

No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. (1 Corinthians 10:24)

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Galatians 5:14)

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:1-2)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34)

The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other commands there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Romans 13:9)

Who is Our Neighbor?

A Pharisee once tried to test Jesus after asking Him what the greatest of the commandment was. The Pharisee asked, “Who is my neighbor?” Instead of giving a direct answer, Jesus Christ turned the question on the Pharisee by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The parable of the Good Samaritan tells the story of a man who was attacked by robbers on the road to Jericho. He was stripped of his clothes, beaten, and was left for dead. Soon after, a priest was passing by the same road and when he saw the man, he went to the other side of the road and continued on his way. A Levite then passed by, and he too moved to the other side of the road when he saw the man. But a Samaritan came by and when he saw the man, he took pity on him, poured oil and wine on his wounds, carried him on his donkey and brought him to an inn and took care of him there. The following day he gave the innkeeper two denarii and asked him to look after the man, adding that when he returns, he will compensate the innkeeper for any extra expense he may have. After telling the story Jesus asked the Pharisee which he thought among the three was a neighbor to the man who was robbed to which the Pharisee replied, “The man who showed mercy.” Jesus then told the Pharisee to go and do likewise.

In Jesus’ commandment, He taught us that it is not about asking who our neighbor is. Rather, it is about our own willingness to be a neighbor ready to love. It is obvious in the parable of the Good Samaritan that our neighbor can even be a complete stranger who we can expect nothing from in return. But, following the commandment of Christ means being a neighbor to everyone, and most importantly it is about us being that good neighbor. It starts with us.

How to Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

When Christ was asked what the greatest of all the commandments was, it was not asked in earnest by someone who sincerely wanted to know. Rather, it was asked by someone who considered himself to be an expert in the law of the prophets, who only wanted to test Jesus.

And so with Christ's answer of his great commandments of love, we can truly see His infinite grace and wisdom, as well as God's infinite mercy which is the key to our salvation. By loving our neighbor as ourselves, Christ has made it impossible for us to fail because we are very good at taking care of ourselves. We want what is best for us and by making our own selves as the benchmark of how we should love others, Christ has shown us how to truly love our neighbor.

Another important teaching in loving our neighbor as ourselves is that we realize that we should not wait for when we feel loved before we start to love others. We do not have to wait until we feel that we have a surplus of self-love before we give it away to our neighbors. The commandment made it perfectly clear: love your neighbor exactly as you love yourself. No more and no less.

The Great Commandments of Jesus

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments”

These are the great commandments of Jesus. Christ gave us two commandments that encapsulate all the laws and commands previously mentioned in the Old Testament. The commandments as told by the prophets is about our bond with God and our fellow men.

Jesus first teaches us that the greatest of all commandments is to love God with our whole being

because God is the foundation of love. It is only by loving God that we truly learn how to love. Right away Christ follows it up with loving your neighbor as yourself because once we put God at the center of our love, we learn how it is to genuinely do the same for our neighbors.

Prayer to Love Your Neighbor

Dearest Lord, may I be a blessing to my neighbors. Not just to those who are close to me but also to those with who I communicate even if they are far away. May I be a good Samaritan to someone today. Move me in compassion that I become a bearer of goodwill towards my brothers. Consume my soul with kindness and cast away all negative notions.

Lord give me the strength to live by Your commandment of love. Guide me through Christ, for through Christ all things are possible. May I not close my heart to those who are in need. May I share the blessings I received from You with those who ask for it.

May I never lose sight of how to love. May Christ renew me each time I lose sight of His commandment of love and bring me back to the path He has prepared for me. May the people I meet on this path become opportunities for me to live the teachings of Christ.

