

A DEVOTIONAL FROM IFCA

Love As Commitment

Love isn't a feeling.

Love is not something we fall into (or out of). Love is not a tingling or blissful sensation. Love is not an undefinable phenomenon that basically exists to make us happy. Rather, true and biblical love is a commitment to another person for his or her benefit. This is why in dozens of different ways the Bible commands us, "love one another," yet never once commands us, "love yourself." Our natural self-serving bent makes such a command unnecessary in the first place.

The relationships that contain love may be expressed in covenants, as our marriages are basic covenant commitments to one another, and God also brings His people into covenants. Many times, however, our love is expressed outside of formal covenant relationships. Regardless, true love is always to be expressed in the decision to be genuinely committed to another, offering grace, mercy, patience, kindness, gentleness, and a whole host of other Christlike qualities that the Spirit enables us to reflect.

Therefore, when we think about what it means to love each other in the local church, we should not think, "This means that I show up for people when it works for me." That view is both narrow and shallow. Rather, we should think, "This means that I am basically committed to each one of God's people here, to show Christ to them and grow in the truth with them, through thick and thin." These are two very different definitions for what it means to love your church. Seek Christlike love toward your brothers and sisters here.

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Income & Expenses	Actual	Budgeted
October	Giving Income	\$16,222.00	\$17,916.67
	Expenses	\$27,056.57	\$35,981.66
1/1 to 10/31	Giving Income	\$ 155,161.51	\$ 179,166.66
	Expenses	\$ 324,616.61	\$ 359,816.68

A detailed accounting of all expenses as well as additional income & operating funds are available to CBC members upon request. Please ask the office for a copy.



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THE LORD'S DAY November 19, 2023 – 11:00 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

"Majesty"

Scripture & Prayer

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17, Pastor Edward Caballero

Worship through Song

"I Worship You" #146

"How Great Thou Art" #147

Congregational Greeting

Announcements

Missions Focus: IFCA International

Presented by Peter Ellis

Worship through Song

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" #45

(Those involved in the youth rehearsal are now released.)

Worship through the Preached Word

"Walking (Away) by Faith"

2 Samuel 15:13 - 16:14 (pt 2)

Worship through Song

"To Him Who Sits on the Throne" #373

Postlude

"Rejoice the Lord is King"

(Parents, please pick up your children promptly from the rehearsal.)

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 9:45 AM** – Bible Classes for Adults, Teens, and Children
- 11:00 AM** – Morning Worship Service
 - Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 PM** – Thanksgiving Dinner. (Please bring food items before 5:00.)
 - No Evening Service or Rehearsals

THIS NEXT WEEK

Monday

- Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week (Last Day!)

Wednesday

- Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 PM. (No other meetings).

Sunday

- Bible Classes for Adults, Teens, and Children, 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship Service, 11:00 AM
- Evening Service in Fellowship Hall, 6:00 PM
- Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal in the Chapel, 6:00 PM
- Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Chapel, 7:30 PM

UPCOMING

- **Ladies Evening Bible Study: Philippians**, Nov 30 (Thur) 7 PM, Vipond Hall
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast**, Dec 2 (Sat), 9 AM
- **Christmas Concert Celebration**, Dec 10 (Sun) 6:00 PM
- **Youth Christmas Celebration**, Dec 17 (Sun) 11:00 AM
- **Christmas Dinner**, Dec 17 (Sun) 5:00 PM
- **Christmas Eve Day Service**, Dec 24 (Sun) 11:00 AM only

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENT CONFIRMATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2023

We are collecting contact information from our 2023 donors. If you have not previously filled out a welcome card, please take time to fill out the card located in the bulletin and return it to one of the ushers.

MISSIONS FOCUS



Our church has long been affiliated with IFCA International, a fellowship of independent Bible churches united for promoting the gospel and defending the faith. While IFCA is not a denomination, membership provides churches like ours with various benefits, including publications and materials, regional rallies and retreats with like-minded churches, an annual convention, military chaplaincy endorsement, and church development resources. IFCA also provides a means for us to funnel support to international missions and relief work in times of crises. Headquartered in Grand Rapids, the fellowship serves over 2,000 churches, ministries, and personal members worldwide. Read more at www.IFCA.org.

GIVING

You can give to the Lord's work by:

- ▶ **The Collection Boxes** in the back of the Chapel & Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **PayPal** on our church's website, www.Community-Bible.com
- ▶ **Mail** to Community Bible Church, 2930 W. Ball Rd, Anaheim, CA 92804



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION



The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, they have collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. Please stop by the table at the back of the chapel after service for more information on how you can be involved in OCC this year.