



Love inAction

Membership is love in action. Most Bible readers will speak glowingly of 1 Corinthians 13, commonly known as the “love chapter.” It is read at weddings. It is used for a husband to declare his love for a wife, or vice versa. It is preached to demonstrate a fuller meaning of *agape* or unconditional love. While there is nothing wrong with using the love chapter in these contexts, its original meaning was to demonstrate how church members relate one to another. Can you imagine 1 Corinthians 13 being read at an angry church meeting? In its full biblical context that might be the best place to read it. If we could just abide by the principles of the love chapter, we would have completely healthy churches. It would be a revolution! Just look at some of the relational principles of 1 Corinthians 13: ***“Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited, does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrongs.”***

The principles of these two verses alone are sufficient to cause a revival in most churches! We are not to love fellow church members just because they are lovable. We are to love the unlovable as well. We are not to pray for and encourage our pastors just when they are doing things we like. We are to pray for and encourage them when they do things we don't like. We are not to serve the church only when others are joining in. We are to serve the church even if we are alone in doing so. Church is founded on love. Authentic, biblical, unconditional love.

So, are you a church member? Why are you a church member? If you are not a church member, why aren't you? If you are a church member, why are you? Worthy questions to consider. God loves you and so do I!

Until next time, Pastor G

The School Scoop by Wydette Ackerman

February is a busy month. The weather has been very unpredictable. However, winter will soon be over and we can enjoy the sounds and smells of spring. They are all around us now. The tulip trees are in full bloom, the azaleas are peeking out in my neighborhood, and the yellow jasmine is beautiful and smells wonderful. God's creation is a miracle unfolding. We are a part of His miracle of creation. We are constantly changing and growing similar to the seasons of His creation and His plans of growth and change for us. We, as a church and school, continue to grow and change, or become sanctified, as we move forward into God's plan for our future. We only know as individuals what He expects of each of us. Collectively, we pray for His will, not ours, for that future. One thing that we can be assured of is that He will always be there to guide us through the Holy Spirit. We, as Christians, have a great responsibility as we work together to reach His goal for our work in this community. He tells us in Philippians 4: 6 - 7, “Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (KJV)

NWCA students enjoyed a Valentine's Day Party and Dance on February 14th. We are sending home registration packets for the coming school year on February 16th. Pray for our parents, students and teachers as we plan for next year. Teachers and staff are very busy taking required classes and completing paperwork for certification and accreditation. Thank you all for your prayers and support. God bless you and keep you.

Teaching Children to Make a Difference.



March 2	6:30	Deacon Visitation
March 5	8:45	Deacon Meeting
March 5	7:00	Church Council Meeting
March 5 - 12		Season Of Prayer for North American Missions (Annie Armstrong)
March 6	6:30	WOM Meeting
March 8	7:00	North American Mission Program
March 9	6:30	Deacon Visitation
March 12		Daylight Savings Time begins
March 13	6:30	Men's Ministry Meeting
March 13	6:00	WMU Associational Salad Supper
March 14	6:30	Deacon Visitation
March 17		
March 17 - 18		Pictorial Directory Picture Make-up
March 20	2:00	Veteran's Victory House Singing
March 21	6:30	Deacon Visitation
March 22	7:00	K'Motion Kidz "Building Easter"
March 29	7:00	K'Motion Kidz "Building Easter"

Church Council Meeting 3.5.17

From the Associate Pastor...

Greetings in the name of the Lord. The month of March is upon us and it's hard to believe that the first quarter of 2017 will soon be coming to a close. Time really flies when you are having fun.

We had a very successful Valentine's Day Banquet on February 11th. There was lots of food, fun and fellowship. Thanks to all of you who participated and helped our youth raise some of the funds needed to make the Lakewood mission trip coming up in July. There will be a couple more opportunities for you to help over the next few months. Stay tuned to the newsletter, website and the bulletin.

Easter is on the horizon and that means that we are beginning our choir rehearsals for the Easter cantata. So, all of you that have a voice, you are officially invited to participate. Watch your bulletins for rehearsal dates and times.



Lifetouch will be with us on March 17th and 18th to finish up the portraits for the new directory. If you have not already been photographed, please sign up as soon as possible. See me for more information.

As always, if I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to call on me.

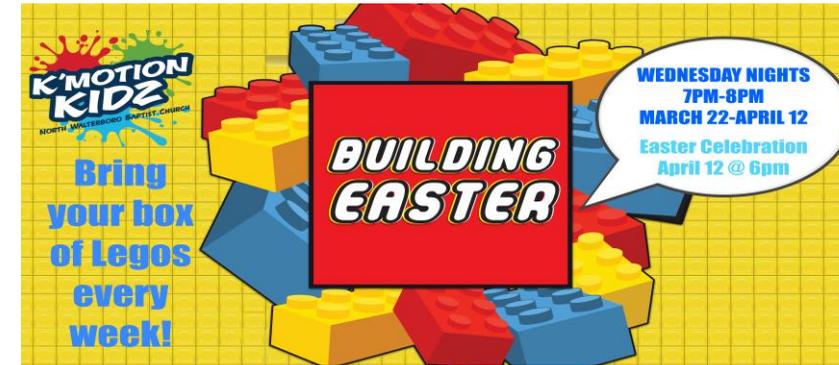
I love serving the Lord and I love serving Him with you.

Pastor Steve



The Season of Prayer for North American Missions will be March 5th – March 12th.

On Wednesday, March 8th, we will have a Mission Program starting at 7:00pm. International Seafarers Ministry Chaplain Christopher Dale will be our guest speaker. Their mission is to reach out to the 25,000 seafarers who pass through the terminals on the Cooper River each year with the love of Christ by providing reading materials, transportation, material needs, Bibles/tracts, and spiritual support. We engage in ministry-based and relational evangelism with men and women from 125 nations around the world.



From Jesus' prayer in the garden to the empty tomb, kids will learn 4 Bible lessons about the Easter story that they can easily remember every time they play with LEGO bricks!

Objective: Kids will learn how Jesus saved us from sin.

Memory Verse: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NIV)

We will celebrate the completion of this series by having a fun Easter Celebration (including Easter Egg Hunt) prior to the final lesson on Wednesday, April 12th!

****If you do not own Legos, it is okay!**
Please just let Bri Gallagher know and we will make sure you have Legos to use during the lessons!



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