



"WALKING A LIFE OF PASSION AND PURPOSE FOR JESUS CHRIST"

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Friends and **F**amily of **C**ross **W**alk,

With the arrival of May flowers comes that holiday where we remember and honor our mothers. I recently came across a British survey that was conducted a couple of years ago that stated that 40% of moms receive unwanted Mother's Day gifts. Most moms were too polite to complain. However, here is a partial list of the 30 worst Mother's Day gifts according to moms who actually received them:

- Deodorant
- Fire extinguisher
- Cleaning supplies
- a loaf of French bread
- Salad dressing
- Popcorn
- Ants
- Hair dye
- Screwdriver
- Toilet paper
- Calculator
- Car parts

Another newspaper ran an article entitled, "*20 awful Mother's Day cards that you absolutely should not buy.*" The article was clear: DO NOT buy these cards, but in case you are curious here are a few examples:

- Mom, thanks for always checking up on me (with a picture of a cell phone with 24 unanswered calls from "Mom").
- Well, I guess this Mother's Day card is late. Looks like someone wasn't raised properly.

- I'm awesome! You're welcome. To the luckiest Mom ever!
- Mom, I love you loads! (with a picture of a laundry basket overflowing with clothes) Speaking of loads...Can you do my laundry?

How my mother survived raising three boys, I'll never know! As I reflect on unwanted Mother's Day gifts, I recall one year when I was 5 or 6 that I gave my mother some cut-glass salt and pepper shakers with silver plated tops. When I gave them to Mom she went on and on about how beautiful they were. It obviously made an impression on me because for the next 6 or 7 years I got Mom salt and pepper shakers for Mother's Day. I figured that if she liked them so much, I would stay with a winner!

As a parent I have found that it really is the thought that counts. We are blessed just to be remembered. Some of the things we present to our heavenly Father aren't worth much. He owns everything and has no need of anything. And what do you give to the one who has everything? Yourself...that's all he wants.

I remember asking my mom on many occasions, "What do you want for your birthday...or Christmas...or Mother's Day?" Her answer was always the same, "Just your presence."

Happy Mother's Day to all you mothers. May God bless you and your families!

Your brother in Christ,

Kirk

Messages for the Month

May **05**, 2019 – **Acts 9:19b - 25** “From Destroyer to Defender” 3rd Sunday of Easter – Communion

May **12**, 2019 – **Malachi 1:6 - 11** - “Defiling the Divine” – 4th Sunday of Easter

May **19**, 2019 – **John 13:31 - 35** - “The Glory and Love of Jesus” – 5th Sunday of Easter

May **26**, 2019 – **Psalms 67:1 - 7** – “God of Grace and God of Glory” – 6th Sunday of Easter

Our Staff

Pastor: Kirk Werner

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John Carson, Courtney Scollard & Mike Walkup

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BIRTHDAYS



Gwyn Baker – 1st

John Morton – 2nd

Max Baker – 3rd

Laine Donnell – 6th

Jack Peterson – 6th

Stan Fletcher – 7th

Jody Hazenfield – 8th

Brenda Clabo – 11th

Mike Walkup – 16th

Marshall Mckenna – 20th

Davin Olafson – 30th

Beth Ferguson – 30th





NURSERY SCHEDULE

May 05: Dawn Briere & Karen McMurray

May 12: Laine Donnell & Mike Walkup & Linda Odle

May 19: Carol Jordan & Chelsea Peterson

May 26: Dawn Briere & Matt Peterson



KIDS CROSSING

with **John Carson**

May 05: Jeremy Cecil

May 12: Lindsay Rosa

May 19: Brad Brummett

May 26: Jim Odle

New Hopewell School



It is flu and virus time and there is a need for **disinfectant sprays**, **disinfectant wipes** and **tissues** for those runny noses.

New Hopewell is a low-income school and there are children who are unable to get to school on time and come to school without breakfast. The office would appreciate breakfast foods like **breakfast**

bars and **pop tarts** type foods to give to these children to tide them over until school lunch.

