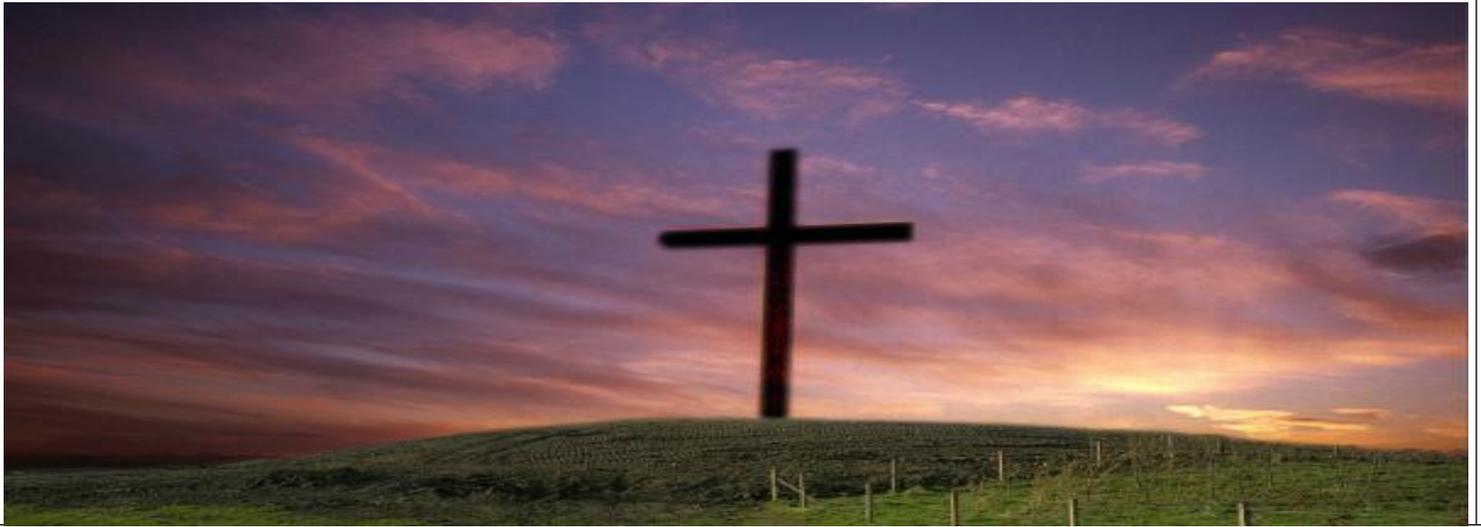




# The Messenger

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## Pastor's Paragraph

*"[The Samaritan] said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.'"*

Luke 10:35 (CEB)

Jesus told the parable of the Samaritan, who cared for someone who was injured and needed care. The challenge? The Samaritan was the only one offering help. Others, who should help, had passed by. To make things worse, the injured person, a Jew, was prejudiced against the Samaritan. Jews went out of their way to avoid Samaritans, even cursing them and spitting on them. That was just as much an insult then as it is now. Today's prejudice discriminates based on race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, age and economic class.

Jesus asked this question, *"Who is the neighbor to the one in need?"* (v35). People got it. It's a rhetorical question. We know the answer. God has written on our hearts. We know right from wrong. We know when something is just or unjust. Our conscience is a gift from God. It pokes and prods us when we experience moments like the Samaritan and the injured Jewish traveler. Moments of prejudice are opportunities to show we care. We have a choice to make: we can be silent and pass by or we can stop and show we care.

The Samaritan cared. They cared when others did not. They cared in spite of the fact the one in need would most likely reject them. They cared because it was the right thing to do. You see, the Samaritans believed in God too. They listened. They knew what was on their heart. And they acted. That's what neighbors do. They love their neighbors. That's how they honor and respect God in their daily lives. We're called to love like those who are rejected, not hold onto status and privilege.

We've been reflecting on why we care and how God uniquely made us to care for others. What are the ways you care for others?

