



the Encourager

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A COMMON LOVE

As we continue our study of I John in our Sunday morning Bible class, I am reminded of the song, *A Common Love*. Other than Jesus, who better than John to write about love? He spent three years watching Jesus demonstrate unconditional love on a daily basis. John is the disciple referred to as the one that Jesus loved. John also was witness to how people responded to Jesus as He demonstrated love, compassion, understanding, and forgiveness even to those often deemed “unlovable”.

“A common love for each other, a common gift to the Savior; a common bond, holding us to the Lord; a common strength when we’re weary; a common hope for tomorrow; a common joy in the truth of God’s word.”

Those words should carry a special meaning to everyone who has been united with Christ in baptism. The bond we share in Christ is quite unique. Through God’s mercy and Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross, we can become members of a family like no other. However, as John indicates, love is not simply achieved by the words that we may speak.

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John writes in I John 3:16-18 (NIV), ***“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”***

Demonstrating love through our actions seems to be what validates whether we truly are following Jesus’ example of love. The ultimate action that He demonstrated for all mankind was to die on the cross. Rarely are our actions as extreme as what Jesus did by dying on the cross; however, Paul does provide us with a clear description of what our love and our lives should include on a daily basis. I would strongly urge you to read **Romans 12:9-21** to find a list of attributes that Christians should possess, including actions that clearly describe what our love for others should look like.

It is an honor to be considered a child of God and a member of God’s family. As a family, we are only as strong as our love for God and our love for each other. Being able to worship together again has generated a great deal of enthusiasm and a renewed spirit of fellowship at North Park. Unfortunately, we are still missing some of our family members who have yet to rejoin our family. You are truly missed! As a result, our “body” has yet to return to full strength. Because we do love you is the reason why we miss you and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

In John 13:34-35, Jesus made it clear the importance of our love for each other. ***“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.”***

Experiencing this common love that we share for God, Jesus Christ, and one another is “energy producing” and “life sustaining”. There is plenty of room within God’s family for more to share in this common love, this common gift, this common bond, this common strength, this common hope, and this common joy. Together we can be the family of believers who God intended us to be when He watched his Son demonstrate His love by dying on the cross for you and me.

~ Tim



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FREEDOM

Day 1 - Romans 13:8

Day 2 - 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Day 3 - Colossians 1:13-14

Day 4 - John 8:32-36

Day 5 - Galatians 5:13-15

Day 6 - Revelation 1:4-6

Day 7 - Romans 6:1-7

Day 8 - 1 Corinthians 10:13

Day 9 - Psalm 118:5

Day 10 - 1 Corinthians 8:9

Day 11 - Psalm 119:44-46

Day 12 - Romans 6:14

Day 13 - Romans 6:22-23

Day 14 - Romans 8:1-4

Day 15 - Galatians 5:1

Day 16 - 1 Peter 2:13-17

Day 17 - Galatians 4:4-6

Day 18 - Romans 6:16-18

Day 19 - Romans 8:21

Day 20 - Ephesians 3:12

Day 21 - Ephesians 1:6-8

Day 22 - Romans 7:25

Day 23 - Isaiah 61:1

Day 24 - Ephesians 2:8

Day 25 - Galatians 3:26-29

Day 26 - Psalm 68:5-6

Day 27 - 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Day 28 - 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

Day 29 - John 3:16-17

Day 30 - Psalm 116:15-17

Day 31 - Isaiah 42:6-7



Those to Serve –July 4, 2021

Worship Director: Sid Long
Opening Prayer: Jeremy Schulz
Preside: Wayne Morris
Ann/Closing Prayer: Ken Maupin
Pre-Class Greeter: Maupins
Class Attendance: Ken Maupin
Pre-Worship Greeter: Adkins
Usher #1: Steve Adkins
Usher #2: Joe Nicosia
A/V Booth: Ken Maupin

Those to Serve –July 18, 2021

Worship Director: Sid Long
Opening Prayer: Wayne Morris
Preside: Marcus Price
Ann/Closing Prayer: Ken Maupin
Pre-Class Greeter: Longs, Jaye Lavern
Class Attendance: Ken Maupin
Pre-Worship Greeter: Maupins
Usher #1: John Castree
Usher #2: Jaye Lavern
A/V Booth: Cameron Maupin

Those to Serve –July 11, 2021

Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa
Opening Prayer: Jeff Hagerman
Preside: Jose Cervantes
Ann/Closing Prayer: Ken Maupin
Pre-Class Greeter: John Castree, Julie Cavallaro
Class Attendance: Ken Maupin
Pre-Worship Greeter: Firms
Usher #1: Jaye Lavern
Usher #2: Jose Cervantes
A/V Booth: Scott Weir

Those to Serve –July 25, 2021

Worship Director: Cameron Maupin
Opening Prayer: Spencer Carter
Preside: Sid Long
Ann/Closing Prayer: Ken Maupin
Pre-Class Greeter: Maupins
Class Attendance: Ken Maupin
Pre-Worship Greeter: Rogers
Usher #1: Wayne Morris
Usher #2: Steve Adkins
A/V Booth: Adam/Tyler Zomok

