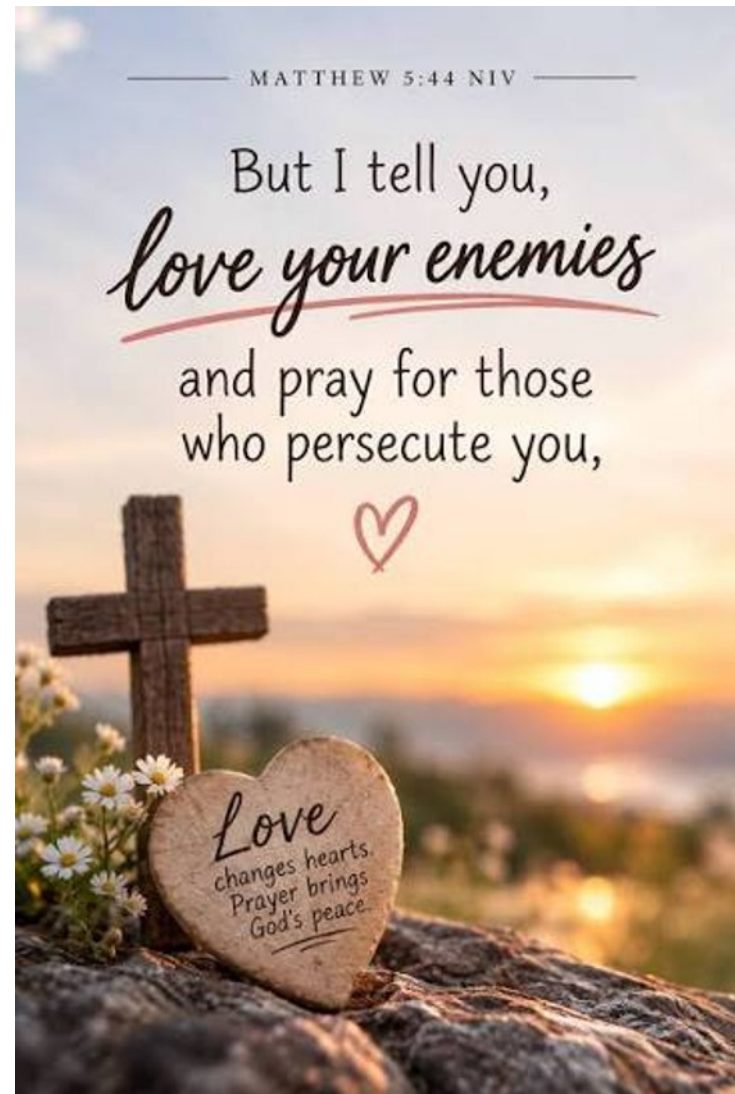


..... Blessings, Praises, Situations, Stresses

PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS AND EVERYONE WORKING IN THE SCHOOLS AS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS



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RAISE THE BODY REACH THE BROKEN



08/16	08/17	08/18	08/19	08/20	08/21	08/22
Worship 9AM & 10:45AM Connection Point @ The Café 10:15-10:45AM Jr. High Group after Communion Both Services			Adult Bible Study <i>2 Thessalonians</i> 6:30PM			
08/23	08/24	08/25	08/26	08/27	08/28	08/29
<i>Back to School Sunday</i> Worship 9AM & 10:45AM Connection Point @ The Café 10:15-10:45AM			Adult Bible Study <i>2 Thessalonians</i> 6:30PM			
SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH_{AT} 6PM—SINGSPIRATION @ PT. MARION CHURCH						

9AM WORSHIP

Up to Grade 6
Check in at Station

Grade 7+
Worship Center

10:45AM WORSHIP

Up to Grade 6
Check in at Station

Grade 7+
Worship Center

STUDY GROUPS

General Bible
Adult Group
Wednesdays | 6:30PM
Room 106

Loyal Daughters
September 1st | 6:00PM
Room 106

Jr. High Group
August 16th | Room 103
After Communion—Both Services

Youth Group
September 6th | Room 103
After Communion—Both Services

Sermon Challenges

MONDAY
READ Matthew 5:44
Jesus’ command to “love your enemies” sounds beautiful until a name comes to mind. An enemy is not an abstract idea. It may be someone who hurt you, opposed you, lied about you, embarrassed you, or treated you unfairly. Yet Jesus does not say to tolerate them or ignore them. He says to love them. This kind of love is not natural. It is evidence that Jesus is reshaping our hearts. Ask God to bring one person to mind who is difficult for you to love. Pray honestly for help to respond like Jesus.

