

NORTH END CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 25, 2024



Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 am
 Bible Classes - 10:45 am
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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The Need For Empathy
 by Mark Aites

"In a world full of people who couldn't care less, be someone who couldn't care more." - unknown

"Before you say something, think how you'd feel if someone said it to you." - unknown

People often confuse the concepts of sympathy and empathy. Sympathy is defined, "feelings of pity and sorrow for someone else's misfortune." Whereas empathy is, "the feeling that you understand and share another person's experiences and emotions; the ability to share." (Webster) And yet another source, "the ability to imagine what someone else might be thinking or feeling." (Berkley.edu)

We may find ourselves watching a news cast, and seeing people who are victims of some sort of tragedy. We feel sorry for them. Perhaps we go to a funeral visitation, and express our condolences to the family in their loss. There is certainly nothing wrong with that. But empathy carries it much further. With empathy you began to envision yourself in the position of the one who is hurting. With empathy, you feel the hurt and pain as though you yourself have been the victim.

Too often, even in the Lord's church, we find people who are good at sympathy, but lack in empathy. This is one of the fundamental reasons that relationships within the church are not stronger. Sympathy is a kindness, but empathy draws people together.

When Joseph Swain wrote the words to the hymn, "How Sweet, How Heavenly," in the second verse of the song he hit on the very concept of empathy: "When each can feel his brother's sigh, and with him bear a part; when sorrow flows from eye to eye, and joy from heart to heart."

Listen to the beauty of the words, "...there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Cor. 12:25-26).

You likely have heard the old adage, "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."

MISSIONS

North End Panama Mission

Andy Robison
 WV School of Preaching

West Virginia School of Preaching
 Moundsville, WV

Search TV
 Edmond, OK

Dalraida church of Christ
 Chimala

Greenville Church of Christ
 Greenville, OH

Mike Tincher
 Seth, WV

Aldrin Peter Anson Paul
 India

AREA EVENTS

The Christian & Mental Health: March 1-3, Pine Grove church of Christ, Scott Depot, WV
Men's Inspiration Day: March 2, Norval Park church of Christ, Zanesville, OH, Speakers: Dale & Jeff Jenkins, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Ladies Day: March 2, Rio Grande church of Christ, Speaker: Rachel DeHainaut 9:30 am
Ladies Day: March 2, Church of Christ on Fishinger Rd., Columbus, OH, Speaker: Lacey Crowell, 9:00am
Ladies Day: March 23, Sandyville Senior Center, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Speaker: Carrie Brainard
Gospel Meeting: April 7-10, Rio Grande Church of Christ, different speaker each night, 7:00 pm
Ladies Day: April 20, Alkire Rd. church of Christ, Grove City, OH, Speaker: Brooke Pate, 9:00 am
Ladies Inspiration Day: April 27, Camden Ave. church of Christ, speaker: Hannah Colley

Area Wide Sings

March 1 - Mt. Alto church of Christ, Mt. Alto, WV 7-9pm
March 8 - Chapel Hill church of Christ, Gallipolis, OH 7-9p

Youth Events

Monday Night Merge: February 26th, Camden Ave. church of Christ 7:00 pm
Traveling Youth Group: March 31st, Hopewell church of Christ, Washington, WV 6:00 pm
North End Youth Rally: March 15 & 16, Speaker: Matt Cook
Youth Night: March 25 - Norval Park church of Christ, Zanesville, OH 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Youth Rally: April 12 & 13, hosted by Sunrise church of Christ at Wood County 4H Camp



WTAP- Sunday, 7:30am
February 25 - Freedom In Christ
March 3 - We Need God Again

OUR GROWTH FOR 2024

Baptisms.....2
 Request for prayers, Restore.....0
 Placed Membership.....0

Our Record	Feb. 18	Average 2024
Sunday AM Worship	129	138
Sunday Bible Class	99	114
Sunday PM Worship	106	94
Wednesday Bible Class	119	100

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY AM	Feb. 25	Mar. 3
Announcements	Grose	West
Song Leader	Smith	T. Jones
Opening Prayer	D. Jones	Clark
Scripture	Duncan	C. Miller
Lord's Supper	Da. Miller	D. Jones
Usher - Auditorium	T. Jones	Duncan
Usher - Foyer	Heaney	Vaughan
Usher - Security	Kirby	Merrill
P.A. System Audio	E. Kupfner	J. Aites
P.A. System Video	R. Cook	Lyons
Pick up cards	Cook/Vaughan	Cook/Vaughan
Pick up cards	Miller/Miller	Miller/Miller
Door Greeters	Kidder	Ullom
SUNDAY PM	Sun PM	Sun. PM
Announcements	Vaughan	Butterfield
Song Leader	Smith	T. Jones
Opening Prayer	West	Hinzman
Scripture	Cooper	Smith
Closing Prayer	Meredith	Hoschar
Lord's Supper	Dean	Cox
Door Greeters	C. Miller	Egnor
WEDNESDAY	Feb. 28	Mar. 6
Announcements	Vaughan	Butterfield
Song Leader	Ja. Eaton	Vaughan
Opening Prayer	Vaughan	Butterfield
Invitation	Ferrebee	M. Aites
Door Greeters	Petty	Da. Miller

