



Bloom

AHBC Women's Ministry Newsletter

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bloom; verb

- (1): to mature into achievement of one's potential
- (2): to flourish in youthful beauty, freshness, or excellence.

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If in need of prayer, meals, camaraderie or guidance, please contact us!

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SUNDAY -	
ADULT BIBLE STUDY	9:30 AM
SERVICE	10:30 AM
TUESDAY-	
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	7:00 PM
TEEN GIRL BIBLE STUDY	7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY -	
DINNER	6:00 PM
BIBLE STUDY	6:30 PM
YOUTH	6:30 PM

Jaimes Baby Shower!

March 26h

(directly after service)



Donate gently used or new children's clothing

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Let's love our neighbors by helping to spread mulch Saturday March 4th 8-12am at the Junior School!

Where it all began!

AHBC

95th Birthday Service held at Cambridge Elementary March 19th 10:30 am

Happy Birthday

Teen girls bible study of 2 Timothy! Tuesdays 7 pm contact Brenna Cole 1-515-313-8126

-LOVE EACH OTHER

Loving others like Jesus does not involve pretense. It's genuine love. It's choosing to see the good in people while hating the sin, not the sinner.

"Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other." Romans

12:9-10

Love



-SERVE EACH OTHER
When we think of serving as a way of loving others like Jesus did, it puts things into perspective. Jesus served with no reward from man, only from God. We can too. We continue to serve even with no appreciation because there's a heavenly reward to those who serve diligently.

"So, let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9

-PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Instead of only talking about the needs people have and our desires for people, we should follow Jesus' example by praying for them. Not only at church with others, but even at home by ourselves. Praying for others is a powerful and practical way to love like Jesus. We must pray for our families, loved ones, the churches, our pastors, leaders, and our communities.

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. Colossians 1:9

-SHARE WITH EACH OTHER

Loving others like Jesus means we teach those around us love and godly principles through words and action. Jesus also taught people in the streets and their homes. He was pouring out the word of God into their lives all the time.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

-CARE FOR EACH OTHER

When you love like Jesus, you don't just share the Gospel with others and pray for them. Caring for any physical needs they have and helping them is a practical and powerful way to show God's love.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:10



Love my what as my what?

I have been enjoying our Abide study by Jen Wilkin so much, please join our study if you haven't already! I will be honest, I have always believed that the Old Testament Commandments were washed away when Jesus came. The law of Moses was unattainable, so Jesus came and took its place, right? Well, no, not exactly. The Word tells us that Jesus did not come to abolish the law, no, He came to FULFILL it. That is totally different. How many times have we just zoomed through that text? These precious commandments are still here for our benefit. It doesn't stop there, Jesus tacked on an 11th commandment (for us overachievers!)

Let's be honest, we have all pat ourselves on the back because we haven't murdered anyone, right but can we just take a minute to unpack our new bonus commandment? I love flowers, I love my neighbors flowers. I love small kittens. I love those who are really really nice to me. But what does the Word say?

..... To love my neighbor as I love MYSELF? Gulp.

I know I love myself well, but let's chew on this...

Am I making sure my neighbor's basic needs are met? Am I being kind when it comes to that old codger neighbor who complains all of the time? Am I freely giving words of affirmation? Well, I just called her an old codger! Am I forgiving and respectful? (see above) Am I considerate to those who cut me off on my ride home? Am I praying for my neighbors the way I hope others are praying for me? Are you?

My dear little children, here is what our brother John tells us...

We know that we have come to know Him if we keep His commands. Whoever says, "I know Him," but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys His word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did.

1 John 2:3-6

Loving our neighbor as ourselves is not a suggestion.....

Just a thought from the Other Eve

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Commandments

- 1). YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME. (CHECK)
- 2). YOU SHALL MAKE NO IDOLS. (ONLY WHEN THEY WERE LITTLE, LORD)
- 3). YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN. (I'm sorry it slipped!)
- 4). KEEP THE SABBATH DAY HOLY. (SKIP)
- 5). HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER. (I TRIED!)
- 6). YOU SHALL NOT MURDER. (ONLY IN MY MIND, BUT CHECK)
- 7). YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY. (CHECK)
- 8). YOU SHALL NOT STEAL. (CHECK)
- 9). YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR. (she's not nice!)
- 10). YOU SHALL NOT COVET. (BUT I WANTED SOME TOO)
- 11). LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. (WAIT, WHAT??)

How do I love ME?
Let me count the ways.....

