



Love For the World

Elder Charles Moore

The Mission Statement for our church says that we are to 'love our neighbor as ourselves'. Last month we emphasized loving our neighbor in the same way that we love ourselves. How do we love ourselves typically? We don't typically sin against ourselves but we do things usually to improve ourselves, we think well of ourselves and we give ourselves the benefit of the doubt.

This month we will emphasize the supreme act of love which is found by fulfilling the Great Commission, as recorded in Mt. 28:19-20. Under our mission statement we say one of the best ways to show love for our neighbors is by telling them the Good News that Jesus has come, died for our sins and rose again for our sanctification and our neighbor needs to only call on His name and believe in Him as Savior to be saved from the wrath to come and gain a place in His heavenly kingdom. The following true story illustrates well what each believer should be doing in this world out of love for each

of his lost neighbors.

On April 15, 1912, one of the great tragedies of modern history occurred. The Titanic sank into her watery grave in the icy Atlantic. Just a few days before, a steward had uttered these immortal words to Christian Missionary, Sylvia Caldwell, "Yes, lady, God himself could not sink this ship,"

Amidst the confusion of the moment, the lack of lifeboats, the band playing ragtime in the cold night air which would later turn to "Nearer my God to Thee," and the shuffle to survive, one man ran from person to person with a different mission. John Harper, a Scottish evangelist who was on his way to preach at Moody Church in Chicago, went person-to-person inquiring about their soul. "Are you saved," he would ask? As the ship continued to sink John Harper was seen praying with individuals and groups of people to receive salvation.

Even after he was forced

into the icy Atlantic waters, he was inquiring with as many as he came in contact with about their salvation. "Man, are you saved?" he asked a fellow Scot who was clinging to the wreckage. "No, I am not," came the reply. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved!" Harper urged. The waves swept him out of sight of the young man and then later washed him back alongside. "Are you saved now?" Harper persisted. "No, I cannot honestly say that I am." came the reply. Harper repeated the Scripture and then lost hold sinking below the frigid water. As that young Scot later told during a meeting in Hamilton, Canada, "And there, alone in the night, and with two miles of water under me, I believed. I am John Harpers last convert." While many were scrambling to be physically rescued, Harper was rescuing people spiritually.

John Harper knew that the pattern of the mature Christian life is to be a pattern of love for the world. For God so loved, therefore we should love. While we can and should show that love in many different ways, the ultimate act of loving is in sharing Christ with them. But, most of us need to realize

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that we ride a sinking ship called planet earth. It collided with an iceberg called sin. It's sinking. God only sent one lifeboat - Jesus. We are compelled to get as many people into the lifeboat as possible.

We preach as dying people to dying people. Compelled by the love of Christ, we need to love the world as God loves it. Repentance and the how to be released from the penalty for sin should be preached to all nations. Will you love others with the gospel or are you too busy rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic?

Penn Jillette of Penn & Teller, an atheist who appreciates honest proselytizing (i.e. evangelizing), has some convicting words for followers of Jesus. If you have internet, the link below will take you to a video called, "A Gift of a Bible". I would not recommend most of his videos to you but this one makes an excellent point that each believer needs to hear and also some insight in the way we should approach people. As Peter says, "... always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; (1 Peter 3:15)

One of the concluding things Jillette says in the clip is, "If you believe that there's a heaven and a hell and people could be going to hell—or not getting eternal life or whatever—and you think that, well, it's not really worth telling them this because it would be socially awkward.... How much do you have to hate somebody to not proselytize? How much do have to hate somebody to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?" That is a profound statement coming from an atheist and one we should heed if we are to obey the Lord's command to love our neighbor as ourselves.

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October 1, 2, and 3 was our fall retreat and business meeting this year so we started off the month with a bang!

We were blessed with Sonya Pease driving in from New York, Deborah and Jim Stoner from Maryland and Laurie Eckles coming twice from Bloomfield Hills. We enjoyed their presence thoroughly. (Picture of Jim reciting his poem "Not" for our enjoyment outside.)

At the end of the month Jim and Deborah Stoner and grandson Zachery traveled to New York City for sight-seeing and Broadway shows as a special treat for Zach.

There is a new Vaughn this month. Douglas and Kristin have a bouncing baby boy named Gavin Thomas. Born October 23 he weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 oz. Kristin is a stay-at-home mom now with their 3 beautiful children.

Jennie Begeman was honored at a baby shower in the Phoenix area given by Berty Lane and Jennie's mother. I hear Baby Girl Begeman has everything she needs and more.

Jerome Ripley had his hip surgery on the 13th and is doing well. He is still in rehab and Norma is anxious to have him home again. Elder Moore went on a trip with his sisters during Rip's convalescence and he took a little side trip and saw Rip. I am sure that that was a nice surprise.

Leslie and Tom Miller flew home to northern Michigan to view the beautiful fall colors. Tom is a pilot and they can come home in a little bit of time. She sent some pictures. So glad you could enjoy Michigan's beautiful scenery.

