

Prescott church of Christ

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Assembly Times

Sunday Bible study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:20 a.m.
Sunday Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible study	7:00 p.m.

"In home" studies available any time

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Family News

****Please see Mark Vaughn for September announcements.**

****Please contact Mark or Denise for any updates that need to be made to bulletin or prayer list. Please help us keep current**

***Attention Men:** Men's bible study is each Tuesday @ 10am at the building.

***Attention Ladies:** there are 2 bible studies each week. Tuesday morning @ 10am at the building, and Thursday evenings @ 5:30 at Alice Jerrall's house.

***New mailing address for Betty Barnhart:**
3300 W. Tortoise Ln. Chino Valley 86323

***New phone number for Jerry Howlett:** (928) 255-8072

***Pray for the new congregation in Flagstaff.** John Lasater and Jim Thayer are helping start this new work. Service time is each Sunday at 3pm. They are meeting in the La Quinta Inn, 2015 S. Beulah. Prayers and encouragement for this new church.

Mystery Verse: "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'"

The bulletins and prayer list are available on our website. You can print one for yourself. You can also listen to archived lessons and/or live stream the service. www.prescottchurchofchrist.com

A True Neighbor

Have you ever wondered: "What does God want me to do?"

If you're looking for a verse that summarizes the commands in both the Old and New Testaments, here's what Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia...

"For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Galatians 5:14 NLT

Paul's words echo a command Jesus gave when He was asked what the most important commandment was (Matthew 22:37-40). What they're both essentially saying is: beyond loving God with everything in you, you should love your neighbor as yourself.

Who is your neighbor? A Jewish expert in religious law once asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29) So Jesus told him a story about a man who was beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. Both a priest and a Levite walked by and ignored the man—but it was a Samaritan who sacrificed his time and money to help him heal.

For many reasons, Samaritans were despised by Jews. But that didn't stop the Samaritan in this story from showing compassion. What Jesus wanted the Jewish expert (and us) to hear is that anyone, anywhere is our neighbor—and everyone is worthy of our sacrificial love.

How do you love yourself? When you have a need of any kind, you work hard to meet it. You don't have to think about how to treat yourself; it's just something you do. The care we unconsciously show ourselves is also how we should care for others.

How can you love your neighbor as you love yourself? If someone needs help with their home, job, or children, you can serve joyfully. If a family is struggling financially, you can give generously. If there's someone in your life who doesn't have a godly example to look up to, you can step into the gap.

Being a true neighbor is not always convenient and it will likely cost you, but you can still choose to love them as you love yourself. And when you serve others in this way, you are serving Jesus, too.

Today, take a moment to consider the people around you who could use your help. Then, ask God to reveal how you can love and serve them this week.