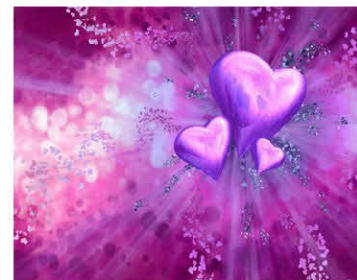


A Note From the Pastor



At KCC, our mission is to be passionate followers of Christ Jesus who love and serve our neighbors in word and deed seeking to multiply hope and health in our communities. Last month I began sharing some reflections on our mission statement and I talked about what it means to be "a passionate follower of Christ Jesus." This month, I want to focus on the next phrase, which says, "who love and serve our neighbors in word and deed."

Unconditional and sacrificial love should be evident in the life of every believer. Jesus said in John 13:34-35, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, he said to love God with all your being. He then went on

to say, "The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31).

In Luke 10:25-37, Jesus tells the story of a religious leader who asked who his neighbor was. Jesus went on to explain to him who his neighbor was by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan. Basically, our neighbors are anyone we encounter who are in need and whom we have the means to help. They may need help with a project, they may need some financial assistance, they may need something to eat, they may need counsel, they may need prayer, or they may have some other need. One of the ways we show love to our neighbors is by responding to the needs we see in their lives.

Jesus demonstrated this neighborly love as He lived His life on earth. Wherever He went, He was tuned into the needs of those around Him. He shared the good news of salva-

tion with those who needed to hear it. He fed those who were hungry. He prayed over the sick. He counseled those who needed guidance. He even humbled himself to wash His disciples feet.

In James 2:15-17 we read, "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

As we live out our mission statement, let us follow the example of Jesus and the commands of Scripture by "loving and serving our neighbors in word and deed."

Your Shepherd,
Pastor Mark



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UPCOMING MESSAGES...

February 7, 2010

Be Wise About Church Discipline
1 Corinthians 5:1~13

February 14, 2010

Love: The Greatest Gift of All
1 Corinthians 13:1~13

February 21, 2010

Lawsuits and Sexual Immorality
1 Corinthians 6:1~20

February 28, 2010

Marriage and Singleness
1 Corinthians 7:1~40



Sign Up for an Adult Bible Study:

Currently we have three options for you to consider. We have two Growth Groups which study the passage from the previous Sunday's sermon. One meets on Sunday morning at 9:10 am and the other on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm. The Growth Groups will be studying 1st Corinthians.

Additionally, we have a Bible study that meets on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm at the home of Don and Kim Strange. They are studying the Gospels.

Movie Day @ KCC!!

Saturday February 6 at 2:00 pm
Popcorn and refreshments will be provided.

Adult Choir

Sunday February 7th, after the Service everyone who wants to sing in the choir during the Easter Season is invited to come to the first rehearsal. If you have any questions about the choir please speak with Mary Beth Rogers.

♥♥♥♥ Parents Night Out/Kids Movie Night!! ♥♥♥♥

Valentine's Day Sunday February 14
See Tia for details

"Soup"er Bowl Sunday

The Sunday morning Seekers Growth Group is collecting cans of soup to be given to local food banks. The goal is to collect 100 cans of soup by Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th and 100 cans of soup by Valentine's Day, February 14th. Please bring your donations to the church the next two Sundays.

The following **Volunteer positions** are open:

Inside Ministry Coordinator
Fellowship Coordinator
Men's Coordinator

If you are interested in one of these positions, please call the Church Office.

~~ On the horizon ~~

Mission Trip to Mexico this summer!!

For all Adults and the Youth.

Bob Moore has been in contact with Welcome Home Outreach Ministries in Vicente Guerrero ~ a community about 150 miles south of Tijuana. If you are interested in participating in a short term mission trip, please see Bob Moore for more details.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Stella Jaeger	2/9
Katy Hult	2/13
Kailee Milam	2/14
Jeanne Cady	2/15
Carol Lindlow	2/17
Marissa Hackett	2/19
Kim Strange	2/29

Kim will celebrate her birthday on the 28th ☺



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Lee & Maribeth Williams	2/4
Kevin & Stacy Brooks	2/9
Ray & Shawn Brown	2/14
Michael & Mariellen Rau	2/27



PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Gordy & Tabita Beck ~ Austria
Kelly & Cherie Green ~ Colombia
Mark & Helen Downing ~ Brazil
Becky Osell ~ Ethiopia
Scott & Ruth Millar ~ Argentina
Steve & Barbara Wilkinson ~ Philippines
Andy & Lynette Tillman ~ Philippines

FEBRUARY HUMOR

Q: What do squirrels give for Valentine's Day?

A: Forget-me-nuts.

Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope?

A: I'm stuck on you.

Q: Did Adam and Eve ever have a date?

A: No, but they had an apple.

Q: What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus?

A: Can I hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand?

Q: If your aunt ran off to get married, what would you call her?

A: Antelope.



Verse of the Month:

*And now these three
remain: faith, hope and love.*

*But the greatest of
these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)

One Worship, All Worship

The distinctness of what worship is when I am alone and what worship is when I am with other believers has been something consuming a lot of my thought lately.

When I stand at the front of the church every Sunday morning, it's my job to begin the worship service. First we read scripture together, then we move into a time of singing. We worship by learning more about God and His word during the sermon and we worship with our giving during the offering. We do these things together. Sunday morning is a time for communal worship. We are honoring the command in Hebrews, "not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (10:25). And while we are "beginning our time of worship together" as I often state it, we are not beginning to worship.

I've said it enough times before that I will only state this next fact once: all of life is worship. So as we go through our week – even Monday – we should be worshipping God all the time. And while everything we do can and should be an offering of worship to God, the individual's time of prayer should be considered essential to our life of individual worship. And as we can learn from Jesus' model for prayer (the Lord's Prayer, Matt. 6:9-13), worship is an essential part of prayer (v.9). As we walk into the house of God on Sunday morning we should already be in an attitude of prayer and worship.

This is why we read the scripture together: as one voice. What God hears is not a lot of individuals quoting his word but a single voice called Kenmore Community Church. And when we sing it is as a unit, a body of believers. We all worship, and we worship as one.

In closing, I'd like to point out one interesting truth that is part of this. The pressure to sound great when you sing, if that happens to be a bit unlikely for you, is gone. Sing your best, sure.

But if you feel like you don't impress anyone, remember: we don't sing to impress anyone anyway. We sing to worship God. And your voice is one note of a song. Your contribution is a single brushstroke of a beautiful work of art. Maybe by itself it seems odd, unattractive or out of place, but in the context of the whole, it's art. And God likes what he sees and hears when our worship is real.

Worshipping Him always,
Lee G