TUESDAY
READ Luke 6:27-28
Jesus makes enemy-love practical: love, do good, bless, and pray. That means love is not waiting until we feel differently. It is choosing an action that reflects the character of God. You may not feel warm affection toward someone who hurt you, but you can still choose not to retaliate. You can choose kindness. You can choose prayer. You can choose obedience. Do one Christlike thing today toward someone you would rather avoid, even if it is simply refusing to speak negatively about them.

WEDNESDAY
READ Romans 12:17-19
Loving enemies does not mean pretending wrong is right. Jesus is not asking people to stay in harmful situations, ignore evil, or refuse boundaries. Biblical love does not erase truth, but it does refuse hatred. There is a difference between justice and revenge. There is a difference between setting a boundary and carrying bitterness. Love allows us to speak truth without letting hatred take root. Examine your heart today. Is there a boundary you need to set, or bitterness you need to release to God?

THURSDAY
READ Romans 12:21
“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” When someone hurts us, their sin can begin shaping us. Their anger can produce anger in us. Their bitterness can become our bitterness. Their cruelty can slowly turn us into someone we never intended to become. Jesus offers a better way. Don’t let what they did become what you become. When you are tempted to replay the hurt today, interrupt that thought with this prayer: “Lord, overcome evil with good in me.”

FRIDAY
READ Matthew 5:44
Prayer exposes what is happening in our hearts. It is easy to talk about loving enemies in theory. It is much harder to say their name before God and pray for their good. Prayer may not erase pain overnight. Trust may not be restored immediately. But prayer begins loosening the grip bitterness has on us. We forgive because we have been forgiven, and we extend grace because we live by grace. Pray for someone who has hurt you. Ask God to work in their heart and in yours.

SATURDAY
READ Romans 5:8-10
Jesus never asks us to do something He was unwilling to do. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. While we were enemies, God moved toward us. The cross is the clearest picture of enemy-love. From the cross, Jesus prayed, “Father, forgive them.” He did not pretend injustice was acceptable. He entrusted justice to the Father and responded with grace. When His grace gets hold of us, it changes how we see everyone else. Thank Jesus for loving you while you were still far from Him. Then ask Him to help you pass that grace on instead of letting it stop with you.

TRUTH TO CARRY WITH YOU
THE WORLD ALREADY KNOWS HOW TO TREAT ENEMIES. JESUS IS TEACHING US HOW TO LOVE THEM.

Ministries and Events

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BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY 2026
Next Sunday **everyone** is encouraged to wear their school colors! Whether you are a student, teacher, aide, coach, administrator, bus driver, custodian, cafeteria worker, or involved in the education system in *any* capacity, be sure to wear your school colors!
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COLLECTION OF PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS
A few churches in the area help the New Salem Food Bank in their monthly distribution. Each church is asked to donate a specific item and we have been asked to provide personal hygiene items such as bath soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc. Please bring your items anytime during the month and place them in the Donation Box in the lobby. Thank you for your willingness to help!
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5-WEEK STUDY GROUP ~ “DEMOLISHING DOUBT”
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, & 27 IN ROOM 106
TWO SESSIONS ARE OFFERED - 9:15AM OR 10:45AM
FOR GRADE 7 THRU ADULT LED BY PATSY SASSANO III
✓ Join us as we step into a faith that isn’t afraid of tough questions.
✓ Whether you’re seeking answers, looking to deepen your understanding, or wanting to better articulate and defend your beliefs, this study offers a welcoming environment for honest questions, intellectual growth, and spiritual encouragement.
✓ Come ready to explore, discuss, & build a faith grounded in both truth and confidence.

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