



# *the* Encourager

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## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

“What the world needs now, is love, sweet love. No, not just for some, but for everyone.” Those are some of the lyrics to a song written by Burt Bacharach, released in April 1965. It was performed by Jackie DeShannon, as well as Dionne Warwick. Fifty-five years later, love is still needed and perhaps even to a greater degree today.

As Christians, one of the most beautiful songs we sing is “The Greatest Commands”. The harmony is amazing, usually leaving me unable to sing all of the song because I become one giant goose-bump. As each part is added to the song and the sound of voices singing their individual section increases with each verse, the song becomes more and more moving. Just what is the source of the song’s power . . . the words, the sound we produce, the way the song is written, the message of the song? Read the words to the song (all the words). We tend to focus on our own individual part when we sing and may miss out on the complete message of the song.

“Love one another for love is of God. He who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love, God is love. Love bears all things, Believes all things, Love hopes all things, Endures all things. God is love, God is love, God is love. God is love, God is love, God is love. God is love, God is love, God is love. God is love, God is love, God is love. Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, all thy strength, all thy mind. Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, For God is love, God is love, God is love.”

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Read those words again, even if the melody works its way into the reading, try to focus on the words. Powerful! Upon further review, perhaps the intent of the song is really the essence of what love should be . . . when everyone brings their different parts together to create such a beautiful song, isn't that the very picture of love? Unity, harmony, beauty . . . what makes the song so wonderful to hear is what should make love so wonderful to experience. Each individual part is okay but the song only becomes powerful, moving, goose-bump creating when those individual parts form one song. Love should be no different. When we unite, when we live in harmony, then our actions result in beauty rather than ugliness and we experience the true message found in the words of the song and illustrated by the blending of our voices.

As Christians, as God's children, we should be making sure that every word we write in the song of our lives reflects the message written in I John 4:7-8: "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." Just think of the unity, the harmony, the beauty that can result when our part blends with each other's part. So, just what is the source of power in this song . . . the words, the sound we produce, the way the song is written, the message of the song? YES! When love exists, harmony is present, and beauty is seen by everyone. What a powerful result.

~Tim~



# February



## THE LOVE OF GOD

Day 1 - John 3:16-17  
Day 2 - Romans 5:8  
Day 3 - 1 John 4:7-8  
Day 4 - Romans 8:35-39  
Day 5 - Zephaniah 3:17  
Day 6 - Galatians 2:20  
Day 7 - 1 John 4:16-19  
Day 8 - 1 John 3:1  
Day 9 - Jeremiah 31:3  
Day 10 - Ephesians 2:4-5  
Day 11 - 1 Peter 5:6-7  
Day 12 - John 15:13  
Day 13 - Ephesians 2:4-5  
Day 14 - Psalm 86:15  
Day 15 - Isaiah 54:10  
Day 16 - Psalm 136  
Day 17 - Romans 5:5  
Day 18 - Lamentations 3:22-23

Day 19 - John 13:34-35  
Day 20 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8  
Day 21 - Deuteronomy 7:9  
Day 22 - Romans 12:10  
Day 23 - John 15:9-11  
Day 24 - 1 John 4:9-11  
Day 25 - Psalm 103:8-17  
Day 26 - Titus 3:4-5  
Day 27 - 1 Corinthians 2:9  
Day 28 - Psalm 116:1-2



# Meijer Simply Give

The Meijer on 173 will be running a Simply Give campaign from Sunday, February 14th - Saturday, April 10th.

Double Match Days will be Saturday, March 13th and Saturday, April 3rd.

If you would like a card (or a few cards) talk to a Pantry board member and they will make sure to get them to you. You can also pick up cards in the store at the location on 173 only

## Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
Elizabeth Soter	815-721-0405	Jeremy Schulz	630-418-0371
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Mary Riley	815-988-7440	Sara Maupin	815-262-0303
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Joan Schmidt	815-708-3993	Brenda Mohler	815-505-7205
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## *Prayer List*

