



## Building Relationships With Christ at the Center

3 John 1-4

1. **We build Christ-centered relationships by \_\_\_\_\_ toward each other. (1-4)**
  - a. We express Christ's love through \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
  - b. We express Christ's love by relating to each other as \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. **We build Christ-centered relationships by \_\_\_\_\_ for each other. (2)**
  - a. We should pray for each other's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. We should pray for each other's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. We should pray for each other's \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. **We build Christ-centered relationships by pursuing each other's \_\_\_\_\_ (3-4)**
  - a. We should find \_\_\_\_\_ in each other's spiritual growth.
  - b. We should be \_\_\_\_\_ by the joy we find in each other's spiritual growth.
  - c. We should \_\_\_\_\_ each other's spiritual growth.
    - We pursue spiritual growth by commending each other's \_\_\_\_\_.
    - We pursue spiritual growth by commending each other's \_\_\_\_\_.
    - We pursue spiritual growth by \_\_\_\_\_ to each other's lives.

**Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_



Coming Up

May 10 – 3 John verses 5-8

May 17 – 3 John verses 9-15

May 24 – Communion, "To the Praise of His Glory"

May 31 – Philemon verses 1-3

## Just a Moment

with Pastor Fred

Only if America would turn back to God, then will he bless us. My question is – *"Back to when?"* To our founding fathers? I don't think so. Men like Washington, Jefferson and Franklin were deists. They believed in a supreme being but were not evangelical. Our nation was founded on a Judeo-Christian ethic, but not the gospel. At the time of the Revolutionary War the average church attendance was lower than it is today. We've always been a secular nation – always will be.

But what about 2 Chron 7:14? John Piper responds, *"My people' is Israel and 'their land' is Israel ... The church has no land. There is no promise here for a nation being spiritually healed if the church in that nation repents."* Our kingdom isn't of this world. Our home is heaven. We're aliens and citizens of another kingdom. Yes, we're citizens also of America. Let's use our rights to promote morality and decency. But political maneuvering and getting the right people elected isn't the answer. When we claim 2 Chron 7:14 as a promise to the USA, we're doing exactly what the prosperity gospel preachers do - distorting the intent of Scripture.

Please don't misunderstand. I'm patriotic. I fly the flag on national holidays. Kevin DeYoung writes when we make our patriotism synonymous though with our faith we've committed patriotic idolatry. Our first allegiance is to Christ. I remind you, when he comes, there will be no democracy for he will be King. 1 Tim 2 calls us to pray for our national leaders. This isn't a selfish request – to live a comfortable middle-class life free from stress. No, the motivation behind the request is that within an ordered society the gospel is free to spread easily. So instead of criticizing government I am driven to pray for it.



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# Magnify

*the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his  
name together!*

PSALM 34:3

Prelude  
Call to Worship

*Oh For A Thousand Tongues to Sing  
Through The Precious Blood*

*God of Every Grace*

Scripture Reading & Pastoral Prayer

*Show Us Christ*

*Building Relationships With  
Christ at the Center  
Pastor Anthony Lange*

*Be Thou My Vision*

Benediction  
Prayer Team

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## THE LORD'S DAY

May 3, 2026

Corporate worship is God welcoming us with arms of grace to enter His holy presence with singing and His divine courts with praise.

### Philosophy of Worship

Our aim is to create an atmosphere conducive to individual and corporate worship, not to entertain.

#### Nursery Schedule

##### Sunday School - ABF

Julie Rizzardi & Cindy Bettenhausen

##### Worship Service

Nursery: Gina Froman & Jocelyn Carter

Toddler: Barb Bush, Sarah Winnie & Michelle Clark

##### Small Groups meet today & this week

#### Today

9:00am Coffee & Fellowship

9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship

10:30am Worship

#### Wednesday, May 6

10:30am Senior Saints Bible Study

11:30am Senior Saints Luncheon

7:00pm Praise Team

#### Saturday, May 9

10:30am Mother & Daughter Brunch

## Announcements

**Thank you** everyone who volunteered help yesterday on our Spring Work Day. Mission accomplished.

**Congratulations** to Doug & Kelly Troxell on the birth of their first grandchild. Cole David Troxell was born April 23, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz and was 21 inches long.

**Senior Saints** will enjoy a potluck luncheon Wednesday after their Bible study. If you're retired – join them.

**Ladies Brunch** is this Saturday. Today is the last day to sign up! Join us as we focus on God's Promises; "Jewels From Heaven." Amanda Wilson will be our speaker.

**A Family Chat** will be held on Sunday, May 17 from 9:30-10:15am in the auditorium. We will discuss tentative initiatives for our new strategic plan beginning next year. Come and be a part of HBC and her future.

**To the Praise of His Glory** will be a Communion Service on May 24th focusing on Ephesians 1:3-14 with Fred, Anthony and Paul each speaking. Appropriate music will be sung intermixed concluding with the Lord's Supper.

#### **Greeter's Next Sunday**

Bill & Carol Gillam

Laurie Horstman

#### **Guest Services**

Today: Graig Hayes

Next Week: Paul Recher

**Grass Mowing.** Please sign up on the bulletin board to help keep our lawns looking sharp.

**de Roos Reception** will be held Sunday, May 31 upstairs in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:15am with coffee, juice and donuts.

#### **Growing Deeper**

*Questions for Small Groups*

1. What makes relationships in the church different from other social groups?
2. How have you personally benefited from people pursuing your spiritual growth? What did they do that was helpful? What was unhelpful?
3. How will you pursue someone else's spiritual growth this week? Will you be accountable to the group for them to follow up?
4. Which area of prayer do you find yourself praying most often for others (prosperity, health, spiritual health)? How will you incorporate all 3?
5. How did this passage help you follow Christ this week?

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Norma DeWilde May 3

Ryan deRoos May 4

Don Green May 5

Carissa Bell May 7

Jan Peck May 7

## Prayer Requests

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*  
Colossians 4:2

#### **General Requests**

- Josh & Carissa Bell - Senegal
- The Clark family
- Counseling Ministry - certification & weekly appointments
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually / to reach out to others
- Langes – Praise! House closing May 13
- Capital Area CEF - check the bulletin board for requests

#### **Physical Needs**

- Amber Breinling (Lois Martin's niece) - quick healing, pain relief, success of future treatment
- Beth King - pain due to neuropathy
- Chris Oehler (C Bettenhausen's brother) - recovery from surgery
- Elanor Cecil - healing from surgery
- Gina Golden - diabetic & kidney issues
- Kara deRoos (Ryan's mother) - recovery
- Kathy Lange (Anthony's mother) - lung cancer
- Nic Martin - pain management injections at UMH Sparrow
- Richard Handziak (friend of Chaney's) - cancer

#### **Chosen & Holy Colossians 3:12-16**

Father, because of Your love You chose us to be holy, let us be a people clothed with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. May we make allowance for each other's faults and forgive those who offend us as You have forgiven us. Clothe us with a love that binds us together in perfect harmony. Let Your peace rule in our hearts as one body living in peace as You desire. Let us be thankful in all things. Amen

#### **Prayer For Our Government Officials**

Lt Governor Garlin Gilchrist

#### **Prayer Family of the Week**

Paul & Mary Ann Krepps

#### **Shut in of the Week**

Clayton & Joanne Croy

**"If He had not been a God of patience we should have been in hell long ago."**

– Matthew Henry