

April 2024



THE REMINDER

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BIRTHDAYS

No Birthdays

EVERYONE IS
WELCOME TO JOIN
US FOR OUR
VESPER SERVICE AT
THE CARILLON

SUNDAY,
APRIL 28 @ 4 PM

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

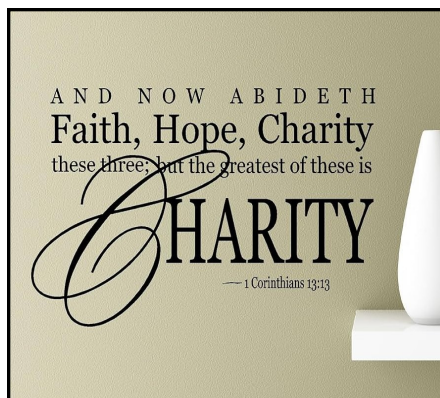


- Income: \$7774
- Expense: \$7094

*Your gifts are truly
appreciated!*

If you remember much of classical education, you might remember there were four virtues that people used to say were the most important: Prudence, Fortitude, Justice, and Temperance. As the teachings of Jesus gained more traction in the ancient world, three more were added to make the list of seven that have been taught through the centuries: Faith, Hope, and Love. Many people used the word charity to mean love, even in Bible translations like the King James Version.

When we say Charity, we think of giving money to the poor. Everyone ought to know that one of Jesus' main teachings was a kindness and helpfulness towards those who were truly poor. Charity is about giving for sure. But we know that it includes the idea of Biblical or Christian love. This is not so much the emotion of love people dwell upon, but it is the willful consideration of other's needs as more important than your own.



Of course we have to wish ourselves no harm, we are not called to demote ourselves into oblivion, but we are to lead the world by serving the world. What's one of the first things we think of when we offer love, or even financial help, to others? We want to make sure we are not “enabling” someone. It is not a loving thing to enable another to continue on some sinful path. Sinful paths are self-destructive, so how could it be loving to give unjustly?

Jesus said, “Love your enemies.” The enemies of God love to quote that verse back to Christians. What did Jesus mean? He at least meant we don't have to like everyone to whom we offer God's love. You may have heard someone say, “I love them in the Lord, but I sure don't have to like them.” A good analogy to this is food. We have some tastes in food, likes

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and dislikes. But there are some things, namely, nutritional foods, that we must eat, regardless of our preferences. Obviously, if you only eat McDonald's cheeseburgers, fries, and shakes how will your health be?

All this is to say that even though we don't like someone, when we're on mission with God our loving, charitable acts may lead to greater affection. Mission may not change those who are served, but it can change our hearts, soften our attitudes, and warm our regards for others. Like Scrooge, we might find out that we've missed a whole lot of God's love by keeping to ourselves! One of the best ways to love is to be on mission with God in the world.

Happy because of Jesus,
Pastor James



CELEBRATING OUR HOPE IN CHRIST
THE KING IS COMING
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH 5PM
SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST 1001 GREENHAVEN
GREENSBORO
SENIOR ADULT WORSHIP GATHERING

We welcome
Greensboro Mennonite Fellowship
as they begin to use our fellowship
building for their meeting space.



Donations will be
received during
the month of April.

FOOD ROUNDUP 2024

When boys and girls come into the care of Baptist Children's Home (BCH) cottages or family foster homes, it's because often times they have been removed from their families for their well-being. They have experienced abuse and neglect at the hands of the adults who were supposed to love them and take care of their daily needs including making sure they were fed. When a child has not been able to depend on his or her own loved ones to care for them, it makes it almost impossible for that child to trust any adult.

Through the Food Roundup, you have the opportunity to help rebuild children's hope and trust. When the children ask their BCH cottage parents why churches are collecting food for them they are able to say, *"It's because they love you, but most importantly, it's because they want you to know that God loves you."*

To all Elementary, Teens, College girls, and Ladies!

PIEDMONT INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP
Invites you to

FASHION WITH
A PURPOSE Accessories
Sale

(*Jewelry, handbags, shoes, boots, scarves, gloves, hats, belts)

Sat. April 20 | 2 - 4 pm

Lawndale Baptist Church | CLC

This is a free event that includes the accessories sale, light refreshments, a fun fashion show, and door prizes!

Bring a friend to join in on the fun!

Please RSVP to Audrey Womack at
awomack2@triad.rr.com by April 12.