Leanne Johnson Huang (daughter of Kerry and Kathleen) was recently notified that her pilot project grant will be funded. She is doing psoriasis research at Rockefeller University in New York. That same day Leanne learned that the Journal of Investigative Dermatology will review one of her published articles for their journal club. Leanne and Jon travel from New Jersey together to work in Manhattan.

David Brugman is waiting for some heart tests this month to see what surgery he needs. Please keep him and Rox-Ann in prayer.

That wraps up the news for October. Remember to thank God for all of His bountiful blessings this season.

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Michigan Report

Aurine Moore



October has arrived and brought with it the American Indian and European 'Hunter's Moon', so named because the light of this moon afforded hunter's on two northern continents the light

needed to hunt game at night. Not that anyone we know has gone night hunting but there you are. What October did bring that people took part in here was our wonderful Fall Retreat and Business meeting. We enjoyed seeing Pastor John Schott of the Petersburg Church of God Seventh Day at our Friday night supper and quiz night, organized by Elder Tim Begeman. We were joined by our far-travelers Deb and Jim Stoner and Sonya Pease. The sermon theme was The Church and You and we were joined for Sabbath Dinner by the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries Choir, who provided a wonderful hour of song and testimonies for our afternoon program. Several visitors joined us from the community, invited by members of the congregation. We especially enjoyed seeing Ethel Johnson and her good friend Shirley. Tim and Diane Begeman hosted a 'fun, fire, and fellowship (minus the fire due to rainy conditions) at their home and people really enjoyed visiting and enjoying the variety of snacks. We saw several young people who dropped by, including Ashley, Drew, and Jordan Begeman, and Chelsea and Jason Connor. We were very happy this year to be able to increase our support pledges to our missionaries and re-elect officers to serve for the next two years.

October also signaled the start-up of our annual Bible Studies. This year we are starting with a series by John Ortberg called, "The Life You've Always Wanted". The goal of the series is to motivate students to begin practicing spiritual disciplines that will help them to enjoy the kind of relationship with Jesus that will invigorate the ordinary believer's life with 'abundant life'. The studies rotate from house to house, so call Pastor Charlie Moore at 652-3965 to find out the site of the week if you are interested in joining us on Wednesdays.

Terrie Fedor was very blessed to find a web site called "A Place for Mom" that helped her identify a wonderful group facility to give great care in a home atmosphere for Jean Lane. Jean, who has been having increased needs for care beyond what Terrie has been able to physically provide. Jean can receive visitors and cards at her new home near the Woodville Mall in care of Parkcliffe at 3055 East Plaza Blvd, Northwood Ohio 43619. Jean has had several visitors and still

dispenses the greatest hugs around.

Now that school is back in session, several of the people we know are doing well already. Katie Begeman seems to be demonstrating some clear gifts in math and science and Elisha Brugman is on the honor roll. Meanwhile, the Echoes of Happiness may need to change their byline to "On the Road Again - Constantly" as they seem to have had singing engagements every weekend of the month. The annual Faith in Action fundraising dinner, "A Little Bit of Country" went very well and was attended by Charlie and I, Nate and Joel Valentine and several of Nate's area friends who enjoyed the music and visiting.

Our prayer requests for the month include several people we know of who are having health problems, including David Brugman, who is scheduled for heart surgery, Don Daniels suffering from severe back pain, Pat Conley struggling with ulcers and all those with colds this month. We also lift our young people up in prayer. Many seem to be in need of a church home they can commit to while Carrie and Joel DeHaan need wisdom and guidance as they select the part of the country where she will serve out her medical residency. In their case, the sky seems to be the limit as potential sites ranging from Alaska to out west to Pennsylvania.

Elder Charlie Moore had an opportunity to travel to Pomeroy Ohio with his sisters, Connie and Frances, to visit his Aunt Virginia and cousins. He hasn't seen them for 14 years and was truly blessed. He also was able to make a side trip to visit Rip Ripley in a rehab facility where he is recovering from hip replacement surgery and to visit as well with Norma back at the apartment. He really admires Rip's progress recovering from surgery and reports Rip is in great spirits. Meanwhile, back in Monroe, Dale and Geneva Begeman greatly enjoyed a visit from her Uncle Elmer and son Jerry, who came bearing many apples and great conversation for his day visit with them.

Nate Valentine's native newspaper in Hartford Kentucky, the Ohio Times News, features a young 80 year old classmate of his, Dave McBride, who writes a thoughtful and engaging column called A Little Bit of Everything. He often shares articles with the members of the church and they are worth checking out on line octtimes.com. Well...until next month, I pray you will see the evidence of God in His creation and mercy wherever you walk this month. Don't forget to share Him with others.

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Some THANKSGIVING thoughts:

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice."

-Meister Eckhart

"Praise God even when you don't understand what He is doing."

-Henry Jacobsen

"If you want to turn your life around, try thankfulness. It will change your life mightily."

-Gerald Good

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Jim Stoner reciting his
"non-poem" to Aurine



DRMM fearless leader—
Carl Riggins



Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries Choir



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Daddy's co-pilot



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The newest Vaughn—Gavin
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