

December  
2021



Central  
church of Christ

SERVING AS GOD'S HEART AND HANDS IN THIS COMMUNITY

Mission  
Statement

To be God's heart  
and God's hands in  
this community and  
beyond.

Vision Statement

As followers of  
Christ, our vision is  
to be a God-  
centered,  
relationship-driven,  
small-group church  
committed to  
equipping all people  
to live out the life of  
Christ.

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# Love

By: Orlan Sawey

We often talk about how Christians should love one another, but how often do we consider the fact that an essential part of love in our lives is a denial of SELF, the consideration of others as greater than ourselves? Most of the characteristics in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, which defines love for us, shows that one who loves his brethren considers them as more important than he is.

He who loves his fellow Christians is longsuffering towards them in his heart when they are blessed or accomplish some good thing. Even when they are unkind to him, he is kind to them; he does not return evil for evil, but good for evil. He does not brag on himself or get puffed up over his achievements but is appreciative of the good things done by others.

As a Christian shows his appreciation of his brothers' worth, he is behaving in a seemly fashion. He does not seek his own things first, and is not provoked at his fellow Christians or fellow men, for that matter. When dealing with his brothers

he does not always suspect them of evil. Most of the time when we honestly believe that people are trying to do the right thing we will find that they are basically good, not evil.

When the time comes that fellow Christians are caught up in evil deeds -- and this sometimes happens -- what is our attitude? Do we think -- and say -- that we always thought that is the kind of fellow he is? Are we unsympathetic about his plight, taking great satisfaction that our distrustful thinking proved true? If so, we do not love the brethren. We ought not to rejoice in unrighteousness of fellow Christians, but should rejoice when they follow the truth of God's word!

We should have confidence in one another (and should act in such a way that others can feel confidence in us.) Paul says that we should bear all things; we should not react when others act in a way that is unchristian. We should "believe all things"

## Nursery

12/5 Nancy Schmidt & Patty Lowie  
12/12 Carmen McGuire & Janet Seals  
12/19 Stormii Stevens & Judy Pustka  
12/26 Chris & Elie Velasquez

To help out with the nursery contact  
**Pam Taylor**  
**pam@churchofvictoria.com**

## Bible Hour

12/5 P. Spaeth & Mandy Vahrenkamp  
12/12 Cook Family & Leslee Graham  
12/19 Sandi Walters & Blythe Smith  
12/26 **No Bible Hour** - Merry Christmas

To Volunteer for Bible hour contact  
**Mandy Vahrenkamp.**  
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## Up Coming Events

12/5 Combined adult classes in Auditorium  
12/6 Prime Timers meeting 6pm Annex  
12/9 Ladies' Christmas Potluck 11:30am Annex  
12/11 Ladies' Bunco 2pm Annex  
12/13 Men's Breakfast 6:30am Annex  
12/15 Bagging Cookies 6pm Annex  
12/20-12/25 Office Closed  
12/22 Song & Praise 6pm Auditorium  
12/26 Finger Food Fellowship 6pm Annex  
12/31 New Years Eve Party Annex



## Christmas Dinner!!

We are trying to fill 25 sacks  
with food for Christmas  
dinner.

If you are able please grab a  
bag and fill it with the items on  
the list.

Bag are located on a table in  
the foyer



**Bake Cookies  
for the Jail  
Ministry!**

**December 15  
6pm**

**Bagging  
Cookies**