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Pastor's Pen:

Compassion



The definition of compassion, according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, is the "sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it." So, compassion is a feeling of deep sympathy, even sorrow for another who is hurting, in pain, or in his misfortune. Thankfully this isn't the entirety of the meaning of compassion. For it to be true compassion, one's sorrow is accompanied by a desire to help the individual or as Merriam-Webster states, to alleviate the suffering of the object or person.

Jesus Christ is the greatest example, and should be our go to as an example of true compassion. Not only did Jesus have compassion and heal people from their earthly physical suffering, he also showed the highest form of compassion for mankind when he died on the cross for our sins. (While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8)

It's not always easy to show compassion, especially when we feel like the person deserves their misfortune by the choices that he/she has made. However, authentic compassion is a mark of Christian character. It is an indication of one's understanding of what God has done for each of us through Jesus Christ.

Do you consider yourself to be a person of compassion? It may be a good exercise for each of us to look at the example of Jesus. This is how it was lived out. In Mark 1:41 we meet a man that lived much of his life isolated from people and had strict instructions to announce his presence by stating, "Unclean, unclean". Jesus, filled with compassion reached out his hand and touched the man. This may have been the first time in years since the Leper had the human touch of another man. More than just a physical touch, Jesus communicated value to this man who was unjustly treated due to his condition. Jesus was indignant and exasperated with those who lacked compassion for the man.

During the many years of public life and in the events of his death, Jesus showed us his compassion further. In Luke 23 we read about the events surrounding his last moments. He had been paraded and mocked throughout the streets on the way to a spot outside Jerusalem called Golgotha, or place of the skull, Calvary. Jesus had been physically beaten and stripped of his clothing, for hours. He was then nailed to a cross where onlookers watched him struggle for air and breathe his last. Prior to his last breath Jesus spoke these words to God, "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34

His final prayer begged God the Father for compassion on those who had beaten his body and rejected Him as the promised Messiah. Even more, we know that His death was a compassionate move on behalf of all mankind. 1 Peter 3:18, *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh...*

We have an opportunity to show the same compassion to those who cross our paths every day. Whether we spend our limited hours and days at school or work, in the community or at 18 & 8th, it will be noticed by those who are looking for answers to the mysteries of a broken culture. The real answer to man's brokenness is real Hope, and his name is Jesus. Those of us who know Jesus and live as he did will have ample opportunity to make introductions to our neighbors who are yet wandering and seeking answers. Yes, we need to introduce the Jesus of the Bible to our neighbors, friends, and family.

Some of us are still figuring out how to do this introduction which can lead others to Jesus. Here are a few considerations: 1) Engage people in your everyday circumstances. 2) Be genuinely interested and talk with people without becoming defensive. 3) Ask questions and be willing to learn from others. 4) Offer to pray for people in moments of struggle. 5) Accept people where they are and allow God to change hearts. 6) Thank people for what they have done without expecting anything in return. 7) Have margin in your life to be available to sit and talk, listen and pray.

Jesus spent time with people, sat with them at the water well and around cooking fires. He caught fish with them and called storms to be still. He laid hands on people in prayer and cried with friends who had loved ones die. Jesus shared life with small groups and multitudes and took opportunity to offer each one Hope.