If you are unable to serve call Dave Butterfield at 304-482-8917

*Those serving as ushers, PA and pick up cards are only shown on AM, but they are the same for PM & Wed.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Chance Gordon (grandson of Ken & Parma Heaney)
Chandler Hamilton (grandson of Jeff & Mary Smearman)
Allen Hardbarger (nephew of Ruth Dickson)
Nicholas Linville (grandson of Jim Kerns)
Andrew Miller Jr. (grandson of Curtis Dickson)
Dustin Miller (brother of Chris Miller)
Nate Ruble (son of Patty Ruble)

Prayer List

Our Members

Mark Berry
Karen Blair
Richard & Eva Cook
Curtis & Ruth Dickson
Fran Egnor
Van & Ronnie Ferrier
Ken Long
Sue Mahan
Ethel Mathers
Helen May
Lana McFee
Marvin & Joan Petty
Sharon Pugh
Pam Sailor
Leonard Shears
Mary Rose Talbott
Barb Walker

Family & Friends

Cindy Fox-Bell (*Dickson*)
Wilda Clark (*Clark*)
Caren Edwards (*M. Grose*)
Pat Morris (*Long*)
David Rice (*Heaney*)
Mark Riddle (*Riddle*)
Jeff Romine (*Egnor*)
Gary & Loretta Sawyers (*Shockey*)
Brian Sims (*Smearman*)
Elsie Smith (*May*)
Brent West (*West*)
Steve Wilson (*J. Petty*)

Remember In Prayer

Bob Cameron is waiting for an appointment to see what can be done for his knee.

Harley Cox was admitted to the hospital last week with high blood pressure.

Juanita Emerson, sister of Connie Cox, fell and broke her hip. She had surgery last Saturday.

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**Love & Care**: We are responsible for the services at Love & Care on Sunday, March 3rd and Thursday, March 7th. Any men who would like to help with these services, please sign the list in the foyer.

**Monday Night Sing**: The last Monday of every month there is a sing at Love & Care. This month's sing is February 26th at 7:00 pm

**Mission Trip**: Seven of our members will be going on a mission trip to Panama in March. If you would like to help with this trip you can write a check to North End church of Christ and write Panama mission trip in the memo line.

**Vienna Christian Preschool** at Grand Central church of Christ, is now accepting students for the 2024/2025 school year. Classes are available for three and four year olds. Please contact Amy Mercer at 304-991-7238 to register. We are also looking for substitutes to fill in on occasion. Please reach out to Amy Hanlon if you are interested.

# Announcements

**Attendance Cards**: Members, fill out a tan attendance card. Visitors, fill out a blue card. Please pass them to the aisles.

**Sermons**: Mark's lesson titles for today are: AM - "How Is Your Attitude?" PM - "The Mistakes of Naaman"

**Opportunity Cards**: The Youth Group will pick up their opportunity cards today. Send a card, make a visit, or a phone call.

**Baptism**: We rejoice that Jackson Dearth was baptized on Sunday, February 18th. Jackson is the boyfriend of Meredith Kupfner. Be sure to welcome Jackson to the family of North End.

**New Address**: Bill Giffen recently moved to a new residence. His address is: 701 19th Street, Vienna, WV 26105. Please make this change in your directory.

**Monday Night Merge**: The next session of Monday Night Merge will be tomorrow at the Camden Ave. congregation in Parkersburg at 7:00 pm. Any youth needing transportation, please let C.J. Vaughan know.

**Ladies Class**: March 4th at 7:00 pm we will have a Bible class for our ladies. This class will meet the first Monday of every month. You will meet in classroom two. Refreshments will be served after the class.

**Evangelism Workshop**: Our monthly Evangelism Workshop will meet next Sunday, March 3rd at 5:30 pm in the MPR.

### Elders

Mark Berry  
Kevin Grose  
David Hamm  
Randy Meredith  
Harvey West

### Elder Meetings

March 4th - 4:00 pm  
March 17th - 5:00 pm

### Deacons

Dave Butterfield  
Ron Cook  
Harley Cox  
John Duncan  
Jamie Eaton  
Ken Grose  
Ken Heaney  
Jim Kerns  
Josh Kupfner  
Dan Lyons  
Steve McIntire  
Dennis Miller  
Mike Oblisk  
Jim Ullom  
C.J. Vaughan

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### Today's Scripture

AM ~ Ephesians 4:31-32

PM ~ 2 Kings 5:9-14