

Lincoln Park Church of Christ

Mean What You Say

If I can't trust what someone says then their words will be of little comfort to me. There are only so many broken promises that you can endure before the promise no longer inspires hope. And that is a great misfortune. Hopefully you are someone who means what they say. Hopefully you are someone who is careful about making plans and promises. I want you to be someone who is able to comfort the people around you. After all, every Christian is called to be a daily encourager. "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that no one of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness" (Hebrews 3:13). And we are all called to help carry someone's heavy burden. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). I NEED to be able to comfort the people around me to fulfill these Scriptures.

I think it's wise to be careful about making promises in the first place. You can't break a promise you don't make. But if I do say I'm going to do something I better do it. If I tell my son I'm going to be at basketball practice I better be in the hospital if I'm not there. If I tell my wife I'll be home at five, there better have been an earthquake making the roads impassable if I'm not home before the little hand gets to the five. If I tell my brother or sister in Christ that I will be there for them in a time they need me then I better exhaust every resource in making sure that's true. I need to make this kind of effort because I want my words to be comforting. If I tell someone I'll be there I want them to be greatly encouraged by these words.

Perhaps this is why God's Words are so comforting. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). If we read something from God's Word we know that it's true. God ALWAYS keeps His promises. If God promises to deliver us then we are encouraged even before it happens. That's how reliable God's Words are. Let's strive to be like God in this way. Say what you mean and mean what you say.

AM Sermon: Always Yes (2 Corinthians 1)
Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-20
PM Sermon: Fifth Sunday Song Service

Sunday

Jan. 29, 2017 Feb. 5, 2017

Song Leader	R. Alt	Chu. Middleton
Prayer	P. VanHorn	S. Lance
Communion	M. Davidson	E. Stewart
Assist	T. Raupp	D. Thomas
Pass	T. Jarvis	Z. Thomas
Pass	L. Montgomery	R. Castillo
Scripture	B. Castleman	R. Bousho
Usher	J. Fronczak	T. Brooks
Usher	D. Clay	B. Hoffman
Prayer	B. Morton	S. Danz

Evening Worship

Prayer	Chr. Middleton	M. Perry
Communion	R. Coss	P. Danz
Prayer	T. Brooks	J. Fussell
Bible Time	No Bible Time (5th Sunday)	P. & L. VanHorn

Wednesday Midweek Bible Study

Feb. 1 2017 Feb. 8, 2017

Prayer	D. Wells	B. Smith
Song Leader	D. Smith	L. Montgomery

ON THE CALENDAR AND CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

SAMARITAN LADIES: Every Wednesday at 10 am in room # 5.

MEN'S GROUP: Every Thursday at the Tim Horton's on Allen Rd. / Goddard Rd. in Taylor at 7:00 am AND 4:00 pm.

LADIES' LUNCHEON: Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 11:30 am at Ramsey's near Wick and Pelham in Taylor.



5TH SUNDAY SINGING: Sunday, January 29 for the evening service. Give your song requests to any song leader.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, February 11 at 9:00 am at Charlie's in Lincoln Park.



E&D MEETING: Sunday, February 12 at 4:30 pm.

BIBLE BOWL: The second competition is Sunday, February 12 at 2:30 pm at Gateway Church of Christ. Congratulations to our primary team for taking 2nd and 3rd place at the 1st competition.



HELPING HANDS: Monday, February 13 at 10:00 am.

TEEN NIGHT: Sunday, February 26 at 7:00 pm.

ORPHANS LIFELINE: Donations are due on Sunday, February 26 to Randy Alt.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There are still a few openings to help with communion, baptismal clothing care and closing of the building for 2017.

LOST AND FOUND: There are several items at the back of the auditorium that need their owners.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



VIRGINIA CLAY

JIM & VAL TOBY

TODD ZIMMER, friend of Carole Johnson

JOYCE JONES, Marla Shepherd's mom

Family of **BRENDA PROSISE**



CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Ed & Gera Ingle, Dennis Johnson, Yolanda Joiner, Ken Lewis, Pat Longoria, Gil & Glenda Maldonado, Randy Mathews, Don Mandernach, Ben & Peg Morton, Evelyn Mullins, Al Petrovich, Faye Porter, Sheryl Prosize, Garry Ruphard, Pauline Suggs, Maria Tolbert, Rebecca Vaughn, Cheryl Wallace, Wilma Wegner, Jerry White



ELDERS' EDIFICATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

Respect Others - Even If They Haven't Earned It By Doug Britton



Show proper respect to everyone (1 Peter 2:17).