**Anneka Broughton**

**Jason Willis**

**Chris Isom**

**Cecil Isom**

**Lea Schorer** – no visitors at this time please

**Larry Borison**

**Dar Hinrichs**

**Ernie Stubblefield**

**Gerald Harbach**

**Bolen's nephew Tim** – dealing with chronic knee issues and scoliosis

**Brandi Ostergard** – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer

**Michelle Hutchison** – Tammy Weir's sister in law, undergoing cancer treatment

**Donna Fincher**— dealing with multiple health issues, shot for the pain in her leg is working

**Ashley Raddenbach**— The Bolen's granddaughter who was recently diagnosed with PoTS

**Sara Cancagallo**- friend of Louise Crouch who has cancer; has been moved to a nursing home

**Chad Lane** – Matt Lane's nephew who was in a bad accident and has a long recovery ahead of him

**Myrtle Williams** – ongoing health issues

**Joyce Heckelmiller** – ongoing health issues, has many tests coming up

**David Bennett**—the Parker's grandson, no longer in a coma but still recovering from a serious motorcycle accident

**Sue Ann Diaz**– ongoing health issues

**Wendy Williams**– has begun preventative treatment to prevent cancer from returning

**Leda Phillips**– ongoing health issues

**Kevin Gillis**– dealing with multiple serious health issues

**Chuck and Ruth Mausehund**– dealing with multiple health issues

**Cherokee Thompson** – Dean Aske's great granddaughter/Bill and Ida Thompson's granddaughter, suffering from cancerous spot on her brain causing seizures

**Mary Spohnholz** – health issues

**Ken Lynch** – is in quite a bit of pain following a rotator cuff injury

**Jim & Carol McGowan** – both recovering from recent shoulder surgeries

**Tracy Meinert's brother Matt** – diagnosed with Covid 19

**Tracy Meinert's Uncle Bruce** – recently diagnosed with a very serious health condition

**Derek DeVriese** – the Adkins' grandson, recently diagnosed with Covid 19

# FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Worship @ 9:30 & 11:00 am	<b>8</b> Jesse Garcia's bday	Women's Fellowship @ 9:30 am	<b>10</b> HHP Food Delivery Bible Study 10 am	<b>11</b> 6-7:30 pm Party Jeff & Kathy Hagerman's bday	<b>12</b> Rebecca Hagerman's bday	<b>13</b> Gwen Sullivan's bday
<b>14</b> Worship @ 9:30 & 11:00 am	<b>15</b> Cameron Maupin's bday	<b>16</b> Pam Reese & Tracy Meinert's bday	<b>17</b> Jean Foster & Jordan Sircusi's bday Bible Study 10 am	<b>18</b> Dar Hinrichs's bday	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Panty 10:00am Jan Morris's bday
<b>21</b> Worship @ 9:30 & 11:00 am Rich Hinrichs's bday	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> HHP Food Delivery Bible Study 10 am	<b>25</b> 6-7:30 pm Party	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Worship @ 9:30 & 11:00 am Brittle McKinney's bday						

REMINDER THAT ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE BUILDING REQUIRE  
PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND FACE COVERINGS

# NEWS & EVENTS

- Everyone should have received a paper copy and a digital copy of the 2021 Directory. If you need additional paper copies, please let Ashley know and she will get them to you.
- Ken Lynch has appreciated all of the calls he has received checking in on him but asks us all to use his 779-368-5175 number instead of his other number for now.
- A big congratulations is in order for the Murray family. Ben and Sarah's daughter, Emma Louise Murray, was born Thursday, January 28th. Congratulations to the new parents, grandparents, and aunt!!!
- There will be a weekly Wednesday morning Bible study at the building starting February 10th from 10-11am.
- On Tuesday, February 2, at 9:30am, there will be a 1 hour fellowship for women at the building.
- Reminder: Masks and 6ft distancing are required at all times when you are around others in the building
- Pat Williams has a small electric snow blower that would be good for a porch/sidewalk/small driveway that she would love to give someone who is in need of one. Let her know!! 815-847-9920 [ndpj1957@gmail.com](mailto:ndpj1957@gmail.com)
- A reminder to everyone that if you or a loved one is hospitalized for any reason and you would like the church family to know, please contact the church office (or Tim or Ashley or the elders directly on the weekends) to let us know, the hospitals won't necessarily contact us for you.

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The North Park Church of Christ is committed to sharing Jesus with our community and the world; while encouraging the spiritual development of our youth, strengthening the bond of our families, and serving the needs of our senior adults to build a church known by its love and message that flows from the very heart of God.

*Where Friends Learn to Live and Love Like Jesus*

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