It is easy to help this school by picking up some of these items when you shop. The teachers and staff pay for these supplies out of their own pockets. The school funds do not cover these items. The supplies do not have to be name brand items and *your help would be greatly appreciated*. Please place them in the **blue tub** at the rear of the church. Thank you again, for your help.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CrossWalk Café

Our next Cafe' will be **May 5, 2019!** It's time for our annual **Cinco de Mayo** cafe. *Cinco de Mayo* literally means "The fifth of May." It is a Mexican holiday celebrating Mexico's victory over the French in the Battle of Pueblo which took place May 5, 1862. So, break out that favorite Mexican dish to tantalize our taste-buds. You don't want to miss this colorful celebration as we enjoy some wonderful food and interesting conversation around the table. Hope to see you then!

THANK YOU...KUDOS...APPLAUSE!!!



The session would like to say **THANK YOU** to all families for your service on the **Refreshment Ministry Team**. When you join the church, you are assigned to this team, as we feel it is a ministry that all can participate in. You are paired with another family and given one month (every 1 1/2 – 2 years) to provide Sunday morning refreshments. Most teams take two weeks each; others share in the entire month. *It is up to you*. **Please remember that you are NOT responsible**

for providing breakfast for everyone. This is just a light refreshment to have with coffee or juice. (Coffee is provided by the church.) *What the teams provide is their gift to the church in service to our Lord.* Be sure and show your gratitude... We are certainly grateful to each of you!!!

**The teams are posted on the bulletin board for the year and printed 3 months ahead in the newsletter, so that you can plan ahead.*



SUNDAY MORNING **Refreshment Schedule**

May 2019

Nancye & Rusty Esch 977-4229
Betty & Frank Clepper 573-8784

June 2019

Jane & Ricardo Gracia 579-0899
Regina Miller 207-7097
Wanda & Albert Wayman 850-4039

July 2019

Fran & Marshall Mckenna 963-9152
Brenda & Steve Clabo 546-4830



CrossWalk family, if you see a need to replenish coffee supplies such as coffee, hot/cold cups, paper towels, kitchen dish soap or men's/women's room supplies, **please let us know by;** (1) **noting what is needed on the bulletin board in the kitchen for refreshment supplies** and (2) **noting on the rest room listing in the rest rooms** so that supplies can be replenished **before they are completely out.** If you have questions, please contact *Judy Campbell* or *Sue Werner*. Thank you!



Family Promise 2019 Schedule

So that you can go ahead and get the dates on your calendars, the weeks that we will be supporting **First Baptist Knoxville** are as follows:

July 21-28

September 29-October 6

December 8-15

Family Promise is always accepting gently used household items such as furniture, towels, kitchen items (plates, utensils, kitchen gadgets, etc.). So, think of them as you do your spring cleaning!!!

If you would like to be added to the Family Promise email list, please let **Courtney Scollard** know.

Thank you!





Check out our website!

Have you checked out our website lately? It's a great way to introduce people to our church. Navigate through the site and see pictures of church events, a calendar of events, and the weekly messages are catalogued in the media section. This is a helpful tool in keeping informed and a good resource to refer to your friends. The web address is www.crosswalkepc.org.



CHURCH CLEANING COMMITTEE

May 1 – May 4 – Beth Ferguson w Cathy Tolbert

May 8 – May 11 – Beth Ferguson w Cathy Tolbert

May 15 – May 18 – Brad & Lisa Brummett

May 22 – May 25 – Brad & Lisa Brummett



If you use the church during the week, please, be sure to take your trash with you when you leave – especially food waste.



Fall Festival

Save the Date!
Saturday, September 28, 2019
10am - 3pm

Contact Courtney Scollard if you would like to help with planning.



John 13:31-35 *Biblical Commentary:*

JOHN 13. *THE CONTEXT*

“Now before the feast of the Passover” (13:1). In this Gospel, the supper that Jesus shares with his disciples is not the Passover as in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 26:17-25; Mark 14:12-25; Luke 22:7-13). In this Gospel, Jesus will die on the day of Preparation for the Passover (19:31).

During the meal, Jesus washes the disciple's feet (13:2-12), a task reserved for the lowliest servant—a task too lowly, to be required of a Jewish man. In a few minutes, Jesus will tell his disciples to love one another, but he begins by demonstrating love in action.