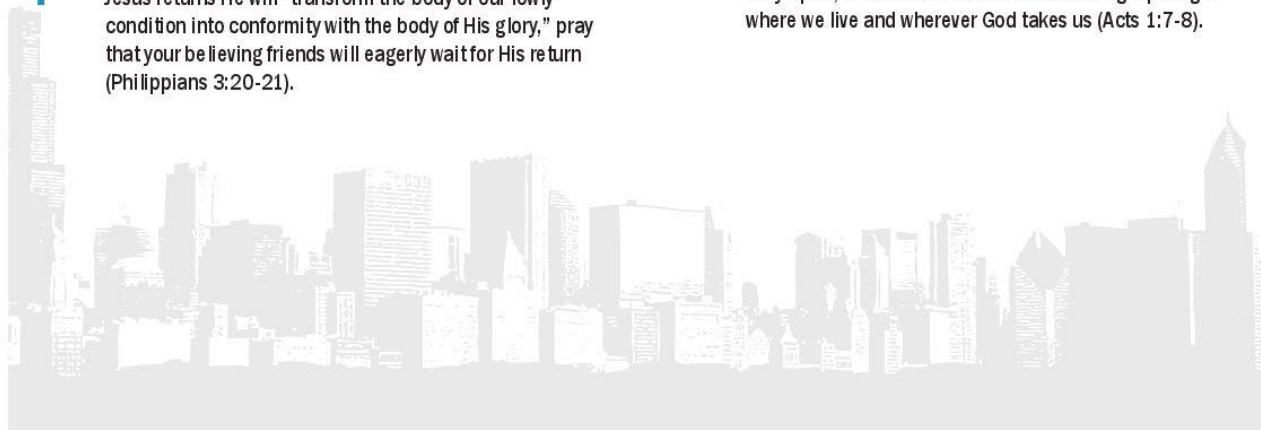
Lord, I ask that you open my heart to receive genuine love for Your commandments. Teach me, Lord, to love You first above all else, and to love my neighbors as I love myself. May I always keep sight of the very core of your commandment of love. Allow me to desire the best for my neighbors just as I desire the best for myself. Grant them peace of mind, success in their endeavors, and happiness in seeking Your love. May I do everything with love. May it be the driving force for my obedience to the Commandments.

Submitted by Cathy McDonald

PREPARING FOR THE RETURN OF CHRIST

“Be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. For this reason you must be ready as well; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will” (Matthew 24:42-44 NASB).

- 1** Since no one knows when Jesus will return, pray that Christians in our nation will experience personal revival and will live with a constant readiness for His return (Matthew 24:44).
- 2** Jesus said His faithful servants would truly be blessed when He returns. Pray that the members of your church family will be faithful and sensible in carrying out their God-given responsibilities (Matthew 24:45-46).
- 3** Pray that genuine repentance will come to those Jesus described as “evil slaves,” individuals who during the end times identify themselves as Christians but mistreat real believers and engage in frivolous living (Matthew 24:49-51).
- 4** Jesus told the parable of the ten virgins to warn people that they must be spiritually ready when He returns for His bride, the church (Matthew 25:1-13). Pray that those in your community who do not know Christ will have their hearts opened to the truth of the gospel.
- 5** In the parable of the talents, Jesus said, “To everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away” (Matthew 25:29). Pray that your church family will faithfully handle what God has entrusted to them.
- 6** When Jesus comes in His glory, all nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:32-34, 40). Pray that genuine followers of Jesus will live committed to loving Him by caring for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of fellow believers.
- 7** Knowing that our citizenship is in heaven and that when Jesus returns He will “transform the body of our lowly condition into conformity with the body of His glory,” pray that your believing friends will eagerly wait for His return (Philippians 3:20-21).
- 8** Pray that in the midst of persecution and spiritual struggle, Christians around the world will be courageous and will walk by faith, not by sight. Pray that we will find hope as we remember that to be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-8).
- 9** Knowing that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, pray that being pleasing to Him will be our ambition, whether at home or absent (2 Corinthians 5:9-10).
- 10** We know that when Jesus returns, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. Because of this, pray that everyone who has this hope fixed on Jesus will purify himself, just as He is pure (1 John 3:2-3).
- 11** Just as Paul encouraged the Corinthian believers to learn from the example of the Hebrews under Moses’ leadership, pray that Christians today will learn well the lessons of faith illustrated by those who have gone before us (1 Corinthians 10:1-11).
- 12** Pray that the spiritual eyes of your church family will be enlightened so that they will know the hope of His calling and the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints (Ephesians 1:18).
- 13** Jesus warned of stricter judgment for cities that had experienced Him at work but had failed to repent (Matthew 11:21-22). Pray that your city will experience the miraculous power of God and be quick to turn back to Him in repentance.
- 14** Not knowing the appointed times which the Father has fixed by His own authority, pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be bold witnesses of the gospel right where we live and wherever God takes us (Acts 1:7-8).



