

Pursuing Peace

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Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Peace does not just happen by chance. Pursuing peace is something that takes a great deal of effort to attain and maintain.

Romans 12:18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

The beginning point of pursuing peace is yourself. The only person you have the ability to control is yourself. We can influence others, but we can only control ourselves. In all situations we must consider the consequences of our words and actions. Let our words and our actions be for the purpose of peace.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

When we speak to others we should always speak with respect and courtesy. Always speak the truth in love. Think about your words before you speak to make sure you are saying the right words at the right time. Let your words be words that build up and pursue peace rather than words that tear down and cause strife.

Hebrews 12:15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

To maintain peace in a family or a congregation we must be careful not to allow a root of bitterness to spring us in us and cause trouble. The danger of bitterness is that it is very infectious. Have you ever had a day where all was going well and you were in a good mood only to have someone in a bad bitter mood ruin your day with their bitter words or actions? They stole your joy from you with their bitterness. Do not let other people who are struggling with bitterness infect you with their bitterness where you now will infect other people whom you come in contact with.

Proverbs 19:11 The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression.

Passing over the transgressions of others is a major requirement for pursuing peace. We are going to be sinned against sometimes by others. We can allow the evil to overcome us or we can overcome evil with good. Passing over the transgressions of others is actually for our benefit so we will not become infected with bitterness and thus be able to continue to pursue peace. As you pursue peace in your life, I pray you may attain and maintain peace.



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

No Sunday PM Service

Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.



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Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium it means **“Quiet Please”**

Prayer List *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Those that attend: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, Maria Swindlehurst, Jean Cameron, Sonny Stine, Brenda Nelson, Diane Mellott, Heather Bennett.

People in other places: Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Betty Leistner, Denise Garlitz' grandchildren and her son Jeff, Mary Lou, Carol's sister Holly, Frank's niece, Tony & Eglia Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, George Beckwith, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Cheryl Wheeler, Cindy, Levi, Jeanne Johns, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Mary Lou, Gloria, Linda Mudd, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Billie Jo Potter, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, Martha, Andrew, Vanessa Lewis, Jurek family, Williams family, Mary, Jean Fitzgerald, Mary Lou & Louise (Anna Brink's sisters), Malissa Layton, Th'alise Robinson, Ashley, Noreen Andrews, and John - Maria Swindlehurst's brother in law .

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Updates:

Dennis Reed. Let's continue to pray for him as he recuperates.

Bev McArthur has been dealing with a cough etc.

Oscar “Red” Crow. Let's keep him and Goldie in our prayers.

A coworker of Rodney Jones recently had a heart attack and has had surgery and will be going back to work soon.

Also

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other problems.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those who may be traveling.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Mar. 25 Today. Congregational Mtg. to elect one trustee from men nominated Mar. 04th.

Apr. 01 Holiday

Apr. 07 Last day to register for *Men's Day* hosted by Fenwick church of Christ.

Apr. 08 Great Lakes High School Chorus 6 PM Here at LaSalle.

Apr. 13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

Apr. 14 *Men's Day.* Hosted by Fenwick church of Christ. Please see posting.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 2nd Corinthians

Sermon Topic Today: The Purpose of Baptism

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:30-39

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 2nd Samuel

Trays Today

Joanne Morden



Read Me

Card on Message Board

Please see the card from Melissa Harris, Volunteer Co-Ordinator of Niagara Hospice.

Ongoing Events

Personal care items for the vets at the V.A. Hospital in Buffalo and also non-perishable food items for Casey House on Cedar Ave. in N.F. are being collected. If you can help in this matter it is greatly appreciated.

Zambia Baby Fund - Several members are contributing to this.

April Birthdays

05 Linda Stine	23 Barbara Oliver
16 Sherry Carter	25 Lilia Henry
17 Goldie Crow	27 Willow McFarland
17 Don Henry	28 Noah Bennett

Please check the
“Love One Another”
and
“Answered Prayers”
boards in the back of the auditorium.

April Anniversaries None this month

Everywhere Jesus went, men marveled at His greatness.

When He was just an infant, Mary and Joseph marveled at what was spoken of Him (Luke 2:33).

At twelve, they were amazed at Him as He discussed questions with doctors in the temple (Luke 2:48).

His hometown synagogue wondered at His gracious words (Luke 4:22).

The Jews marveled that He knew letters, having never learned (John 7:15).

The disciples were amazed at His transfiguration (Mark 9:1–15). They were amazed (Matthew 12:23) and marveled at His power to do miracles (John 7:21).

The “multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel” (Matthew 15:31).

His disciples marveled that His word could wither a living fig tree (Matthew 21:20), that He talked with a Samaritan woman (John 4:27), and that He controlled nature: “What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!” (Matthew 8:27).

His followers were amazed at His teachings (Mark 1:27), and wondered at His resurrected body (Luke 24:39–41).

His enemies marveled (Matthew 22:22).

Governor Pilate marveled at His restraint (Matthew 27:14).

His executioners marveled at His greatness (Luke 23:47). Follow Him; He will amaze you, too! (John 10:4).