

We Are Called to Love Our Neighbors... But What Are Their Names?

Pastor Doug Hinton

“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.” –Leviticus 19:18

“These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: ‘Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’” —Matt. 10:5-6

In September, we explored the question posed by Brant Hansen’s book, “Can I choose to be *unoffendable*?” Learning to die to our anger, our self-righteousness, and our judgment of others can be a daily and daunting task. However, now that we are aware of these stumbling blocks, we walk together, empowered by the Holy Spirit to both pick up our cross *and* grow in Christ’s character. We do not have to sacrifice the Truth in order to love people nor do we give up loving others in order to grasp to the Truth. We are not called to bear grudges nor take revenge, but to love our ‘neighbor as yourself.’ You may be thinking, “Great! I can love my neighbor...but, I don’t even know their names.” What can we do about that?

If we look at Jesus in Matthew 10, we tend to miss a key factor when He sent His disciples out the first time. First, Jesus summons the twelve to Himself. Then, He gives them authority to cast out unclean spirits, and the ability to heal every kind of sickness and disease. You may think, “OK Doug, that’s cool and all...but what are you trying to say?” After naming all twelve, Jesus tells them NOT to go to the Gentiles or Samaritans...but to their own people, the lost sheep of Israel. What does that mean for us?

In their book *The Art of Neighboring*, Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon challenge believers to see their front yard as a place of ministry. If we are to ministers of reconciliation in our communities, a first step would be knowing our neighbors...by name. Our challenge for October is getting to know our neighbors, the eight closest (by proximity), and learning about them. Do you know your neighbors by name? Know an interesting fact about them? A life goal or achievement they have? What if, by loving our *physical* neighbors (those right in front of us), we can grow in faith and extend God’s kingdom? Can we love them where they are, as they are, without making them ‘a project?’ Can we pray for God to lead us in the way we should go and be intentional about who we meet? What might that look like? Will you join us this month and get to know your neighbors?

In the beginning and end of October we will have a tic-tac-toe-type board to fill out with our neighbors’ information. We hope to fill in more of the blanks at the end of October than might be filled in the beginning. *Then*, in November, we will rest, reflect, and rejoice in how Christ is moving through us: what did we learn about Jesus, the Bible, ourselves and our neighbors in the last two months? What surprised us? What would we do differently? How did we grow? What can rest, rejoicing, and reflecting do to strengthen our faith? Where does Jesus model this? I invite you to walk with us as we continue to seek the Scriptures, follow Christ, and sharpen one another.

Your brother and fellow worker in Jesus Christ our Lord, *Pastor Doug*.

HCOB Adult Sunday School

✠ **THE CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS** classes will meet in the library. We study the International Lesson. We have three or four regular teachers who each teach about one Sunday a month. We have several socials a year with the majority of our class participating. Our offerings are used for special needs within our congregation or community. The contact people are Ruth Johnson and Millie Hoffman.

October 7	Noah's Steadfast Faith	Teacher: Denny Bushong
October 14	God Is Always Working	Teacher: Butch Nachbar
October 21	Abraham & Sarah Birth God's People	Teacher: Sue Brubaker
October 28	Isaac & Rebekah Continue the Legacy	Teacher: Galen Brumbaugh

✠ **THE SEEKERS**—Please join us for teaching and discussion that will help us to delve deeper into our Christian faith and life. We will be studying the same Scriptures the pastors are preaching on each Sunday. If you would like to discuss the scriptures the pastors are preaching on a bit more, please join us. Please feel free to join us in the room just off the sanctuary, also used as the prayer room. Contact person is Rich Bushong

October 7	Matt 10:1-15, Matt 22:34-40	Teacher: Rich Bushong
October 14	Luke 10:38-42, Luke 9:57-62	Teacher: Tom Fritz
October 21	Luke 10:1-23, Luke 10:25-37	Teacher: TBD
October 28	Romans 12:14-21, Acts 2:42-47	Teacher: TBD

HCOB Family News

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH, so let's thank our pastoral staff, which includes Doug Hinton, Del Kautz and Geoff Davis and our children's ministry staff, Emmy Schott and Laura Meiser, for all they do throughout the year. There will be a box on the Narthex table with notecards so you can write thank you notes to the individuals on our Pastoral and Children's Ministry staff. You can put your completed notes in the mailboxes of each individual or mail them throughout October. Thank you!

ANNUAL BROTHERS VILLAGE AUXILIARY SPONSORSHIP DRIVE- Suggested Sponsorship levels are \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 and other. Thank you for your response that will be greatly appreciated, as it helps with the many programs that the Auxiliary provides for the Village. Look for your representatives in the narthex October 7, 14, and 21. Thank you.
-Gerrie Hurst and Lois Killian

WATER STREET MISSION is asking for volunteers to assist in the dining room during any of the 3 meals/day. Please contact WSM Volunteer Director Heather Koss at 717-358-2092 if you are interested in helping.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS to the offerings taken during the combined Sunday School classes summer session. \$373.00 was collected for the Disaster Relief Auction.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER: Mark your calendars now for the next "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" on Sunday, October 28th after worship. Details to follow. Hope to see you there!

