

“... I have called you friends.”

February 18, 2024

this month we are unpacking - Love One Another

*So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. **John 13:34-35 NLT***

*All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. **Acts 2:42 NLT***

Isn't it true that we are often hurt most in our friendships?
Jesus can relate **John 13:34-38**

Let's talk about Mark

- was transplanted from Libya, of the tribe of Levi
- had a praying mom **Acts 12**
- Barnabas was his cousin **Colossians 4:10**
- had a close relationship with Peter **1 Peter 5:13**
- traveled with Paul & Barnabas
- left the crew part way through
- Barnabas & Paul split over whether to include him **Acts 13:1-13**
- Eventually reconciled with Paul **2 Timothy 4:11**
- In the Garden of Gethsemane the night Jesus was betrayed **Mark 14:46-52**

Let's talk about Peter

- remember what happened when Peter got scared **John 13**
- the Angel singles out Peter **Mark 16:5-7**
- Peter wanted to be a great friend **Matthew 26:33-35**

Let's talk about Jesus "Now you are my friends..." **John 15:9-17**

Let's Love One Another as friends:

- encouraging one another (**Mark & Barnabas**)
- defending one another (**Barnabas defended Mark**)
- picking each other back up (**Peter & Mark**)
- bringing one another on the journey (**Barnabas brought Mark**)
- Friends reconcile (**Paul & Barnabas**)
- friends ask for time (**Paul asked for Mark to come**)

NEXT STEPS In Classroom 2 During the Message! Join this four week conversation. Whether or not you caught week 1 or 2, you can join us today as we discuss the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

SHORT TERM TRIP TO COLOMBIA This Summer! You have until the end of March to sign up for our missions trip to Cali, Colombia to serve EnCasa Church and help that put on a Vacation Bible School. Go to ntcfamily.com to learn more.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT Not Meeting Tonight Our 7th-12th graders gather normally on Sunday nights at 6pm, but tonight they are in Saranac Lake for Winter Camp!

FAMILY FUN WEEK Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday! We will be putting on three community events for our kids during their mid-winter break. See the post on Facebook to learn more and how you can help. Invite your friends!

Tuesday at 1pm - **Sledding at Springs Park**
Wednesday at 1:30pm - **"Encanto" Movie Matinee at NTC**
Thursday at 6pm - **Family Game Night at NTC**

MENS BREAKFAST Saturday at 8:30am All men are welcome! We will be eating biscuits and gravy and hearing from Bruce Beckstead. Sign up in the lobby so a re sure to have enough food for everyone.

BUILDING TOGETHER WINTER GALA Saturday in Saranac Lake Our friends at High Peaks Church are raising money for their building project. Join them for this evening of fun and silent auction. More information can be found on our Facebook page.

coming up...

M.O.P.S. & MOMSNEXT February 29th at 10am or 6pm All moms are invited to join this biweekly gathering in the morning or evening.

BRIDGE March 7th at 6pm Our 5th-7th graders gather every week for a night of fun and a challenging and inspiring message just for them.

TRIVIA NIGHT March 15th at 6pm Our Momentum students are hosting a trivia night to raise money for their trip to Colombia. Gather a team of 4-6 people for an evening of fun. Jason Sweet is cooking dinner and there will be gift baskets to raffle off. Cost per team is \$100 and you can register your team on the ChurchCenter App or our website.

BOOK LAUNCH PARTY March 19th at 7pm Jessica Hurlbut's book Unlimited Motherhood is releasing on March 19th! Preorder it now at jessicahurlbut.com or on Amazon.