THE CHURCH CHRIST BUILDS - 4
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

REVIEW: **MT.16:18**

Christ has preeminence, word based, spirit-filled, holy, blood bought.

CONTINUE: JOHN 13:34-35 LOVE MOTIVATED.

Love is the new commandment of the new covenant. Love is to be the motivating force behind all that we do. **MK. 12:28-34 NLT** – We are to love God and people, even as He has loved us.

LOVING GOD:

- **JOHN 3:16 NLT** – God's love for us is seen in His giving us His son to die for us. **JOHN 15:13 NLT** – There is no greater love than this.
- **JOHN 14:21-23 NLT** – Jesus revealed to us how we can love God. We are to keep His commandments and do what He says.

LOVING THE BRETHREN:

- **I JOHN 3:16-18 NLT** – We owe it to Him to lay down our lives for our brother and sisters.
- We need each other: To encourage each other while living in a fallen world **(HEB. 3:12-14 NIV);** Restore those who fall **(GAL.6:1-5 NIV)**; To take our place **(ROM. 12:3-5 NIV).**

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR: LUKE 10:30-37 NLT

- Jesus taught human worth and reveals how to deal with racism. The Jews hated the Samaritans, yet that's the story's hero.
- **VS. 33 NLT** – Saw him (how do we see others?); compassion an emotional connection (Jesus was moved with compassion); went to him (a physical connection); bound up his wounds (medical care); provided transportation, shelter and care (donkey, inn); silver coins (financial aid). He uses a Samaritan to teach the value of all people.
- **VS. 31-32 NLT** – Jesus exposes religious hypocrisy. He illustrates how one can be outwardly religious but inwardly cold and heartless. The priest was viewed as strong in the Lord, but was unconcerned and indifferent to the truth. The Levite was in charge of worship yet showed no compassion.

LOVING OUR ENEMIES: MT. 5:44-48 NKJV

Jesus knew that Samaritans are enemies to the Jews. So, He used a Samaritan to teach how having a loving relationship with God will manifest in loving all people, enemies included. We love our enemies by: Speaking well of those who speak evil of us, doing good to those who hate us, and praying for those who use and persecute us.

CONCLUSION:

The church Christ builds is a church that loves God, loves the brethren, loves their neighbors and even their enemies. Spiritual maturity is not based on spiritual gifts; it's based on love being the motivational force behind all the activities in our lives. **I COR. 13:1-3**.

CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **VICTORY CLASS –** Every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Café, Ed Braddock is the leader, all are welcome!

- **NOVEMBER 1ST, 2026 – TODAY – SPECIAL OFFERING – FOOD PANTRY** Our Second Offering will be for our Food Pantry – this offering falls in line with Week #1 of **THANKS IN ACTION** – Community. We are also collecting New to Slightly Used Toys for our **Toy Give Away** in December. Please place them in the carts in the Narthex.

- **NOVEMBER – THANKS IN ACTION –** Each Sunday – Starting on November 1st, and for the following 4-weeks. We have plans to put **Thankfulness Into Action, Don't Just Say It – Live it**... There will be more detailed information prior to each week.
  - November 1st – Week 1: Community
  - November 8th – Week 2: Country & Veterans
  - November 15th – Week 3: Family
  - November 22nd – Week 4: Church Volunteers

  This will culminate with our Thanksgiving Communion service on November 24th
  **For Week 2 (November 8th) – Country & Veterans, please provide us with a picture of yourself or a family member who is currently in the Military or is a Veteran – we will need the name and a photo sent to Gino at Media@cafamily.net or you can drop it off at the church office by November 4th.

- **NOVEMBER 4th – VETERAN'S PICTURES** – please remember to have your pictures to Gino by the 4th. These pictures fall in line with Week # 2 of **THANKS IN ACTION.**

- **NOVEMBER 8th & 22nd – BRIDGES FOR LIFE PRAYER FOR CHURCH & MISSIONS** – meet here at the church at 6:00 p.m.

- **NOVEMBER 14th , 2026 – WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING –** 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast will be served and there will be an Offering taken. Sign up begins on October 25th.

- **NOVEMBER 18th – FOOD PANTRY** – 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym.

- **NOVEMBER 24th – THANKSGIVING COMMUNION SERVICE –** AT 7:00 p.m. No service on Wednesday November 25th.

- **NOVEMBER 26th & 27Th – CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.**