Jesus then tells the disciples that **“He who eats**

bread with me has lifted up his heel against me” (13:18) and predicts Judas’ betrayal (13:21). After some discussion among the disciples, Judas **“immediately went out. And it was night”** (13:30). The hour was dark both physically and spiritually.

John 13:31 – 16:33 is a series of discourses (speeches) by Jesus, which together are commonly thought of as Jesus’ Farewell Discourse. This is followed by Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer (17:1-26). The farewell address is a common literary form found in both testaments (Genesis 49; Deuteronomy 33; 1 Chronicles 28-29; Joshua 23:24; Acts 20; 2 Peter). The typical farewell address is given by a person facing death, and includes blessings, exhortations, and the naming of a successor.

JOHN 13:31-32. NOW THE SON OF MAN HAS BEEN GLORIFIED

31When he had gone out, Jesus said, **“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him immediately.”**

“When (Judas) had gone out” (v. 31a). Earlier, preparing to identify Judas, **“Jesus was troubled in spirit”** (13:21), but he does not allow that mood to set the tone for the evening. It is as if, when Judas departs, a pall lifts. Judas’ departure rids the group of his evil presence and sets in motion the events that lead to Jesus’ glorification.

“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him” (v. 31b). The title, **Son of Man**, comes from Daniel 7:13-14, where the Ancient of Days (God) gave to the one like a Son of Man **“dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.”** Scholars agree that Jesus intended it as a messianic title.

The title, Son of Man, has the advantage of having none of the militaristic connotations associated with the title, Messiah. People expect the Messiah to raise an army, to drive out the Romans, and to re-

establish the great Davidic kingdom. They have no such expectations regarding the Son of Man.

Jesus focuses on glorification, his own and God’s. The word **“glory”** is used in the Bible to speak of various wonderful things—but it is used specially to speak of God’s glory—an aura associated with God’s appearance that reveals God’s majesty to humans. In this Gospel, Jesus’ glorification is his death, resurrection, and ascension. Just as God’s glory was revealed at Sinai (Exodus 24:16-17), so also it will be revealed at the cross and open tomb. **“the Son of Man has been glorified—God has been glorified”** (v. 31)—**“If God has been glorified—God will also glorify him** (the Son of Man)—**will glorify him immediately”** (v. 32). While Jesus’ glorification will take place in his death, resurrection, and ascension, he speaks of it as both past and future. The past tense, **“has been glorified,”** reflects his decision, already made, to be obedient even to death on a cross. The future tense, **“will also glorify,”** anticipates his retaking his rightful place with the Father through his resurrection and ascension.

The wait has been long, but now Jesus’ time has come. His sacrifice will make visible his obedience to God and his love for people. On the cross he will open the door to eternity (John 3:14-15). On the cross he will draw all people to himself (John 12:32). The disciples understand glorification in traditional terms, so they do not understand Jesus. They will not understand until they see the open tomb and the resurrected Christ.

JOHN 13:33. WHERE I AM GOING, YOU CAN’T COME

33**“Little children, (Greek: teknia) I will be with you a little while longer. You will seek me, and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you can’t come,’ so now I tell you.”**

“Little children, I will be with you a little while longer” (v. 33a). In verses 31-32, Jesus announced what will happen to him. Now he tells his disciples how that will affect them—the principal effect being that he will soon leave them.

“You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I tell you” (v. 33b). As Jesus notes here, earlier he

spoke these words to **“the Jews”** (7:33-34; 8:21)—by which he means his opponents, the Jewish leaders. In that context, he meant them as words of judgment, because Jewish leaders were looking for him so that they might kill him (5:18; 7:1). He told them, **“you won’t find me”** (7:34) and **“you will die in your sins”** (8:21).

Here he speaks these same words affectionately, calling the disciples *teknia*—little children—and omitting **“you won’t find me”** and **“you will die in your sins.”**

- Instead of saying, **“you won’t find me,”** Jesus promises his disciples that he will prepare a place for them and **“I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also”** (14:3).
- Instead of saying, **“you will die in your sins,”** Jesus promises, **“because I live, you will live also”** (14:19).