Worship Usher #1 (inside auditorium main doors)

- greet latecomers and encourage sanitizing and help with finding seats (if there are none, ask elders to give up seat)
- may lock/unlock outer doors during worship
- take attendance on sheet provided and give to Ken/leave in Tim's office after worship
- put attendance up on attendance board

Worship Usher #2 - floating in the middle of the auditorium to help people find seats or add remove seats

Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
Elizabeth Soter	815-721-0405	Jeremy Schulz	630-418-0371
Cameron Maupin	815-978-3362	Ken Maupin	815-262-1487
Mary Riley	815-988-7440	Sara Maupin	815-262-0303
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Joan Schmidt	815-708-3993	Brenda Mohler	815-505-7205
Pat Seifert	815-871-7236	Tim Firm	815-914-1782

Prayer List

Jason Willis **Leda Phillips** **Anneka Broughton** **Sue Ann Diaz**
Bruce Rooks **Larry Borrison** **Kevin Gillis** **Donna Fincher**
Lea Schorer – no visitors at this time please **Dar Hinrichs**
Gerald Harbach **Jacob Gaskins** **Wendy Williams**
Brandi Ostergard – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer
Michelle Hutchison – Tammy Weir's sister in law, undergoing cancer treatment
Cherokee Thompson – Dean Aske's great granddaughter/Bill and Ida Thompson's granddaughter, suffering from cancerous spot on her brain causing seizures
Ken Lynch – recovering from shoulder surgery
Mike Trank – Melanie Lavern's dad, being treated for cancer
Carol McGowan – shoulder surgery and recently diagnosed with congestive heart failure
Myrtle Williams – had surgery to remove nodes from her throat, waiting on biopsy report. Please no phone calls right now as her throat is very sore
Dennis Floyd – still not doing well enough to have the procedures/surgery he needs done
Mathew Ronan – Doug Soter's nephew
Kevin Sircloumb – tumor on his brain stem, still in hospital in Madison
Joan Letsinger – back at her son, Wendell's, house
Gregory Willis – Ron Willis's brother, recently diagnosed with Myeloma
Kelly Kemp – Jared Kemp's father, recently discovered that his cancer has returned and it appears to be very aggressive
Earline Nipps – at East Bank - doing better
Mary Altendorf – now at Wesley Willows
Wyvon Williford – Janice Adkins' Aunt, in the hospital bc of a blood clot in her lung
Dominic Nicosia – Joe Nicosia's brother, in the hospital in very serious condition with bleeding in his brain
Pat Eichmann – is now at home recovering from her heart surgery
Chuck Mausehund – at home recovering after surgery
Nick Frost – Delores Warkins' nephew who was recently diagnosed with Crohn's disease
Bill Morrow – in the hospital with an infection in one of his toes
Chandler – son of a co-worker of Jerrica Hagerman and Linda Kellett who is dealing with a possibly serious medical diagnosis

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Colleen Crown's bday Syracusa's anniversary	2 Vickie Williams's bday	3 NO PANTRY
4 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am Ken Borer's bday	5 ROMEO Club meeting Sid Long's bday	6 Peyton Nicosia's bday	7 Bible Study 10 am	8 6-7:30 pm Pantry Foster's anniversary	9 Bret Hagerman's bday Erdman's anniversary	10 Maxine Bowers & Ken Maupin's bday
11 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am	12	13 Blanket Ministry work day	14 HHP Food Delivery Bible Study 10 am	15	16	17 Pantry 10:00am JD Hagerman's bday
18 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am Ana Lee Hagerman & Wes Long's bday	19 Terrie-Lyn Broughton's bday	20	21 Bible Study 10 am Schmidt's anniversary	22 6-7:30 pm Pantry	23	24 Rockford Christian Camp
25 Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am Joyce Heckelmliller's bday	26 Lisa Nicosia's bday	27	28 HHP Food Delivery Bible Study 10 am	29	30	31 Anneka Broughton's bday

NEWS & EVENTS

- Please get registered for Rockford Christian Camp as soon as possible!!

***** If you are interested in being on the staff for any session, please talk to Grant or Ashley Gregory and they will point you in the right direction**

- There will be a bridal shower for Sammi West on August 1st in the Fellowship Hall. Sammi and Brock are registered at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Menards (time tbd)

- There will be a bridal shower for Katrina Weir on August 28th in the Fellowship Hall. Katrina and JJ are registered at Target and Amazon (time tbd)

- The Meijer on 173 will be running a Simply Give campaign through Saturday, July 3rd. Cards are available at the building, through a Pantry board member or you can get them in the store at the location on 173 only

- If you would like make a donation to RCC to help with raising funds for the cabin siding, you can write a check made to RCC or you can go to this website <https://rockfordchristiancamp.org/cabin-keepers/>

- There is a weekly Wednesday morning Bible study at the building from 10 - 11 am

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