

FEBRUARY 2019

THE MISSION

To become completely committed Christ-followers (3Cs) who:

- **Touch God** through expressing and demonstrating love to Him, to Christ-followers, & to the unbelieving (worship).
- **Transform lives** through connecting in small groups, growing together in unity, maturity & Christ-likeness, and reaching out to serve others (fellowship, discipleship, and ministry).
- **Take risks** through relationally and compassionately sharing Jesus Christ locally, nationally, and internationally (evangelism/missions).

THE VISION

To be an enthusiastic, encouraging & multiplying church family that attracts the unchristian and unchurched and equips all to become life-transformational servant leaders for the Kingdom of God.

UPCOMING

- **2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Friday, May 31st - Sunday, June 2nd. "Getting S'more of Jesus"
- **Children's Camp** - June 24-28, 2019 for 3rd-6th grade. Contact Heather. Good to get signed up today!
- **Acts 1:8** - Meeting on Sunday, February 17th - 2:30 p.m. in the HUB
- **President's Day** - Offices Closed in Observance
- **Administrative Team Meeting** - Monday, February 18th @ 6:00 p.m. - Conference Room
- **Vacation Bible School Meeting** - Sunday, February 24th - After Morning Service - Fellowship Hall
- **Prayer Night** - Sunday, February 24th @ 6:00 p.m.
- **Fun After Fifty Five** - Tuesday, February 26th @ 6:00 p.m. - Gym
Bring your favorite Italian Food dish or side dish or dessert. Our entertainment is a duo from Lindale, Tx called "Bongo & The Point".

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- **Musicians & Vocalist for Worship Band & Choir:** Get plugged-in with our ministry! Contact Don at the church office.
- **Nursing Home:** Are you looking to get plugged into a ministry? They have asked that we come on the following dates for about 30 minutes each. Begins at 2:30 p.m. - **Country Trails:** Feb.10; April 28; July 21; Sept. 1; Oct. 27; Dec. 22 - **Azalea Trails:** March 17; June 16; Sept. 15 - **Anderson:** March 31; Dec.1
- **Borderland Mission Trip:** Sunday, March 10- Saturday, March 16, 2019
A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk in the Foyer. Any questions contact Gordon Hamessley @ 903-515-0075.

SUNDAY

9:00am BREAKFAST

9:40am SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:50am WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAY

5:00pm HIS TABLE

5:45pm KINGDOM KIDS

6:00pm ADULT BIBLE STUDY

6:00pm STUDENT MINISTRY

7:00pm PRAISE BAND & CHOIR

BIRTHDAY'S THIS MONTH - FEBRUARY 2019

Cayden Good	01	Tina Smilie	13
Paul Trent	05	Reva Hudgins	16
Briley Marshall	05	Terry Tolar	18
Mark Maciel	06	Kolbi Phillips	18
Madelyn Maciel	08	Melba Crain	23
Doyle Milliorn	13	Donna Tomlin	24
Billy Peden	13	Teresa Morrow	24
Ed Bradley	13	Jaron Cude	25
Jeremian Cea	13	Melissa Montano	25
		Debbie Norris	26



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PASTOR'S POWER POINT

Dear MSBC,

Have you ever heard the phrase “killing with kindness” or perhaps used it yourself? This phrase in our personal experiences usually means that when we are confronted with someone who is critical, unfriendly, or unloving, we respond in an unexpected fashion with extreme love. This is performed in hopes of changing the other person’s attitude and actions. Whereas conventional wisdom calls for killing our neighbors with kindness, a thirty-year-old guy in Santa Rosa, Florida by the name of Bryan Stewart took the idea to a whole new, literal level.

According to the *Pensacola News-Journal*, Stewart was approached by neighbors about yelling and loud banging that emanated from his home throughout the course of a day. Stewart responded by exiting his house with an arm raised holding a machete — which had the word “kindness” written on it. Did you get that? Kindness was the name of his machete...lol! One of the neighbors stepped in front of the other to block the blade and suffered a half-inch cut on his left hand. The Santa Rosa Sheriff’s Department eventually responded and arrested Stewart, who was booked on charges of aggravated assault, aggravated battery and assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill.

As Christians we are called to “kill with kindness” so to speak, but in a kinder, gentler way than our friend in Florida. Kindness is one of those words that is sometimes hard to define clearly. This is true not only in English but also in the Greek language of the original New Testament and in the Hebrew language of the original Old Testament. Essentially, kindness is tender concern for others that manifests in tangible, compassionate actions. Kindness is not simply a feeling or attitude, it involves deeds.

Why should we be people of kindness? There are two basic reasons: because God is kind and we are commanded to be just like Him. Jer. 9:24b says: *“I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the LORD.* Eph. 4:32 says *“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”* Since February is the month of Valentine’s Day, there is no better time to express our loving kindness than at the present.

But how do we tangibly “kill with” or express kindness to others? There are many ways, but for starters, give the following three ways a try this month:

1. **Accept or welcome into your life and circle of friends those who are unlike you, who are alone, struggling, and in need of encouragement and friendship.** Rom. 15:7: *“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”*
2. **Share a burden with someone who needs help spiritually, physically, emotionally, relationally, financially, etc., even offering to do so with someone who dislikes you.** Prov. 14:21: *“He who despises his neighbor sins but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.”* Gal. 6:1-2: *“Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. ²Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”* Luke 6:34-35: *“If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.”*
3. **Speak spiritual truth into the life of someone who is detouring away from God or into the life of someone who has no relationship with Christ at all.** Eph. 4:15: *“Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.”* 1 Pet. 3:15: *“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”*

Ok, then. Unlike our machete-wielding friend in Florida, do yourself and others an enormous favor...get out there, go on a rampage, and “kill with kindness” the Jesus way!

Your friend & pastor,

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