


Love is...

Circle the attributes of love from 1 Corinthians 13



Simple

Kind

Envious

Arrogant

Not Irritable

Fear

Not Self-Seeking

Hopeful

Patient

Unrealistic

Trusting

Boastful

Rude

Just a Feeling

Unforgiving

Protecting

Thrive Youth Group has had an eventful Summer! We had 2 lake days at the Lowe’s house, a full week at Camp Michindoh for the first Summer camp ever, and awesome Wednesday night youth meetings all throughout! The garage sale fundraiser has already happened and coming up is our Michigan cabin trip August 14-18.

Now is the time to gear up for school. We have stocked up spiritually and they are now locked and loaded, ready to go in the Name of the Lord! We want the youth to carry the Presence of the Lord with them everywhere they go! As school kicks into gear, will you pray for our youth? Pray for them to impact those around them? Pray for the culture and atmosphere everywhere they go be filled with the Glory of God? We so appreciate all of your prayers and support!



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**Community
Wide Service
at the Fair
August 14,
5:00 pm**

Join our community fellowship of believers at the Mercer County Fairgrounds! We will have a community church service under the Cooper Farm's Entertainment Tent and if you bring our church bulletin to the fairgrounds, you can get in for half off the ticket price!



In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 5. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 6, at 9:00 am.



**Soul Care
Women's
Seminar
August 20**

This event is located at Westside Community Church in Toledo. The teaching will cover "Developing a Prosperous Soul," and "The Biblical Soul." Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch, if you register by August 10. You may pick up a brochure in the foyer at the welcome center desk. Or contact Westside Community Church at 419-865-6886.



**August 27
5:00 pm**

Calling all ladies 18 and over! We will be having a movie night at the church, featuring the Pure Flix comedy "Mom's Night Out." Fellowship with us from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, and bring some food to share! We will start the movie around 6:00 pm. All drinks must be spill proof please.



**Kerry Kirkwood
September 24, 7:00 pm
September 25, 10:00 am**

Join us for these two meetings on Saturday & Sunday! Kerry has been a huge blessing to our church through the years and always has a timely word. Be sure to invite a friend to come along.

UKRAINE
Pastor Bruce

It was a great opportunity having Pastor Csaba Szakaly from Hungary this past Sunday. He gave us some real first hand knowledge of what is really happening in Ukraine and how the church there is responding. Some 11 million refugees have been fleeing the country to Hungary, Poland, and the Czech Republic as Russian bombs continue to ravage the country. Particularly striking, was the picture of the bomb in the church yard that didn't explode. He shared with us how even the gypsy churches that live in much poverty were taking in refugees and helping to feed them. My heart was very touched with the depth, yet simplicity of his words in seeing the great need and doing whatever to help fill the need and that this



was true christianity. He challenged all of us to see the needs of those around us and see how we can be a part in helping. It's difficult for us to imagine packing up a few bags of belongings and simply leaving our homes. If we face those days in the future remains to be seen, but we want the Lord to fill our hearts with love and compassion as we see the needs of others around us. Let's continue to pray for the churches in Ukraine and for the refugees. I also want to thank you all for your generosity in giving toward the need. Pastor Csaba was able to take around \$5,000 back with him to help buy food and other essentials. You are a generous people. Let's continue to pray for the churches in Ukraine and for the refugees.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

**Discipleship 1: August 21, 5 - 7 pm
Discipleship 3: August 21, 8:00 - 9:15 am**



THE RIGHT MINDSET
Pastor Justin

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Are you striving or thriving? Beep, beep, its 6:00 am, and your alarm clock is going off! Get out of bed and go go go :) Does this sound familiar? Bills got to be paid, kids have to be fed, gas has to be put in your gas-guzzler. Life has to be lived, you need to make something of yourself. People are watching and your family has high expectations of you. Don't fail...ever. B's are not acceptable, even if you have all A's, you're going to be told you need to focus on that B or else. Why

aren't you the team captain by now? Why haven't you gotten a raise at work yet? You need to hustle more. Make something of yourself already!

Wow, isn't this world we live in crazy? We are constantly being told we aren't good enough, that our work needs to improve, our kids need to be better, blah blah blah! It kind of feels like a rat race, yes? So, what do we do about it? I think we wish we could say, we ignore all the outside chatter.

But if we are truthful with ourselves, we give into the pressures of the society we live and strive to be all we can be! We have to learn how to silence the chatter box. The chatterbox is the outside world telling us we aren't good enough and that we always could be doing more. The way the King and His Kingdom operates is opposite

*Silence
the
chatter
box!*

of this strive mentality. Jesus instructs us, slow down, hit the pause button, and just enjoy life. When is the last time you just sat on your porch, or went for a casual walk with your spouse for no reason other than just enjoying each other? We need to make sure, that in all the "doing", we are operating from a place of being **sent**. If you are being sent, that presupposes you are in a place of rest. You can't be sent from a place you do not occupy. Make it your endeavor this week to do the one thing that is needful. Come to Him and find rest for your weary, tired soul and allow Him to build you up and send you out!