

Really, Jesus?

John 13:34-35 says: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Jesus said it so simply, but in today's world it is so easy to find folks that we deem unworthy of love.

But... God created us all, and loves us all... mass-shooters, dictators, serial killers, rapists, robbers and even politicians. If we are not all God's children, then none of us are God's children.

Really, Jesus? I have to love my neighbor? All of them? What about the ones I don't like?

If everyone loved each other as Christ instructed, we would not be in such bad shape as we undeniably are.

If we would worship God, have no idols, revere His Name, set aside a time for Him, honor our parents, not kill each other, have committed relationships, not steal from each other, be truthful, and find contentment with what we have...

Sounds like the ten commandments. But God knew we couldn't handle so many rules, so Jesus made it super simple... "LOVE ONE ANOTHER".

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HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS

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FLEA MARKET - COME ONE...!!!! COME ALL...!!!!

Hope is hosting a "FREE" neighborhood Flea Market, 8 to noon, Saturday February 16th. Spread the word...!!!!!! Invite friends and neighbors to come out and buy or sell ...!!!! Pull up out front, set up and sell your wares from your trunk.

YOUTH VALENTINE DINNER FUNDRAISER –

On Saturday, February 16th at 6:0 PM, the Youth will be hosting their Annual Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser. They will plan, decorate, prep, cook, serve, and clean. All you have to do is enjoy a wonderful meal and a fun evening! Tickets are \$15 per person, and all are invited (it's not just a couple's thing). Childcare is provided, including pizza for dinner! Dinner includes:

Salad,

choice of hearty meatloaf or herb roasted turkey with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, roll strawberry kiwi cheesecake, parfait, water, tea and coffee

Dr. Ice T will be our DJ!

You can purchase your ticket from any youth or from Beth Walley. Proceeds will go toward the Youth Mission Trip to Panama City, FL to help with relief efforts from Hurricane Michael.

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows; it empties today of its strength."

— Corrie Ten Boom

To do any less than we are commanded to do is to turn our backs on the creator of the universe.

Know this; God's commandments are unbreakable! It is we who are broken when we disobey the sacred instructions. Just as everyone will know His disciples by the love, we show for each other, so also will the lack of such love show our brokenness.

So, instead of condemning those folks you don't agree with, get down on your knees and pray for them, and for yourself, that God may treat you the way you treat others! AMEN!

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UNDIE SUNDAY – Missions is collecting new socks and undies for “Undie Sunday” during February. They would also like you to save grocery bags for pack-a-snack. Also a reminder to bring gently used children’s clothes for Clothes-to-Kids.

GETTING ACQUAINTED -- After worship on February 24, all are invited to Hambley Hall for a get-acquainted time. This is a good time for newer church folks to share some about who they are and what they like at Hope church. Pastor Ginny hopes our Suncatchers ("Snow birds") will make a special point to stay on that day to tell us a little about their life up north (where, for example) and share some of their story. Cookies, fruit and coffee will be served. Please come, everyone!

NEW SIGN – The new sign makes it possible for us to post welcoming messages for the community. Michael Cozens has spent lots of time learning the quirks of the sign. Let us know what you think?

CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

Monday	02/11	10:00 a.m.	Missions meeting R5
		06:00 p.m.	PNC & called session meeting in the Hall
Wed.	02/13	05:00 p.m.	C.E. meeting R1
		05:45 p.m.	WNA prepared meal
		06:30 p.m.	PW Evening circle
		07:00 p.m.	Bells practice
		07:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Thursday	02/14	10:00 a.m.	PW Morning circle
		12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart lunch
Saturday	02/16	08:00 a.m.	Flea Market (Free)
		06:00 p.m.	Youth Valentine fund raiser dinner (\$15 each)