JOHN 13:34. A NEW COMMANDMENT
34**“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just like I have loved you; that you also love one another.”**

“A new commandment I give to you” (v. 34a). This new commandment is simple enough for a child to understand and challenging enough that no mature Christian will claim to have obeyed it fully. **“New commandment”** in the Latin Vulgate is *mandatum novum*, which is where we get the phrase Maundy Thursday (Bruce, 294).

The new commandment is not entirely new. Leviticus 19:18 says, **“You shall not take vengeance nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am Yahweh.”**

That commandment required Israelites to love only other Israelites, but Leviticus 19:34 expands its scope: **“The stranger who lives as a foreigner with you shall be to you as the native-born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you lived as foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am Yahweh your God.”**

What, then, is new about Jesus’ commandment?

- First, Jesus provides a clear model of the love that he requires: **“just like I have loved you, you also**

love one another” (v. 34b). If we want to understand Christian love, we have only to look at Jesus’ life and actions. The foot-washing in which he so recently engaged (13:1-20) sets the tone for the humble service that Jesus expects his disciples to render to each other.

- Second, it focuses on the Christian community—we are to love Christian brothers and sisters. In the Synoptics, Jesus calls us to love neighbors and enemies (Matthew 5:44; 19:19; 22:39; Mark 12:31; Luke 6:27, 35)—and God loves the world (John 3:16)—but Jesus’ call in this verse is for his disciples to love one another.
- Third, this new commandment inaugurates a new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34). The mark of faithfulness to the old covenant was obedience to the Torah. The mark of faithfulness to the new covenant is love for those within the community of faith (see Brown, 613-614; also, Krentz and Vogel, 42).

- Fourth, this new commandment is positive and open-ended. Rather than focusing on **“Thou shalt not,”** it says, **“thou shalt”** (Gossip, 693). Where many Old Testament laws were very specific, this law is very broad. We can never claim full compliance, because there is no end to the requirement. When have we loved enough? There is always need for more love. People could respond to the old law with a bookkeeper’s mindset. Not so with this new commandment!

The focus is on *loving action* rather than loving feelings. In chapter 15, Jesus will repeat the commandment, saying, **“This is my commandment, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends”** (15:12-13). In his own life, Jesus translates love into action that benefits the beloved. He calls us to do the same.

This makes it possible to obey. While it might be impossible to feel affection for some people, it is not impossible to help them. Our action-love is a gift of Christ, who loved us, showed us how love behaves, and makes of us a new people born again in his image and capable of loving with his love. We can truly obey this commandment when **“it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me.**

That life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.” (Galatians 2:20).

If you believe yourself to have a valid excuse not to love a particular person, consider the context in which Jesus tells the disciples to love one another. Jesus has just told them that one of them will betray him, and they do not know who that will be. The betrayer has departed (v. 30), but the disciples do not know that (vv. 28-29). Jesus commands them to love one another anyway—in spite of the fact that they do not know who the betrayer will be—do not know who it is that they cannot trust.

JOHN 13:35. BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES

35“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Christian witness can take many forms, from street preaching to solemn liturgy, *but it always involves love.*

The church grew rapidly after the resurrection, in part because of the powerful witness of Christian love. **“See how they love one another,”** the pagans said (Tertullian, Apology). It is difficult not to respond to the witness of a loving person.

Ignoring this new commandment is not an option. Paul warns, **“If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don’t have love, I have become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal,... If I dole out all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don’t have love, it profits me nothing.”** (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

But, as with all commandments, this one ultimately requires us to throw ourselves on the mercy of the court—to rely on God’s grace rather than our compliance with the law. Most of us fail daily to act in loving ways, even toward loved ones—and even more so toward people who rub us the wrong way. The Good News is that God loves us anyway! We must pray for grace to keep the commandment—and for grace when we fail.



Memorial Day

By Mark Andersen

The grizzled old man arrived at his destination, his back hunched over, using a cane and with what combat veterans describe as the thousand-yard stare. A gaze that looks right through you, a look that says he has seen the horrors of war and that he cannot forget them some sixty years later. A vast sea of white lay before him. It was as if someone had planted the seeds for the garden of stone that was before him, ready for harvest.