There is Hope in Jesus Christ - The Compassionate Messiah
Pastor Troy





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Pathways Training—6:30-8 pm, LL #106	2	3 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T- 6:15 pm	4 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	5 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S Voice of the Martyrs Livestream—6:30 pm, NC	Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
7 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Pipeline & Sunday School, 9 am Next Steps-Step 4 (s.1), 9 am, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, NC Ignite: 4-6 pm, NC Fusion: 6-8 pm, NC	8 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Mtg.—6:30 pm, LL #106	9 E. Free Pastors Network Lunch—11am-2pm, NC/K	10 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T- 6:15 pm	11 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC Missions Meeting—6:15 pm, LL #106	12 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	13 Iglesia Women's Study—4-6 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
14 Daylight Savings Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Pipeline & Sunday School, 9 am Next Steps-Step 4 (s.2), 9 am, LL #102 Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, NC Ignite: 4-6 pm, NC Fusion: 6-8 pm, NC	15 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Pathways Training—6:30-8 pm, LL #106	16 Board of Deacons Mtg—6:00 pm, LL #106	17 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T- 6:15 pm	18 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	19 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	20 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
21 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Pipeline & Sunday School, 9 am Next Steps-Step 1, Noon, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, NC Ignite: 4-6 pm, NC Fusion: 6-8 pm, NC	22 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Pathways Training—6:30-8 pm, LL #106	23	24 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC Awana: Trek/Journey—5:30 pm Cubbies-T&T- 6:15 pm	25 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Meeting—6 pm, NC	26 Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S	27 Iglesia Women's Study—4-6 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica Worship Practice—5:30 pm, S
28 Palm Sunday Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Pipeline & Sunday School, 9 am Iglesia Biblica 2 pm, NC Ignite: 4-6 pm, NC Fusion: 6-8 pm, NC	29 Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm, LL #102 Pathways Training—6:30-8 pm, LL #106	30	31 Sr. Life Group—1 pm, NC No Awana - Spring Break			

Do You Know Our Office Hours?

Monday—Thursday, 8:00 AM—4:00 PM
 Fridays, 8:00 AM—Noon



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5 Ruth Joy Tuttle
7 Carol Botteron
9 Kate Baer
John Jordan
Roger Krauss
Joshua Skoumal
11 Roxanne Geisler
Sarah Rische
Sherry Thomas
12 Gabrielle Ils
Oliver Kuenzi

13 Kadin Paske
Duane Zimmerman
14 Karena Figi
16 Rylan Kelley
William Whyte
22 Jezaniah Beernink
Xylia Beernink
Tim Thomas
23 Heidi Rische
24 Dorothy Jensen
Christina Tuttle

25 Marissa Hurlbert
26 Regan Bartelt
Erik Haworth
Craig Signer
27 Natalie Reed
Austin Zettle
28 Asher Kuenzi
Libby Thoman
29 Dale Klitzke
30 Joan Coppes
Amanda Ohlrich

1 Stan & Sharon Johnson
6 Doug & Nancy Larson
8 Ron & Sharon Kubly
11 Ryan & Joni Proudfit
11 Joe & Libby Thoman



21 Jacob & Brittney Whyte
23 Adam & Grace Anderson
23 Ray & Pauline Wyss
24 Jim & Deb Hurlbert
26 Jesse & Meranda Beernink

Save the Date:

*Church Campout Yellowstone Park, Argyle WI
Friday, July 9th—Sunday, July 11th.
Mark Your Calendars!*



Easter Sunday

April 4th

Worship Services at MBC
9:00 and 10:30 AM



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Ahh, March is finally here! Which means Spring is on it's way along with a flurry of Mission activities instead of snow flurries! Be sure to save the evening of Friday, March 5th for the Voice of the Martyrs Virtual Conference which will be livestreamed in the Nehemiah Center. The event starts at 6:30 PM and includes worship music with Natalie Grant as well as presentations by three men who have been imprisoned in Turkey, Iran, and Sudan for their faithful service to our Lord. Todd Nettleton will moderate the conference which is sure to be very impactful. Think of who you might invite to hear the testimonies of these men and be blessed. Deb Hurlbert is working hard to bring this event to MBC and can be contacted with questions.

Planning for the Guatemala mission trip continues. Each of you will receive only one support letter seeking your prayers and, if God so leads, financial donations. Each individual will need approximately \$1600 to cover airfare, food, lodging, transportation, interpreters, etc. There is currently \$6,120 which came in before borders closed in 2020 causing cancellation of all travel. These funds will be used this year, but approximately \$11,500 more is needed. Please pray about how you can join this mission effort. God can multiply even the smallest amount to accomplish His purposes. Remember you are giving to God's work, not just a MBC Mission trip. The ripple effect of what we do in Guatemala will last long after we return.

