

*The Church of Christ*



**MESSENGER**

Journeying together through the trials of life,

with no less than our very most, to eternity!

**So What Does It Mean to Love Your Neighbor?**

by Derwin L Gray

In Matthew 22:36-39, a lawyer challenges Jesus asking him, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

Jesus answers him saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (ESV).

The first verse Jesus quotes is from Deuteronomy 6:5, but the second is from Leviticus.

For Jesus, to love your neighbor as yourself meant Leviticus 19:9-18: "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD" (ESV).

For Jesus, to love your neighbor as you love yourself was to practice justice towards your fellow human beings:

*Live generously towards the poor and alien* (Lev. 19:9-10).

*Do not steal from anyone* (Lev. 19:11).

*Do not be deceptive in dealings with people* (Lev. 19:11).

*Do not swear in God's name* (Lev. 19:12).

*Do not oppress, rob, or exploit the poor by paying unfair wages* (Lev. 19:13).

*Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind* (Lev. 19:14).

*Do not be partial to the poor or show favor to the great but judge honestly* (Lev. 19:15).

*Do not commit financial fraud.* The word slander in Hebrew is rakhil, and it may be related to the term rokheleth, meaning merchant. (Lev. 19:16).

*Do not hate your brother* (Lev. 19:17).

*Do not seek revenge or hold a grudge but extend forgiveness* (Lev. 19:18).

For Jesus, speaking to Jews shaped by the Torah, this is what loving your neighbor looked like. In 21st-century America, how does this affect how you love your neighbor?

Can you imagine a world where people loved each other this way?

Marinate on that.

*Prayers & Praise*

Do you have someone to remember in our prayers? Or something you are rejoicing about? Please share

Prayers for each other that we continue to encourage and support God's plans for us

• *Freda* for her health and well-being and her family

• *Bob* as he settles in to his new home and his health concerns

• *Beth*—continued prayers for her sister and family

• *Henry's* as they deal with outcomes from the RM's decisions

• *Fran* and continued health concerns for her and her family

• Our search for a preacher

• *Gail* as she is travelling this month to B.C.



**News/Announcements**

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**Sunday meeting times**

10:00AM-Sunday School

11AM-Worship service

4702 56 Ave, Lloydminster, AB

**Midweek**

Tuesday 7PM

www.lloydchurch.org

	Song leader	Communion	Message	Opening prayer/ announcements	Closing prayer
Today	Kevin	Kevin & Sean	Dan Davidson	Kevin	Brian
Next week	Sean	Sean & brian	Larry Boswell	Sean	Kevin

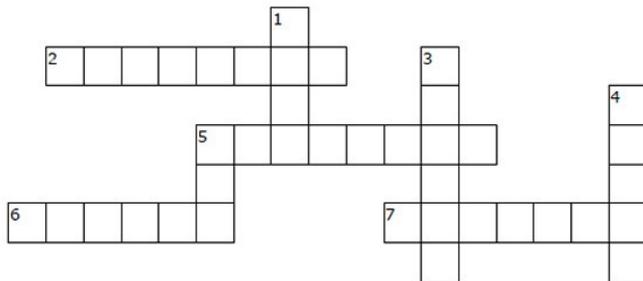
September readings	
23	Isaiah 48:12-50:11 Ephesians 4:17-32 Psalm 69:1-18 Proverbs 24:5-6
24	Isaiah 51:1-53:12 Ephesians 5:1-33 Psalm 69:19-36 Proverbs 24:7
25	Isaiah 54:1-57:14 Ephesians 6:1-24 Psalm 70:1-5 Proverbs 24:8
26	Isaiah 57:15-59:21 Philippians 1:1-26 Psalm 71:1-24 Proverbs 24:9-10



## The Greatest Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 12:28-34



### ACROSS

- A person who lives near or next to another
- The most important; better than all others of the same kind
- Coming next in order after the first one
- Someone who educates or trains others

### DOWN

- To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
- A spoken or written reply to a question
- The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings
- The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship

NEIGHBOR	TEACHER	SECOND	GOD
ANSWER	HEART	GREATEST	LOVE

## News & Notes

- Renovations:** projected completion for the basement the end of October. There will be painting to do coming up.
- there is accessibility grants and info and we need someone to look more into it
- September 30th:** Larry Boswell is one of the ministerial applicants and will be preaching and teaching Sunday school.
- October 12-14:** Harvest Fellowship 2018, Weyburn church of Christ, Keynote speaker: Jay Bailey, Family Resemblance: Attributes of God and His Children.. see poster on back bulletin board
- October 14th:** potluck
- November 5th:** our next congregational meeting
- November 10th:** fall community clean up date  
- more info to come
- December 9th:** family and friends Christmas dinner  
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- Blessing bags outreach:** project starting now until December 9th. our goal is to put together 20 blessing bags 10 for men and 10 for women to be shared with the interval home and men's shelters. items should fit in a ziplock bag. talk to winona for more information
- Tuesday evenings:** 7pm at the church building. Bible study. Everyone welcome!
- Sunday school:** starting at 10 am. this is a 13 week bible study that can involve everyone from the oldest to the youngest. please join us
- Hey Ladies!** Would you be interested in a woman's day? Paige Fraser and Dawn Mitchell offer a ladies workshop. See back bulletin board for brochure.