

... whenever we have an
opportunity, let us work
for the good of all ...



Galatians 6:10, NRSV

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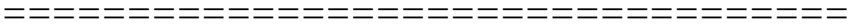
Remember Mr. Rogers? You know, the guy who started his children's show each day by putting on his cardigan and tossing his shoe up in the air. One of the songs that I remember from his show is "Who are the people in your neighborhood?" It asks that question and then concludes with the answer "They're the people that you meet while you're walking down the street, they're the people that you meet each day."

In the story of the Good Samaritan (which we will be looking at on Sunday) a teacher of the law asks Jesus "Who is my neighbor?" This was after Jesus told him that he should love his neighbor as himself. This man didn't ask who his neighbor was because he wanted to expand the pool, but because he wanted to narrow it down. It's the people that live right next door, that drive the same kind of car that you drive, that make about the same amount of money that you make, that have about the same color skin as you have...

Jesus would have nothing of that. He told him a story, a parable, which we now know as the Parable of the Good Samaritan. He showed that "neighborism" crosses the line of economic class, race color, creed – whatever. Your neighbor can be whatever person is right in front of you or across town or around the world. And we are to love them as ourselves.

What are you doing or what can you do to love your neighbor? Join me on Sunday as we look at getting off our donkeys to help our neighbors.

He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Luke 10:27



God is always looking for hands to use

Some years ago, an Irish physician, Dr. Alexander Irvine, wrote a book dedicated to his saintly mother. It was called *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*. The lead character in the book, a godly woman named Anna, lived, and ministered to others as Dr. Irvine’s own mother had done. The book tells of Anna going to the home of a neighbor who had just lost a son in a tragedy at sea. Anna and the bereaving mother visited for a while, then Anna suggested that they have a prayer together. As their heads bowed, Anna reached out and placed her loving hand on the neighbor’s forehead. When the prayer was over, the mourning mother said, “I think I felt His touch upon my brow.” Anna said, “God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God’s hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use.”

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Pray Without Ceasing

Eugene Barton, Lucy Bradford, Katherine Bridges, Carolyn Combs, Melissa Dalton, JT Hale, Gary Janney, Tania Martin, Salem Nelson, Marie Priddy, Aaron Roach, Jutta Shelton, Roger Shockley, Patsy Underwood, Gail Walker, Danny Whitley, Frankie Wilson

Thinking of You

Eugene Barton

District Prayer Request

Pray for the ministry of Patrick C. Starkey, pastor of the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren, who will celebrate ten years there on September 1. Let us pray that the wideness and breadth of God's work will challenge us to seek wider, greater, and more creative fields of mission and ministry.

Thank you for continuing to honor your commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through your tithes.

Would you rather send your tithes by PayPal?

You can find us listed as Ncbrethren.tithe@gmail.com

Homecoming Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, September 19, 2021. While there will not be a meal shared after the service, don't let that stop you from joining us in Brethren worship. Pastor Doug will bring us the message, all you need to bring is yourself!



If you cannot attend regular Sunday service do not forget that you can watch a live stream of Sunday Worship service on YouTube. Find us on YouTube as Eden NC Church of the Brethren, where you can view the live stream each Sunday, or watch any of our recent sermons online.

Home and Family Life will be making fried apple pies on October 5th. The pies will cost \$3 each and orders continue through September 12th. To order, complete the form in the narthex or contact a member of Home and Family Life!



King's Club is still in need of teachers and helpers for the fall! If you feel God calling you to work with the young people of our congregation and our community please reach out to Pastor Doug, the Nurture Commission, or the church office. Thank you to all who are willing to serve!

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that you can participate in from your home? Consider serving as a phone volunteer for Crisis Cleanup. Crisis Cleanup helps pair survivors of natural disasters with relief organizations in their area. They are in need of phone volunteers to coordinate clean up and repair efforts for those in Western North Carolina, and other areas, who have been impacted by natural disaster, most recently Hurricane Henri. Training will be provided to volunteers. Crisis Cleanup plans to have the phone line open until September 10th. If you are interested in becoming a Crisis Cleanup volunteer, please email Gina Newby at gina@crisiscleanup.org

Upcoming Birthdays

August 27: Brynna Blizzard
Frankie Wilson

August 28: Matthew Crouch

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these activities
coming in October!

(More information and details will be coming
soon!)

- On Sunday, October 10, our annual Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse will kick off! You may pick up your shoeboxes before or after worship service. It's not too early to begin your shopping!
- Also on Sunday evening, October 10 beginning at 6pm, we will have a One Night of Renewal & Revival with Dr. Dava Hensley! Please make plans to attend and invite your friends and neighbors! You know you don't want to miss this night!!