Ellen makes a difference writing notes, as do Betty and others. Margaret and her group of five people make a difference calling people on the phone. Loni and Ben are leading our first virtual VBS this week, caring for sixteen children and their families. Wayne and the volunteers are cleaning and preparing to pick pomegranates. Karen, Linda and our ladies are reflecting on books, sewing, and staying in touch. Cheryl and Linda are gathering supplies for school kids for the fall. We know many of you are caring for others. We'd love to hear how you are showing God's love. These are measures of good.

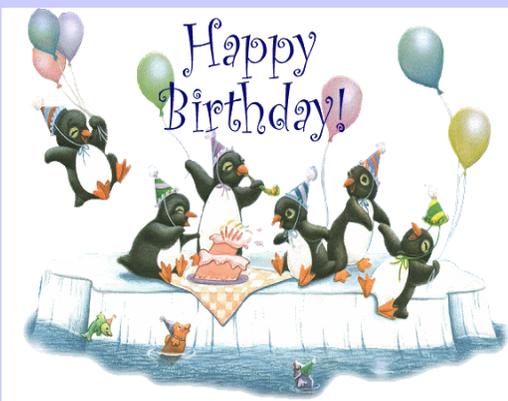
How are you caring for your neighbors? All of you can make a difference in the world. You just have to choose what that difference will be. Love is all you need. Trust your heart and let God lead the way.

By God's love,  
Pastor Eric



## August 2020

- 8/1 Tom M.  
Donna P.
- 8/2 Cassandra (Cassie) C.
- 8/3 Sylvia S.
- 8/4 Annilia W.-M.
- 8/7 Christine R.
- 8/9 Guy P.  
Naomi T.
- 8/19 Lee-Ann S.
- 8/23 Kathy A.
- 8/26 Pat K.
- 8/30 Evan P.



To all the women in our church community:

I want to let you know about an online video Bible study that the Bad Girls of the Bible are excited to be doing this August and September. It's called *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, taught by Lysa TerKeurst, bestselling author, speaker, and teacher! In this study, we will learn how to deal with our disappointment and find hope and strength when life doesn't turn out the way we expected.

You get to watch the study video at the time that works best for you. The first video will arrive Monday August 3 in your inbox once you sign up (see link below). Together we'll be studying Scriptures, responding to the video and discussing all that we learn. We meet on Thursdays and will have our first meeting on Thursday August 6 at 6:30pm via Zoom for a total of six weeks. Signing up and receiving the videos weekly is free. If you'd like to purchase the book, it is available through FaithGateway and Amazon.

To help you get started, go ahead and sign up so you can get the emails from Faith Gateway/Online Bible Study and be sent the first chapters and other bonus goodies. Register at <https://www.faithgateway.com/obs>.

Please email me to let me know when you sign up and I'll put you on the Zoom meeting invitation. Let me know if you have any questions!

Hoping you'll join us,

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## Message from Deanna Maxell

Good afternoon everyone,

As some of you know I am moving to Idaho with my sister Darlene and husband Kevin Sanderson.

We along with a few helpers, decorate the church for the major holidays, and also change the colors in the church.

So, we are looking for volunteers (2 would be perfect) to do this. It is a very enjoyable thing to do, and I look forward to doing it. We have all the decorations on site, and it's up to your discretion as to how much or little you want to do.

If you are interested, please call Cat at the church office, or email her. I will be more than willing to walk you through this.

blessings,

Deanna Maxell

## [Adding Calendar to Messenger](#)

Hello Everyone

We need your help! We're adding a monthly calendar to The Messenger. We'd like to include your group so people can participate in your ministry. Please send us your group's name, the day(s) and time(s) you meet and a person to contact. This is a work in progress, so we'll adapt and improve as we go. If you can send us the information by Thursday, July 30th, we'll include it in next week's Messenger.

## [Message to the congregation from Aaron Halsey](#)

We you like to be a part of the worship service? Videos of "Welcome", "Passing the Peace of Christ", "Reading the Lord's Prayer" are always welcome. Record yourself anytime and share it with us. If you need assistance recording please review the tutorial Aaron has created. The end of the video demonstrates how to share the video with us thru Google Drive. <https://www.facebook.com/aaron.halsey.31/videos/1870665433070988/>

### **Notice:**

**We are unable to accommodate walk-up visitors to our office at this time, please call or email the church office to schedule an appointment.**



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