BROTHERS VILLAGE FALL SOCIAL--Please join our deacons and celebrate the arrival of fall with our members at Brethren Village on Saturday, October 13 at 2:00 PM. We will be decorating pumpkins and cookies while we fellowship together.

Messages in October

October 7



What Did Jesus Do? *Matthew 10:1-15, Matthew 22:34-40*

Pastor Doug Hinton

After finishing our study on becoming *Unoffendable*, we will map out and begin to get to know our neighbors in October. Can you show the love of Christ to people you don't know? What if part of loving our neighbor is getting to know them first? Jesus sent the twelve disciples out in Matthew 10, but who does He send them to? "Do not go in the way of the Gentiles...or Samaritans; rather...go to the lost sheep of Israel." What if we are called to first share the love of Christ with those (literally/spatially) closest to us?

October 14



But...I Ain't Got Time for That—*Luke 10:38-42, Luke 9:57-62*

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"I understand we are called to love our neighbors....but, the kids are in sports, I'm working overtime, the car just broke down, I have vacation coming up....and I just don't have time to get to know new people. I want to follow Jesus, but He knows my schedule is full." What would happen to our schedule if we made the "main thing" the main thing (as Pastor Geoff says)? What if we can slow down, be intentional, and make time to follow Christ? What would our neighborhood look like?

October 21



Go and Do—*Luke 10: 1-23; Luke 10: 25-37—Pastor Geoff Davis*

Is it enough to be a good person? A person who follows the rules? Lives a "good" life? Belongs to and attends church regularly? Tithes and gives money to good causes? In these passages from Luke, Jesus instructs his followers that there's a reason they've been forgiven – a purpose that God has created for each of us. It's not enough simply to be a follower of Jesus; it's how we behave towards our neighbors. It's not simply enough to know what's in the Bible; it's how we live out that knowledge in a Christ-like way that makes all the difference in this world – and the next. And the key to the right behavior starts with actively loving God and loving our neighbors. But who are our neighbors and how are we supposed to act towards them?

October 28



How Will We Be Known?—*Romans 12:14-21, Acts 2:42-47*

Pastor Doug Hinton

How will we be known by our neighbors? How can our willingness to 'live at peace with all...so far as it depends on you' effect our neighborhoods? How can God move through our neighborhoods...and us...and how has He begun? We'll bring our series of "Go and Do: loving your neighbor" to an end, but hopefully, some new relationships are just beginning!

October Ministry Schedules

October 7
October 14
October 21
October 28

NURSERY

Carol Koser, Peg Layman
Marg Zurin, Carolyn Gingrich, Jen Lugar
Sue Brubaker, Sallie Hoppert
Betty Cox, Sarah Fisher, Jake Rannels



October 7
October 14
October 21
October 28

WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

Jamie Bushong
Joel Kettering
Pete Cope
Janice Haldeman

WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

Del Kautz
Steph Moyer
Laura Meiser
TBD

SPECIAL MUSIC



October 7
October 14
October 21
October 28

CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

Sanctuary Choir
TBA
Sanctuary Choir
TBA

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Dave Bendit
Ben Johnson
Dave Bendit
Doug Howard



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SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

Dick Caldwell & Rich Bushong
Jamie & Rich Bushong
Dave Schott
Jamie & Rich Bushong

SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

Blaine Garber & Rich Bushong
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong
Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong
Matt Markey & Mitchell Barnes



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DEACON GREETERS

Al Shuss
Tom Connelly
Paula Connelly
Wes Bowers

JNH GREETERS

Jeff & Bev Moyer
Nicolas & Joanna Huacani
Edith Martin
Tom & Carolyn Fritz

OFFERING TABULATORS

Jim Stauffer, Dwayne Hostetter, Sue Hostetter

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM "Unoffendable" Book Study	2 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	3 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	4 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM District Board Meeting 7:00 PM Prayer Experience	5 6:45 PM WORDD Worship	6 ANE District Conference
7 Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 4:00 PM Young Adult/Young Families Small Group 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	8	9 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 12:00 PM Silver Singles 7:00 PM Worship Team	10 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM Sewing Circle 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Stewards of Property	11 9:00 AM Church Administrator Out of Office 7:00 PM Education Team	12	13 2:00 PM BV Fall Social
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For more details about upcoming events and up-to-date calendar information, please visit
<http://www.hempfieldcob.org/whatsup.html>

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