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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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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:30-5:00
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8:30-12:00

Show Me Thy Love

By Orlan Sawey

In our time we have seen the word love misused woefully by the [world] who says (rightly) that love is the answer to all of humanity's ills. But it is evident that what they mean by love is neither consistent nor clear, ranging from physical passion on the one hand to a tearful sentimentality on the other.

Some in the Lord's church have imitated the [world] asserting (rightly) that love is the center of Christianity, and at the same time confusing Christian love, a priceless virtue, with cheap, tearful sentimentality. James wrote strongly of saving faith, a live faith, not just one which a man says he has, a dead faith (James 2:14-26). Faith, he insisted, can be seen by what we do, and he used feeding and clothing the needy brother and sister as an example of what he meant. Then he wrote, "Yea, a man will say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith apart

from thy works, and I by my works will show thee my faith." Later verses show [plainly that faith apart from works cannot be shown, for it is barren and dead. In like manner, love is shown by what we do. John could easily have said, "Show me thy love!" because love, like faith, can be seen in the life and actions of one who loves. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

John wrote in 1 John 3:13-24 that we ought to love one another, that we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren (Jesus loved us and laid down his life for us). Then he uses the same example that James used as a proof of faith: if we have this world's goods and do not help the brother in need, God's love does not abide in us. Then John writes, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue, but in deed and truth." That which is said to be love is not necessarily love. Our love is shown in our lives, by our actions.

"SHOW me thy love!"

Nursery

10/3 - Nancy Schmidt & Patty Lowrie
10/10 - Charlie & Natalie Cook
10/17 - Judy Pustka & Stormii Stevens
10/24 - J.G. & Glenda Musser
10/31 - Carmen McGuire & Janet Seals

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

Bible Hour

10/3 - Vahrenkamp
10/10 - Paul & DaLissa Spaeth
10/17 - Cook Family
10/24 - Mealer Family
10/31 - Kathlene Valle

To Volunteer for Bible hour contact
Mandy Vahrenkamp.
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BIBLE BOWL

Gospel of John 1-12

We will be starting Bible Bowl practice this month.

Grades Kinder - 12th

Practice during
Bible Hour & Small group

**If you are able to help
please contact
Mandy Vahrenkamp or
Cole Mealer**

If your child would like to participate in Bible Bowl please sign up so we can have a count for materials .

Up Coming Events At the Church

- ♦ 10/4 - Prime Timers Meeting 6pm
- ♦ 10/9 - Ladies Bunco 4-6pm
- ♦ 10/11 - Men's Breakfast 6:30am
- ♦ 10/13 - Elders, Deacons & Ministry Leaders Meeting 7pm
- ♦ 10/16 - Pass Out Flyers 9am
- ♦ 10/20 - Apologetics 1 Meeting 7-9pm
- ♦ 10/24 - Finger Food & Fellowship 6pm
- ♦ 10/27 - Trunk or Treat 6-8pm
- ♦ 10/31 - Special Collection for Mexico
- ♦ 10/31 - Singing at Blyth