



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

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

Easter Sunday this year falls on April first. We immediately think of our cultural association with that date, being April Fool's Day — a time for playful tricks and jokes. But from our perspective as a Christian we think of references in Scripture such as 1 Corinthians 4:10 where Paul refers to us as **"fools for Christ."**

Those who live according to God's principles according to Scripture, which run contrary to worldly standards, are viewed as fools. One such example is Gary Hamlin, a doctor and self proclaimed "fool for Christ." In 1984 on April Fool's Day, Dr. Hamlin, a Joplin, Missouri, Osteopath became a "fool for Christ," and soon began doing foolish things. Hamlin says, *"I lived the first 40 years of life for Gary Hamlin's personal gain. But as I became obedient to God, He opened my eyes to other people who needed my help."*

He first opened a center to meet the needs of troubled teens. They provided free counseling and medical care. He and his family even hosted some of the teens in their home. He also helped start a facility for battered women and children, once again offering his services for free.

On April 1, 1988, Hamlin opened a highly unconventional medical practice — the Benevolent Friday Clinic. Any patient who needed medical care received it. To help provide these services, Dr.

Hamlin worked every other weekend at a local hospital. He says that Luke 14:14 (**"...and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."**) was the founding principle for the clinic. *"It was God's personal promise to me. Even now, though, when a patient's eyes well up with tears because someone is willing to give him medical care, it's humbling,"* Hamlin says.

In 1989, Hamlin visited Haiti. It changed things for him in a dramatic way. He says, *"Materialism has lost its value. Before I went to Haiti, where I worked with the Haitian Christian Mission and on my own, I carried a lot of fears in my life. Fear of dying. Fear of financial hardship. But after a while, the fears began to dissipate. God was weaning me from the world's attractions. He was showing me His vision for my life. To be a fool for Him every day."*

Christ became a "fool" for us. May we be "fools" for Him. Jesus is enough for us always. May our lives reflect that fact!

Your brother in Christ, Kirk



Messages for the Month

APRIL **01**, 2018 – **Acts 10:34 - 43** – “Jesus Is Lord of All” **Easter Sunday - Communion**

APRIL **08**, 2018 – **Acts 4: 32 - 35** – “Choosing the Right Attitude” – 2nd Sunday of Easter

APRIL **15**, 2018 – **Luke 24:36 - 49** – “Back to Jerusalem” – 3rd Sunday of Easter

APRIL **22**, 2018 – **1 John 3:16 - 24** – Love Lifts Us - 4th Sunday of Easter

APRIL **29**, 2018 – **Acts 8:26 - 40** – Heaven Sent - 5th Sunday of Easter



Our Staff

Pastor: Kirk Werner

Child Care Director: Linda Odle

Music Director: Joshua Jordan

Director of Children's Ministries:
Anna Baker

Class of 2018:

Donna Carter, Matt Peterson &
Greg Waldrop

Class of 2019:

John Carson, Dale Lutton &
Courtney Scollard

Class of 2020:

Carol Jordan, Jim Slyman &
Maurice Briere



BIRTHDAYS



Lee Burnett – 6th

Emily Burnett - 6th

Karen Walkup – 7th

Lisa McNabb - 7th

Bob Donnell - 9th

Ryan Pierce – 11th

Clyde Baker – 15th

Kirk Werner - 18th

Rusty Webber – 23rd

Rusty Esch – 28th

Greg Davis - 29th

Diana Hawk - 30th



John & Linda Wilkerson 4th

Davin & L.J. Olafson 9th

Dale & Debbie Lutton 20th

Randy & Mary Alice Wagner 25th



NURSERY SCHEDULE



Kids Crossing with Jim Odle

April 01: Stan Fletcher
April 08: Jeremy Cecil
April 15: Gwen Davis
April 22: Chelsea Peterson
April 29: Susan Fletcher



Preschool Room with Linda Odle:

April 01: Debbie Lutton
April 08: Jeanne Cecil
April 15: Carol Jordan
April 22: Anna Baker
April 29: Wanda Wayman

If you **cannot** work your *scheduled time*, please swap with someone and if you *cannot find a substitute*, call Linda Odle at 690-9358 or 207-2623. When you know you can't work in the nursery, please e-mail the date(s) to ilodle@comcast.net or put them in writing and give them to Linda Odle in the nursery. Thanks!

Babies/Toddlers & Kids Crossing Children

Come love on the youngest members of our church family. You will have no preparation or teaching. Just come help. You can choose to help with the babies/toddlers/preschool or Kids Crossing children. You can pick-up a FREE CD of the complete service before you leave church.

