

CONNECTIONS & PRAYERS

Our Welcome Ministry

Questions to Help You Connect:

Here are some suggestions for conversation starters with those around you on Sunday mornings. We hope we can all connect together when we gather!

- Hi, my name is...
- Welcome! We are glad you're here!
- How can I pray for you?
- I'll meet you next week, and talk about how it went.

Our Missionaries

Pray for:

FBC-Supported Missionaries

- ◆ Andyshak, Calva, Gervasi, Guest, Harris, Hubbell, Humble, Kelley, Lomilo, Lovelady, Palmer, Rasmussen, Richmond, Swenson, Tice, Tissell, Trussel, and Wernow.

FBC-Supported Ministries

- ◆ CEF Benton County, CEF Linn County, Compassion Ministries, Love INC Benton County, Options Pregnancy Center, Southside Youth Outreach, Volunteer InterFaith Caregivers, Western Seminary, and We Care.

Leo and Lulu Calva

- ◆ Please be praying for Leo & Lulu Calva and their children Pablo & Yanina, serving as church planters with World Venture in Ecuador. They recently attended the Church Planters Conference where Leo shared the findings and missiological implications from the research of his doctoral dissertation. *Praise God for the children's ministries that had a good harvest this past summer with many children coming to know the Lord. Please pray they hunger and grow in their relationship with God. *Praise also for the great turnout at the conference. May all successfully implement what they learned. *Pray for Leo as he will be participating as a facilitator at a preaching conference in November, that God will be glorified and people's needs will be met.

Chuck and Nancy Kelley

- ◆ Chuck & Nancy have been serving with Bridge Builders International a ministry to Latvia and the other Baltic nations of Estonia & Lithuania. BBI's Prayer Days event was canceled due to a new Covid-19 lockdown in Latvia. *Praise God prayer took place over Zoom. *Please pray for all in Latvia with the lockdown and the long dark winter days coming. For people to turn to Jesus. *Please also pray for ministries (Celebrate Recovery, artist and music ministries, etc.) to continue to bless folks during lockdown.

Church Leadership

Staff: Pastor Rick Harpel, Pastor Bill Knopp, Kathy Ferrier, Jim Hinckley, Brooke Staples, Mitchell Henderson

Elders: Matt MacClary, Jeff Harris, Daniel Peterson, Mike Rinkin, Dale Durrell, Rick Harpel

WELCOME

to  First Baptist Church Corvallis

December 5th, 2021

Love

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



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...Live A Different Love As Neighbors

by Pastor Rick Harpel [Luke 10:25-37]

Worship Leader: Cindy Forrest

We are many generations connecting
the next generation to Jesus.

We aim to encounter God through worship, to connect with others through smaller communities, and to engage in missional outreach to our neighbors and the nations.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Connect with the Church Center App to see the church calendar and give online! Follow this QR Code or the link:
<https://fbccorvallis.churchcenter.com/>



ADVENT PROJECT: MIKE AND REBEKAH IN HAITI
 Mike and Rebecca Gervasi's ministry in Haiti continues. They have a need for \$3,000 for their Discipleship Soccer Ministry (purchase of goals, balls, cleats, jerseys, other gear). And if more is raised we can also contribute to a fund for providing families with the traditional Haitian goat meat Christmas meal. Please clearly mark this special gift for the Haiti Advent Giving Project.



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS COCOA
 Saturday, December 11th at 6:30pm at FBC
 The Women's Christmas Cocoa will meet at FBC on Saturday December 11th. [Go to fbccorvallis.org/cocoa](http://fbccorvallis.org/cocoa) for registration info or register in the lobby!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
 We will meet on 12/24 at 7pm at FBC for a time of worship together.



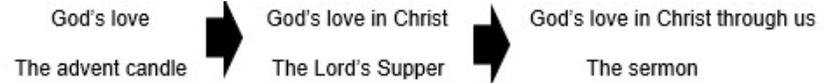
LOVE INC AT FBC
 Love INC has moved their hygiene closet to a new location to help with volunteering and stocking the closet. We will continue to use space at FBC for Love INC's Pre-K clothing closet. We will no longer take donations for Love INC in the church office. The donations should go to Love INC at 4900 NW Hwy 99 #102. Corvallis, OR 97330.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sundays	10:30am	Worship, Pre-K and K-5th Kids Church during worship
Mon, Dec 6	7pm	In-Person Women's Bible Study, cforrest@peak.org
Tue, Dec 7	7am	Men's "Geezers" Bible Study, jct5532@msn.com (Jay Todd)
	9:30-11:30am	In-Person Women's Bible Study, sarah.macclary@gmail.com
	9:30-11:30am	Zoom Women's Bible Study, raydotpc@aol.com (Cathy C.)
Wed, Dec 8	6:30pm	All Church Prayer via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Awana at FBC
Fri, Dec 10	morning	In-Person Women's Study, we3tins@comcast.net (Joy T.)
Sat, Dec 11	6:30pm	Women's Christmas Cocoa
Fri, Dec 24	7pm	Christmas Eve Service

MESSAGE NOTES

“*discip*” **Live A Different Love As Neighbors” Luke 10:25-37**



INTRODUCTION: His disciples are ALL ABOUT GOD'S LOVE!

This legal expert asked THE QUESTION: **“What do you believe about the afterlife?”**

- Reincarnation
- Universal Heaven
- Bodily resurrection
- Assimilation
- Spiritism
- Whateverism
- Annihilation
- Some kind of existence

Jesus' answer, with the expert, and the Old Testament, and all of Judaism: **“You will have eternal life if you Love God and Love your neighbor with your whole being.”**

But surely “all” can't mean “all!” There must be loopholes. Jesus answers in a parable.

1. An unidentified man is in need of love and mercy.
 - a. The setting is a familiar and tough stretch of road in real life.
 - b. This unknown identity of the man is an immediate challenge.
 - c. Jesus is not interested in the scholarly debate.
2. The two holy men do not love and show mercy.
 - a. We are not told why the priest and Levite passed by on the other side.
 - b. All we really know is they did not love or show mercy.
3. A Samaritan man shows extraordinary love and mercy.
 - a. The Samaritan would be on the Jews' “not my neighbor” list.
 - b. But the Samaritan shows mercy.
 - c. Jesus is exaggerating this guy's mercy to emphasize something.
 - (1) This is not normal!
 - (2) Jesus changes the question.

- The real issue is not “Who is my neighbor?” But “Who are you a neighbor to?”
- Not “Who is my neighbor?” But “Are you a neighbor?”
- Not “Who you love?” But “Do you love?”
- Not what kind of person do I love? But am I the kind of person who loves?
- A better question for Jesus at this point instead of “Who is my neighbor?” would be “What if I can't do this? Lord, have mercy!”
- Which is precisely what Jesus intends to do.

CONCLUSION: **“IN CHRIST you have eternal life, so that you can Love God and Love your neighbor.”**