



The TrumBulletin



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Look at others the way God Looks at you

What's in our hearts often determines what we feel when we look at people. When we see a crowd, we can easily get irritated or impatient. But when Jesus saw a crowd, *"he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd"* (Matthew 9:36 ESV).

That's the same way God looks at you: with compassion. He doesn't put you down. He lifts you up! No matter how angry, hurt, or betrayed you feel, Jesus will always respond with compassion. He knows how helpless we are without him, *"like sheep without a shepherd."*

Without a shepherd, sheep are defenseless. They don't have any claws, they don't run fast, and their teeth are not very sharp. They need the protection of a shepherd.

Throughout the Bible, sheep are a symbol of God's people. John 10:10-11 says, *"I came so that my sheep will have life and so that they will have everything they need. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep"* (GW).

That kind of compassion comes only from Jesus, our Good Shepherd. And it's different from sympathy and empathy. Sympathy says, "I'm sorry you're hurt," and it stops there. Empathy is a deeper commitment that says, "I hurt with you." But compassion says, "I will do anything it takes to stop your hurt."

And that is, in essence, what Jesus did through his life, death, and resurrection. He did anything it took to stop your hurt, even if it meant dying on the cross, even if it meant having nails pounded through his hands and feet. Compassion does whatever it takes.

Jesus said the reason he came was *"not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many"* (Mark 10:45 NLT). Notice the two words "serve" and "give." They define what it means to follow Jesus.

Do you look at people who are hurting and helpless the way Jesus does? Are you full of love and compassion, willing to do whatever you can to stop their pain?

The Bible repeatedly tells us that when Jesus looked at people in pain, he was moved with compassion. God wants you to be like him, which means looking at others the same way.

Rick Warren

NEWS & NOTES

Wed. Night Bible Study via zoom
-7pm
Tues. Ladies Bible Study 2/7 @
9:30 am via zoom
Hymn Sing- Manchester COC
1/29 5-7:30 pm
Ladies Devotional 2/11 @ 10 am
at the building cooking with
Gina Porto

Jan. 28th - 6:30 pm Beyond
Reasonable Doubt John Cooper
video series
Barnabas Project if interested in
joining contact Mary Lou (475)
529-5751

Tidal River Christian Camp-50th
anniversary-flyers on the back table.
If able to help out with camp contact
Pat Keller

Prayer Requests

*Pray for Ashley Stevens's sister- **Debra Finklea** who is in the ICU after having gallbladder surgery, and for her family.
 *Pray for **Ashley and Eric** as they navigate new jobs.
 *Pray for **Kristen Barnes** (a friend of Chelsey Eddy) who was recently diagnosed with brain cancer, and prayers for her family.
 *Pray for a safe and happy trip for Beula, who is traveling to Trinidad.
 *Prat for **Pat Yaglowski** who will be seeing a pain specialist for chronic pain.
 *Pray for **Joane DiScalia** who will have shoulder surgery 1/31
 *Pray for **Jessica and Rich Lennon** Who are expecting a baby boy in May.
 *Pray for **Virginia DiScala** who is recovering from a stroke.
 *Pray for **Grace Christianson** who is recovering from surgery.
 *Pray for **Jasmyn** (Lisa's daughter) who is going through a rough time.
 *Pray for Debbie Christy's brothers- **Frank**- recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma and **Clarence** recently lost his son
 *Pray for **Emily and Jose** (friends of Kristen Wilson) who are going through IVF treatment.
 Pray .for **Randy Springer** is returning to work.
 * Continued prayers for **Flo** , her procedure went well and her daughter **Lauren** who is having many health issues and awaiting medical test results.

*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- **Judith Gomez, David Fritzing, Cohen** (Ron's friend), **Sarah** (Angela's niece), **Teri** (Ray's S-I-L)
 ***Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.**
 *Pray for **our country & our leaders in government ,first responders and health care workers.**
 *Pray for **families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that** they may turn to the Lord.
 Special prayers **for our church leaders.**
 Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia
 ***Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:** Judith Gomez, Jeremy Sazone, Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomezl, Mildred, Gladys Howley, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes. , Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Cyrus (Zach's friend) dad who has brain cancer, Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.
 *Anyone interested in helping with **World Bible School**- contact Ron
 ***Opportunities** to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you

Sunday Bible Class 10 am @ church building

Wednesday Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m canceled til further notice, participate online via Zoom

Worship Service @ 11 am

Elders: Bruce Pancoast 203-452- 0426

Ron Saracino 203-913-8345

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 914-914-486-9146

Deacons: Ray Fernandes 203-459- 0284
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Online bible study and worship service

Go to our website

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Week of 1/29/23

Song Leader: Greg Payne

Lord's Table: Patrick Keller

Closing Prayer: Luis Ruiz

Week of 1/22/23-1/29/23

Donations: \$4084

Expenses: \$1798