To help please contact Ms. Linda in the nursery or call 690-9358 for more information



How You Can Help *The Good News Club at New Hopewell* *Elementary*

The After School-Good News Club will end the last Wednesday in April for this year. **Please pray for the children of the GNC during April that they will listen to the Lord as He speaks to them.**

The school still needs breakfast bars, pop tarts and other quickie breakfast foods to give to the children who are late and haven't had anything to eat. With the **Flu** as bad as it is, they also need **Lysol Spray** and **Clorox Wipes**. These things do not have to be name brands and can be from the Dollar Store or other low-cost stores. School supplies are always needed anytime during the school year.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CrossWalk Café

Due to the fact that Easter is April 1st and the Ladies Brunch is April 7th, there will be no Cafe' in April. Our Next CrossWalk Cafe' will be **May 6, 2018**. It will be our *Cinco de Mayo Cafe'* where we will enjoy a Mexican bill of fare!



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



April 2018

Debbie & Dale Lutton 744-8952
Donna & Rhett Carter 454-9536

May 2018

Lisa & Brad Brummett 748-9517
Lindsay & Irving Rosa 588-6454

June 2018

Linda & Jim Odle 690-9358
Gwen & Greg Davis 577-0561



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!



We Need Your Help!



We want to help those who are in need of help! It may be yourself, a neighbor, coworker, friend or family member. We know there are needs out there but we need your help to know what those needs are.

Please pray that the Lord will bring to our minds those He would have us serve. As you are made aware of how we may minister in the name of Christ, please contact **Matt Peterson** at (865) 356-2113 or **Kirk Werner** at (865) 599-0808.

Update!

CrossWalk is joining *Family Promise of Knoxville* as a support church in their **Interfaith Hospitality Network**. We will be sharing a dinner with the families staying at *First Baptist Church* on *Thursday, April 5th*. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Courtney Scollard** at graciousdoll@gmail.com.

We will have a one-hour training in the next couple of months for those who want to participate in this ministry. More information on that later!

Thank you, church family.



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 various activities. There are photos of **JAM** (Jesus and Me children's ministry), 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.



Women's & Girl's Brunch

Women's and Girl's Brunch, **Saturday, April 7th, 9:30 a.m.** at CrossWalk Church. Come for fellowship, delicious food, and fun crafting! Sign up to bring a dish to share and to choose your craft (or more than one if you want!) Bring a friend!

Thanks,
Karin Morton



DEAR CHURCH FAMILY

Thanks for your prayerful support of me and my family during this time of military service and separation. May God bless you as you have blessed us, in Him,

Cathy & Josh Tolbert





CHURCH CLEANING COMMITTEE

Apr 04 – Apr 07 – Dale & Debbie Lutton

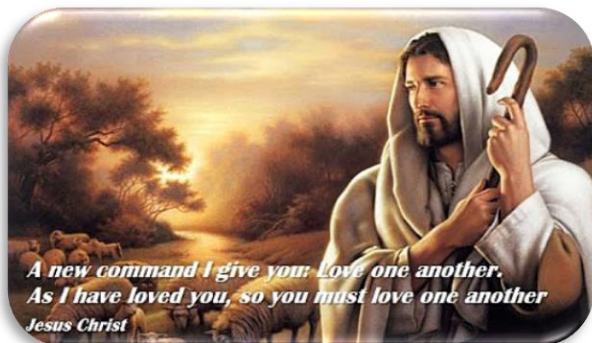
Apr 11 – Apr 14 – Dale & Debbie Lutton

Apr 18 – Apr 21 – Pat & Lisa McNabb

Apr 25 – Apr 28 – Pat & Lisa McNabb



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



Commentary on 1 John 3:16-24

by [David Bartlett](#)

This epistle, really a sermon, was written for a community that defined itself over and against the world around it. Those in John's community were children of light and those outside were children of darkness. For example, consider this verse: **"Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you."** (1 John 3:13).

John's epistle is written in part to clarify the meaning of John's Gospel for a community which reads that gospel as its central guide to faith and

action. **"And this is (God's) commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another just as (Christ) has commanded us"** (1 John 3:23).

There are two great themes in the Gospel of John. First, as Rudolf Bultmann (theologian and professor of New Testament) has insisted, John's Gospel is the revelation that Jesus Christ is the revealer of God. Above all, Christ reveals that he is the revealer. And second, as Dean Harold Attridge of Yale Divinity School reminds his classes on John's Gospel, Jesus not only reveals himself, he commands those who believe in him to love one another.

These two themes help to shape the identity of this relatively small church as they feel battered by the hostile world around it. This is a community that should do two things very well. True members of this community should believe in Jesus Christ as God's own Son, the full revelation of God's own self. And true members of this community should love one another.

1 John 3:16 again recalls John's Gospel and that great text where Jesus sets the command to love one another in the even greater context of his own revelatory love: **"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another"** (John 13:34). Here the communal love for brother and sister is placed in the context of the redemptive love that Christ shows for all of humankind on the cross.

1 John makes the same connection between our love for each other and Christ's love for us. **"We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us -- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another"** (1 John 3:16).