“How Many?” He asked himself, knowing that while there was a finite answer, the true answer was too many. He trudged his way across the field of marble, stopping at each headstone to take a flag out of his backpack and placing a flag in front of each marker. He read every name and calculated every age. He was tempted to say that a few were too young to be here; however, he realized that all the men and women that were here were all too young to be here, every soul here was cut down in its prime. **“What a waste.”** He exclaimed while shaking his head.

Silent and respectful of the sacrifices of those just below his feet he soldiered on, he was determined to complete his mission before nightfall. Across the field he could hear a lone bugler play taps, the mournful sound echoed across the landscape. The forlorn notes brought back memories of long ago when he was a much younger man. He could still hear their voices, still see their faces as if they were standing next to him. The thoughts of the war came rushing back to him. He remembered each

death. He was one of a handful that had survived the entire war. They were so young then, so full of life and ready to take on the world. Few of them had that chance, many of them were chewed up on foreign soil, never to see home again. They gave their lives for a cause they may not have understood or believed in, but they knew that their country needed them, so they answered the call. He could see himself as a young man trying to comprehend the savagery around him. Trying to understand why he lived, and others died.

As he was reflecting on his past life a young man with close cropped hair, a muscular build and the thousand-yard stare approached the old man. **“Hello sir, may I help you put those flags out?”**

“Well, this is kind of a mission I promised myself I would complete for my fallen brothers. It is something I have done every year since 1946. There were a lot fewer stones then, every year it seems like more and more stones are here. And every year this mission takes me longer and longer to complete.”

“Sir, I have fallen brethren here as well, it would be an honor to help you.” “Where and when did you serve son?” “I was with the Bravo company 1/502nd Infantry Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, I served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.”

“A wful business is what those wars are. I would be honored to have a fellow Screaming Eagle help me. What is your name son?” “Troy Miller, sir.” “Troy, I am Mike Samson, I was with the the 101st during WWII, I jumped into Normandy and was with the 101st throughout the war. What was your rank?” “I was Corporal sir.” “You don’t need to call me sir, I was never anything more than a Private.”

The two of them soldiered on, placing a flag in front of each headstone. They talked about the different wars and how the wars had changed them. **“What are your thoughts on war.”** Asked the old man. **“My thoughts on war?”** the young man said. **“Yeah, what are your thoughts on war?”**

“I feel that mankind has great potential, yet that potential gets wasted by men with big egos.

Those big egos do nothing more than send young men to die, those that live, like you and me, we don’t come home the same. We are broken, yet, we try to hide it as best we can. All the while the great leaders proclaim the young men are heroes. Nothing is learned, nothing is gained, and the next generation of young men is groomed to go to war for men with big egos. There has to be a better way to solve the world’s problems.”

“You are right on the money son. My only wish throughout my life is that we would someday stop adding young men and women to this cemetery. Where one day Memorial Day would no longer be necessary. But I don’t think that dream will ever happen.”

The young man nodded in agreement as they approached the last headstone. The soil was freshly turned, another addition to the fallen. **“I have to get going.”** said the young man. **“You sure you don’t want to go to the VFW and have a beer with me?”** “I would love to, but I have to go.” **“All right, it has been a pleasure to meet you.”**

The old man watched as the young man disappeared over the horizon, he then looked down at the marble headstone,

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Operation Enduring Freedom
The old man wept for the first time in 60 years, all he could think was, **“What a waste.”**



Happy
Mother's
Day

A decorative Mother's Day card. The central text "Happy Mother's Day" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font. The words are arranged vertically: "Happy" on the top line, "Mother's" on the middle line, and "Day" on the bottom line. The text is surrounded by a lush arrangement of various flowers. There are several pink roses of different sizes, a large yellow chrysanthemum, several purple hydrangea-like flowers, and many small, delicate blue and pink blossoms. Green leaves and stems are interspersed among the flowers. The entire floral and text composition is set against a plain white background. The card is framed by a light blue border with a repeating geometric pattern. A soft pink shadow is cast around the white background, giving it a three-dimensional appearance.