- 15** Knowing that this world and its lusts are passing away, pray that Christians in your community will be committed to doing the will of God (1 John 2:17).
- 16** One sign that it is the last hour is the presence of antichrists. As many today are denying the fact that Jesus is Lord, pray that today's church will not be led astray by their false teachings and evil ways (1 John 2:18).
- 17** Pray that Christians in your neighborhood will be bold and stand firm when someone approaches them with doctrines not found in the teachings of Christ. Pray that they will not receive these individuals into their houses or even give them a greeting (2 John 1:9-10).
- 18** Paul warned the Thessalonian believers to not be quickly shaken from their composure should they hear that the day of the Lord had come (2 Thessalonians 2:2). Pray that the church today will have great wisdom in rejecting false teachings regarding the end times.
- 19** Pray that Christians will faithfully share the gospel with their lost neighbors, helping them not to be deceived by the coming man of lawlessness who will display himself as being God (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).
- 20** Pray that more and more people will receive the love of the truth and be genuinely saved through faith in Christ. Pray that those seeking Christ in the last days will not be deceived by the signs and false wonders Satan will use to draw people away from the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10).
- 21** Peter warned that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat." Pray that in light of such destruction, Christians today will purpose to walk with holy conduct and godliness (2 Peter 3:10-11).
- 22** As Christians look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells, pray that they will be diligent to be found spotless and blameless by God (2 Peter 3:13-14).
- 23** Seeing where our nation is headed spiritually and politically, pray that the church will be on guard so as not to be carried away by error and lose our own firm commitment (2 Peter 3:17).
- 24** Pray that now and in the days to come, the church will prepare for the return of Christ by growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).
- 25** Jesus said, "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire" (Matthew 13:41-42). Pray that as the Holy Spirit uses warnings like this, the lost will be prompted to seek Christ for salvation, and the saved will seek to walk in greater fellowship and intimacy with Him.
- 26** As a bold witness to the lost during these last days, pray that the righteous will shine forth as the sun as they seek their Father's kingdom first (Matthew 13:43).
- 27** Knowing that we are moving closer to the return of Jesus, pray that any individuals claiming to be the Christ will be recognized for who they truly are and will not be able to mislead the people of your community (Matthew 24:4-5).
- 28** Because we are hearing more reports today about wars, earthquakes, and famines, pray that God's children will not be frightened, but will press on even more enthusiastically in obeying the commands of Christ (Matthew 24:6-8).
- 29** Jesus said that in the last days, many believers will be delivered into tribulation and will even be killed because of His name. Pray that during these days of harsh treatment, His children will not stumble in their loyalty to Him and to each other (Matthew 24:9-10).
- 30** Jesus taught that before He returns, lawlessness will increase, and most people's love will grow cold. Pray that the people of your church family will remain faithful to Christ and will be able to endure to the end (Matthew 24:12-13).
- 31** Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14). Pray that today's church will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to boldly proclaim the gospel of Jesus to our neighbors and to the whole world.



October 2022

Maple Spring Church Activities, Birthdays, & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Howard Hildebrand
2 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship Guest Speaker: Pete Kaltenbaugh Special Council Meeting Deacon Meeting/Meal 7pm Love Feast & Communion	3 Donna Graham	4 9:00 am Humble Hands	5	6	7	8 Frank & Mona Blough
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship	10 Columbus Day	11 Doug Cober 9:00 am Humble Hands 7:00pm Deacons Meeting	12 Marilyn Ullery	13 Ruth Hostetler	14	15 Marjorie Bittner Connie Miller
16 Bob Nagyvathy 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship	17	18 9:00 am Humble Hands	19	20 7:00pm Board Meeting	21	22 Courtney Keim Howard & Helen Hildebrand Jacob & Laurel Rosenbaum
23 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship	24 Jeff & Amy Soha	25 9:00 am Humble Hands	26	27 7:00pm Council Meeting	28	29 Helen Hildebrand Josh & Jen Hauser
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