



"You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!"
 - Jesus (Mt. 5: 43-44)

In the wake of the recent assassination and school shooting and other terrible acts of violence, I pray we are hearing a wake up call to be Good News to *all* people, not just those we with whom we agree. I pray we are heeding Jesus' call to "let our light so shine..." to counter this present darkness.

But it takes a radical reconsideration of what we think "works" to make meaningful change. The New Testament turns our whole notion of power on its head where an executed Palestinian becomes the symbol of true transformation. God reminded the apostle Paul that "strength is made perfect in weakness". And then we have the Beattitudes.

True power comes from laying down our life for even the most "undeserving". Such sacrificial love opens a door for the Spirit of God to move freely and mightily. Let us learn to be good door-openers when we hear Jesus knocking in the form of the homeless, immigrant, prisoner, MAGA hat-wearer, or transgender neighbor (Mt. 25: 31-46).

Your Friend in Jesus,

Scott ❤️
Phil. 2: 1-10

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **Let the SOUP SUPPERS begin!** Join us with your favorite soup at Rod & Connie Buxton's house (493-5555; 38686 S. McKenzie Pt. Rd., D.I.) on Friday night, **Oct. 24th**, @ **6 pm**. And invite a friend!

- Join us **Wednesday morning online Bible Study, 10-11 am**. We're discussing Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. As usual, no Bible experience is necessary! Our focus is on practical application and supporting one another in the Process. If interested, just email the Church: (LighthouseChurch906@gmail.com)
- **Join us** Tuesday mornings @ 10 in the Church Library for supportive discussion on how God is working in the midst of our personal challenges.
- **Thursday gatherings @ 1:30**, in the Church Library, focuses on the Book of Isaiah with practical application for us today! No Bible knowledge needed!



Our **Fourth Quarter Mission's giving** focuses on **international outreach**, which includes **Operation Christmas Child** and anyone who would

like to buy items for Shoe Boxes can drop them off at Lighthouse Church, Tuesdays/Thursday 9:30-1 or on Sunday before 1. Check out restrictions and recommendations on the website: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> Thanks. Questions? Contact Sue Tyler (906-493-6283) or Kerry Deal (906-430-7486).

Life without forgiveness is torture. When people have sinned, they often suffer guilt pangs.

When people have been sinned against, they are often tormented by anger and hatred. The gospel of Jesus brings relief both to sinners and to those who have been sinned against. (over)





If you've been abused or deeply offended, the memories can be as devastating as what actually happened. You may carry a grudge and wish the worst upon the person you hate. Or the memory may be so frightening that you can't bear to think about what happened. But when you trust in Jesus, you receive power to forgive sins committed against you. Jesus enables you to deal with your memories and face the awful truth about how deeply you've been hurt. The person who hurt you has been your enemy in a terribly painful way, but you receive strength to love and pray for that person.

Loving your enemies is not a burden but a blessing. You begin to experience new freedom. Your enemy no longer controls your feelings toward him. Hatred is no longer your automatic reflex to a painful memory. Loving your enemies is a gift of God that helps you experience God's love for you in a deeper and more powerful way. Every time you love an enemy, you realize again that while you were God's enemy, Jesus loved you and died for you ([Romans 5:10](#)).

Lord, thank you for freedom from resentment. If I have unresolved anger, help me to deal with it. Give my enemy the same joy and blessing that you have given me. Amen.

(Taken from: <https://todaydevotional.com/devotions/loving-your-enemies-2006-05-11>)

Pearls Of Wisdom

"Our True Identity In Christ"

We are justified (declared "not guilty" of sin).

See: Romans 3:24 - Ruth Wise

October Birthdays

- 3. Jerry Hollister
- 5 Paul Martin
- 13. Len Webber
- 18. Darla Middleton

October Anniversaries

- 7. Greg & Nancy Yarmoluk
- 14. Jerry & Shirley Hollister

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, PLEASE let us know!)



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