

The Rougher Edges of Love

"Tough Love"

- I. God the _____ practices tough love.
- II. God the _____ (Jesus) practiced tough love (Luke 10; Mark 6:45-52; Matt. 14:22ff)
- III. What God has shown us about tough love.
 1. Tough love is _____ (Hosea 11:1-11).
 2. Tough love is a _____.
 3. Tough love says " _____ " at times.
 4. Tough love calls forth _____.
 5. Tough love demands _____.
 6. Tough love calls for _____.
 7. Tough love brings _____ (Hosea 11:1,10).

I will _____ the tough love of God, _____
from it, and _____ it.

Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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"The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you."

— Psalm 145:8-10

August 27, 2017

Order of Worship

Special music Worship Team

Opening thoughts

(Please pass the blue books located at the end of each pew.)

Love Come Down

Never Gonna Let Me Go

Encouragement time

O Come to the Altar



All disciples of Jesus are invited to partake as the emblems are passed.

Offering to God - Guests are welcome to participate, or may simply place the visitor card in the plate.

Growth Celebration presentation

Message Tom Claibourne

O Come to the Altar

Decisions

Reminders & prayer

Bethlehem News

Family Sunday

We welcome most of our youth to the auditorium today. Youth pages are available in the foyer.

Parade Ministry

If you are able to help us pass out water and crackers today, meet at the First Stop in Winchester at 1:00.

“Summer Connection Challenge”

This evening and next Sunday evening

We encourage you to use these next 2 evenings to initiate gatherings with others (a hike, a cookout, an outdoor game night, a service project, an ice cream or watermelon gathering, etc.).

Maybe partner with another family and invite 1 or 2 other families. Get together with people you want to know better. Be creative. Share the cost. Consider a neutral location (park, church camp, etc.).

Annual Fall Picnic

Sept. 10th at the Johnson farm

We'll all be together for this popular annual gathering. Begin signing up in the foyer.

This Week

Wed. - 1. Office Ministry, 3:00 pm
2. Youth Leader meeting, 6:00 pm

Sat. - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 am
Sign up in the foyer.

Special Class: “Intimacy With God”

Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30 pm

Teacher: Shawn McMullen

Location: Restoration Acres in Hillsboro

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 5 - Ladies Bible Study resumes, 1:00 pm (Ruth Hughes' home)

Sept. 7 - Friendship Lunch, Frisch's, noon

Sept. 8 - Area Seniors Day in Hillsboro, 10:30.

We plan to take the van (4 are already planning to go). Sign up in the foyer if you would like to go along.

Sept. 13 - 1. Seniors lunch, noon

2. Faithgirlz meeting, 4:30

3. Leadership meeting, 7:00 pm

Sept. 17 - Youth Groups & Adult Electives begin

Sept. 23 - Butler Springs Fall Ladies Day, 9:30, for more information see the poster on the BCC family board.

Oct. 3 - New series of Grief Share begins.

BCC Address List

We are trying to update our list of addresses and phone numbers. Please check the list in the foyer to see if you need to be added, or if your information needs corrected.

Fall Elective Classes

Sunday Evenings

1. “Balancing Life's Demands” - begins Sept. 17. (Includes study guide)

2. “All You Can Be” - Bible study of I & II Timothy; begins Sept. 17.

3. “We Saved You a Seat”, a women's study (includes a study book); begins Sept. 24.

You may begin signing up in the foyer.

Funeral Planning Outlines

We recently were asked about these papers that guide you in writing down your preferences concerning your funeral. New copies are available in the foyer.

Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God for His unconditional, sacrificial love.
- ✚ Thank God for His loving discipline.
- ✚ Pray for our sermon series and for power to love when it's not as easy.
- ✚ Pray for the compassion and strength to show tough love when necessary.
- ✚ August Mission: Colombia (Dale Meade)
- ✚ Lafe Armstrong - recent scan showed no growth; next scan in 3 months.
- ✚ Kathy Lohse - hip replacement Tuesday at 8:30 am, Anderson Mercy Hosp.
- ✚ Daniel Rothwell, III - kidney stones too large to pass; may require surgery soon.
- ✚ Gabbi Couch - doing very well at home; though dealing with some tremors; niece of Ashlee Crouse.
- ✚ April Reeves - losing blood; spot on her lung; undergoing tests.
- ✚ Sharon Dunn - has been in ICU after an emergency surgery Wednesday.
- ✚ Continued prayer list is on the prayer board.
- ✚ Other:

High School Shift Student Ministry

The High School Shift Student Ministry's Scoop on Youth is now available exclusively by email or will be shared on the BCC Facebook page. If you would like to view this month's E-Scoop Newsletter type the following link into your web browser:

<http://mailchi.mp/b727e203b416/shiftsmatbcc>

To be added to the e-mail list see Derek.

Cleaning Teams: Bihl Family/Lung Family
Logan Family

Mowing this week: Jeff Johnson

Next: Nathan Cornette

Nursery (3) Coordinator: Melissa Brown

9:30 - Debbie Smiley

10:30 - Bernice Johnson/Sean McKenzie