OneMeal food packing with *Kids Around The World* is scheduled for May 15th at 18 & 8th. If you have participated in the past, you know what a fun and fulfilling activity it is to package 20,000 meals for hungry children in a 3rd world country, knowing the Gospel is presented along with food. Every effort will be made to do the packing in a safe manner. Watch for a sign-up sheet, donation box, and more information. Bernie Roidt can be contacted with questions.

2021 Guatemala Team

The last date to put on your Spring calendar is Sunday, April 11th when Dr. Steve Fowler from Society for Europe's Evangelism will be here. He is very eager to share the faithful ministry of Art Sommerville in France for over 70 years. Dr. Sommerville was one of the first missionaries supported by MBC, so for many years our church has been involved with this ministry. Steve will also meet with the youth that Sunday evening encouraging them to consider if God might be calling them to missions. Don't miss out on this opportunity to hear about the fruit resulting from Art's faithful ministry made possible in part from the prayer and mission dollars of MBC.





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In Sympathy

*We want to extend our sympathy
 to the Don & Darlene Bartelt Family.*

*Darlene's mom, Genevieve Johnson,
 passed away Tuesday, February 2nd.*

*May God comfort and bless
 all of you with His peace.*

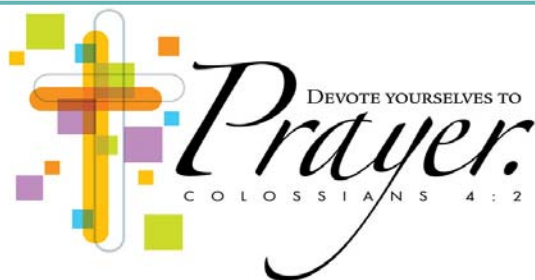
NEXT STEPS

Step 4 "Our Equipping"
 (2 sessions)
 Sunday, March 7th & 14th
 At 9:00 am, LL #102

Step 1 "Our Mission & Vision" (1 session)

Sunday, March 21st
 At Noon, LL #106
 (Following 2nd service)
 *Lunch is provided

Sign up on our church website or use
 the Chromebook at the
 Welcome Center!



I recently heard the figures on how much time the average person spends watching television and time spent on their cell phone. It was very astonishing.

Recently I had the privilege of going to the No Regrets Men's Conference. It was excellent. One statement that really challenged me was "Be willing to allow the Lord to be the strongest influence in your life". I believe every believer

needs to take inventory and see if this is true in their life. If it isn't, be willing to change your priorities.

Elijah was a man of prayer. King Ahab didn't like Elijah. Elijah had told him it wouldn't rain for three years. After that period of time, Elijah told Ahab God was going to send rain, and it did come. Elijah prayed throughout his ministry, and God did many miracles through him. He believed God when he prayed. Are we prepared for God to display His glory when we pray?

Elijah wasn't perfect, he had a time of discouragement after many victories. God brought him through that difficult time.

I would encourage everyone to go to Foundersweek.org and listen to the excellent messages.

Men, I would encourage you to get the free No Regrets app on your phone and listen to the challenging and encouraging messages. God is at work.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader



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FRIDAY | MARCH 5, 2021 | 6:30 P.M.
 Worship, Speakers, & Panel Discussion

IMPRISONED *for* CHRIST

VIRTUAL EVENT

presented by  The Voice of the Martyrs

Imprisoned for Christ Event Schedule:

6:30 pm	Event Begins
6:40 pm	Main Session
7:20 pm	Worship
7:35 pm	Main Session
8:15 pm	Intermission
8:30 pm	Worship
8:45 pm	Main Session
9:25 pm	Panel Discussion
9:55 pm	Worship
10:00 pm	Event Close

Everyone is Invited!