We often hear one person say something along the lines of, "He (or she) hasn't earned my respect." Parents often say this of their teenage children. Most of us slip into this way of thinking when we talk about politicians. It's normal to feel this way, yet it isn't the attitude God wants us to have. We can be aware of others' faults, and there may be times when we need to confront sin, yet the Bible tells us that we need to maintain an attitude of respect for everybody.

A good starting point is to respect others because God said to. For example, we read in the Bible that husbands and wives are to respect their spouse: ... *and the wife must respect her husband (Ephesians 5:33). Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect ... (1 Peter 3:7).* The same principle applies to other relationships. Peter wrote that we should show respect to everyone and honor the king, although the king in those days was an evil person (1 Peter 2:17). You can respect your spouse, child, parent, boss or others because of their position.

For example, after David killed Goliath, he became more popular than King Saul. Saul became jealous and determined to kill David, so David fled. Saul gathered his army and chased David. On two different occasions, when Saul's army was pursuing David, David had the chance to kill Saul. Most of us would say that David had every right to kill Saul. After all, Saul was trying to kill him. Yet although he knew that Saul's actions did not deserve respect, David honored Saul as his king and refused to kill him. At his second opportunity to kill Saul, David said, "The LORD forbid that I should lay a hand on the LORD'S anointed" (1 Samuel 26:11).

Here are a few thoughts that we may find helpful when looking for ways to respect each other:

- Everyone is imperfect. Be careful not to let their failures erode your respect for their good qualities.
- You can find something to respect in anybody if you look hard enough.
- When with Christians, you are with God's children and should honor them accordingly—regardless of how they are acting. (When with non-Christians, respect is still necessary!)
- The Bible says, "For in the image of God has God made man" (Genesis 9:6). Whether or not someone is a Christian, honor him or her as God's creation.
- The Bible says, "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Do not dishonor someone God loves.
- Your husband, wife, child, boss or employee may make foolish decisions. He or she may be lazy and forgetful. Yet chances are good he or she wants to be a good person and do the right thing. You can respect the desire of someone's heart even if you are disappointed by his or her actions.
- See others as God does. Each of us has an amazing potential. Gideon was a fearful man, living hidden from the enemy, yet the angel of the Lord greeted him by saying, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior" (Judges 6:12). The angel's greeting was not because of anything Gideon had done, but because he knew how God planned to use Gideon.

Love, Chuck

CALL TO WORSHIP

¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm 51:10-12

SCRIPTURE READING

¹⁸ But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No." ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes." ²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 1:18-20

SERVICES

Sunday
Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am and 6:00 pm
Wednesday
Bible Study 7:00 pm

SERVING THE LORD IN JANUARY



Communion Preparation: Steve and Candy Lance
Care of Baptismal Clothing: Steve and Candy Lance
Closing the Building: Steve Lance

OFFICE INFORMATION

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Chuck Middleton
Patrick VanHorn
Christine Rowell
Doug Wells
Denise Bone
Tiffany Davis
Elaine Danz
Drew Boze
Anna Brooks



Gil & Glenda Maldonado
Dennis & Mary Jane Johnson
Fred & Kim Landry
John & Shelley Loera
James & Martha Davidson

MINISTER
Doug Wells

ELDERS
Russ Bone Randy Coss
Chuck Middleton Louis Montgomery

THEME

“Commit to the Lord in 2017”

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

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| 1) Genesis 1-3 | 17) Genesis 48-50 |
| 2) Genesis 4-7 | 18) Exodus 1-3 |
| 3) Genesis 8-11 | 19) Exodus 4-6 |
| 4) Genesis 12-15 | 20) Exodus 7-9 |
| 5) Genesis 16-18 | 21) Exodus 10-12 |
| 6) Genesis 19-20 | 22) Exodus 13-15 |
| 7) Genesis 21-23 | 23) Exodus 16-18 |
| 8) Genesis 24-25 | 24) Exodus 19-21 |
| 9) Genesis 26-28 | 25) Exodus 22-24 |
| 10) Genesis 29-30 | 26) Exodus 25-27 |
| 11) Genesis 31-32 | 27) Exodus 28-29 |
| 12) Genesis 33-35 | 28) Exodus 30-32 |
| 13) Genesis 36-38 | 29) Exodus 33-35 |
| 14) Genesis 39-41 | 30) Exodus 36-38 |
| 15) Genesis 42-44 | 31) Exodus 39-40 |
| 16) Genesis 45-47 | |

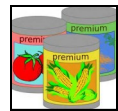
CONTRIBUTION

WEEKLY BUDGET

\$3,400

01-01-17	\$3,721
01-08-17	\$2,868
01-15-17	\$2,390
01-22-17	\$4,068
01-29-17	

FOOD PANTRY



Needed items

Canned fruit & veggies
Peanut Butter
Juice
PLEASE check expiration dates on all donated food.
Thank You!