Here we glimpse the depth of the gift and the gravity of the demand. Christ gives unconditional love for us, even to the point of death. And he demands our unconditional love for each other, even to the point of death.

Yet, as preachers so often do, the preacher who writes this epistle tries to show what love to the point of death might mean, not just at the extreme moments of sacrifice, but in the daily give and take of the loving life.

Concretely, such love means charity. **"How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help?"** (1 John 3:17).

Even in the midst of great economic difficulty, most Americans have more of the world's goods than most of the world can imagine. At its most painful end, Christian love requires giving up our lives. In ways less sacrificial but still surprisingly painful, Christian love requires giving up some of the goods we think we need when we come up against someone who is truly needy.

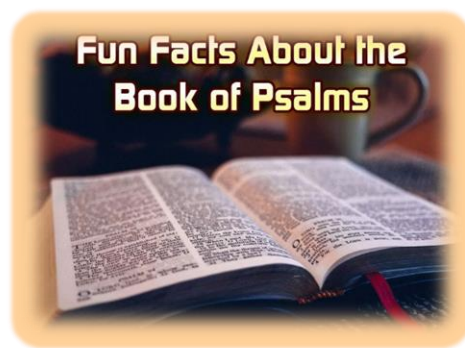
And concretely such love means living out what we say. The truisms abide because there is truth in them. "Practice what you preach." "Walk the walk, don't just talk the talk." "Sermons in shoes." **"Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action"** (1 John 3:18).

There is a great word from the Gospel of John, "abide." Jesus abides with those who love him (cf. John 15:5). In that eternal life to which he invites us, there are many "abiding places" -- a better translation than the traditional "mansions" (John 14:2).

1 John makes clear what the Gospel of John also implies: the dwelling in eternal life is not a promise for the future only, but a promise for the present as well. **"All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us"** (1 John 3:24). The promise of John's Gospel is still being lived out in the community that treasures its words.

We abide in God and God in us, and we abide in each other, too. "When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me."¹

¹From verse one of the hymn "Abide With Me," in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2006), #629.



Facts About the Book of Psalms

Even though the psalms were written long ago, there are some interesting facts known about them.

The word psalm comes from the Greek word *psalmos*, which means a song sung while accompanied by a stringed instrument. The Hebrews referred to the psalms as *songs of praise*.

These beautiful verses express the full range of human emotions but are mainly meant to show praise to the Creator, who, with unconditional love, provides all comfort and joy to religious believers.

Who Wrote the Psalms?

Many of the psalms are said to be written by King David, but he is not the only author. Long before King David, Moses wrote psalms. David's son, Solomon, also wrote psalms, as well as Asaph, Ethan, Heman and the sons of Korah. However, some of the psalms have remained anonymous.

Facts About the Psalms and the Book of Psalms

There are many interesting facts known about the psalms and the Book of Psalms:

- The Book of Psalms is the longest book of the Bible.
- The Book of Psalms is also known as the *Psalter*.
- There are 150 psalms in this collection.
- The psalms are used in both Christian and Jewish worship.
- The psalms were composed over a period of approximately 1000 years.
- Psalm 117, with 2 verses, is the shortest psalm. Psalm 119, with 176 verses, is the longest psalm.

- The Book of Psalms is sometimes called *the Bible within the Bible* because it covers all of the major themes of the Bible story.
- Jesus used quotes from the Book of Psalms more than from any other part of the Old Testament.

Different Types of Psalms in the Book of Psalms

Psalms were written for different purposes and express different emotions and desires. Some psalms were intended to express praise and **thanksgiving to God**. Some psalms were written to teach morals and to provide exhortation. Sometimes the writer felt a need to express penitence for offences committed. Some writers wrote to tell part of the story of God's relationship with the Israelites. There are many psalms of laments. Some psalms foretell the coming of the Messiah.

Divisions of the Book of Psalms

The Book of Psalms is divided into five groups, each of which corresponds with the *Pentateuch*, or *first five books of the Bible*.

- Book One: Psalms 1-41 corresponds to Genesis.

- Book Two: Psalms 42-72 corresponds to Exodus.
- Book Three: Psalms 73-89 corresponds to Leviticus.
- Book Four: Psalms 90-106 corresponds to Numbers.
- Book Five: Psalms 107-150 corresponds to Deuteronomy.
- The Book of Psalms is also known as *the Pentateuch of David*.

The Most Well-Known Psalm

The psalm that most people know of, and often by heart, is **the twenty-third psalm** – *The Lord is My Shepherd*. This psalm is often taught in Sunday schools and is often requested at funerals. Even though this psalm is associated with the passing of loved ones, it is in fact a psalm about walking through life with the Lord.

The Book of Psalms contains songs of praise that were written to be sung to music as a form of full human expression to God, the Creator of all. They are rich and beautiful examples of the complete range of human emotions.