We are Livestreaming this Free Event at Monroe Bible Church
 in the Nehemiah Center on Friday, March 5th
 from 6:30-10:00 PM.

Feel free to bring a snack of cookies/bars to share during the intermission.
 Additional Invite Cards are available at the Welcome Center.
 Contact Deb Hurlbert with any questions, 608-325-3430.

New Open AA Meetings – The Speak Easy Meeting

Beginning Saturday, March 6th at 6:00 pm at 18 & 8th (1802 8th Street, Monroe).

A sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous will tell their story.

This is an OPEN meeting, so all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Open AA meetings will be on the first Saturday of each month.

This is an opportunity to learn about the struggles of addiction and give support to people within our community who may be struggling.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Carolyn at 608-345-1730
 or Dale at 608-921-9360.

Be sure to check out the website at www.greencountyaa.org





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“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Colossians 3:16 (NASB)

Memory Verses

*Each week we've had a memory verse for our sermon series
 Build My Church!*

1/3/21 - John 13:34 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

1/10/21 - Romans 12:5 “so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

1/17/21 - Romans 12:10 “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;”

1/24/21 - Ephesians 5:21 “and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.”

1/31/21 - Romans 15:7 “Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.”

2/7/21 - Ephesians 4:2 “with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,”

2/14/21 - Romans 15:5 “Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,”

2/21/21 - Romans 15:14 “And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.”

2/28/21 - Galatians 6:2 “Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

3/7/21 - 1 Peter 4:10 “As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

3/14 - 1 Thessalonians 5:11 “Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

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Read Luke 19:28-44:

What is Passover? the Jewish holiday that celebrates the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

Q1: The two small villages were near what place? _____
A1: The two small villages were near the Mount of Olives on the way to Jerusalem.

Q2: Jesus sent two disciples on a mission to find what? _____
A2: Jesus sent two disciples on a mission to find a donkey's colt

Q3: Where did the disciples find the donkey's colt? _____
A3: The disciples found the colt just inside the village's entrance.

Q4: What did the disciples put on the donkey before placing Jesus on it? _____
A4: The disciples put their cloaks on the donkey's back before placing Jesus on it.

Q5: What did people place on the road? _____
A5: People placed palm leaves and their cloaks on the road.

Q6: If the people were silenced, what did Jesus say would praise Him? _____
A6: Jesus said if the people were silenced, the rocks would praise Him.

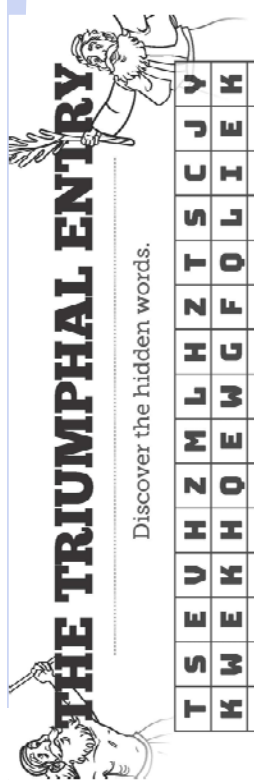
Q7: Why did Jesus say that Jerusalem would be overtaken and destroyed? _____
A7: Jesus said that Jerusalem would be overtaken and destroyed because the people did not recognize Him as their Savior.

Memory Verse

Luke 19:38: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son to pay the price for our sins. Thank You for loving us more than we will ever understand. Please help us to always recognize who Jesus is in our lives and remember the sacrifice He made for us. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.



Discover the hidden words.

V	K	S	W	O	R	T	K	X	N	K	F	V	C	M
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Word Bank

- DISCIPLES
- GATES
- CROWD
- PALMS
- LEAVES
- JERUSALEM
- ROCKS
- DONKEY
- COLT
- LORD
- CLOAKS
- JESUS

HOSANNA

I Welcome Jesus

NAME _____

Color the Picture & Sign Your Name