



80<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday

# **Our Changing "Neighborhood"**

**Population 1940 -- 13,337 Today 24,932**

**Legal decisions in our society have changed how people are viewed concerning race, family construction, social status, and gender**

**The church is not immune to these changes**





# A Simple Command

**He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

**Luke 10:27**



# A Simple Command

**Romans 13:10 -- Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.**

**Galatians 5:14 -- For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."**

**James 2:8 -- If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.**



# A Confusing Response

**But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus,  
“And who is my neighbor?”**

**Luke 10:29**

**Defined: One living or located near another**







# Do You Understand Your Mission?

**Our Purpose is to give glory to God by meeting people where they are, sharing Jesus with them in a meaningful way, and encouraging them to live in a growing relationship with Him.**





# Who are the People in Your Neighborhood?



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Learning to Love the People  
that God so Loved



**Be Still and  
Know that I am God!**



Loving Those that  
Don't Look Loveable





# Discrimination

**Prejudiced or prejudicial outlook,  
action, or treatment**

**The act, practice, or an instance  
of discriminating categorically  
rather than individually**



# Facts About Loving Them

**Fact 1: We ALL have people in our neighborhood that we avoid or seek to have less interaction simply due to appearance**

**Fact 2: If you spend all your time trying to avoid them then there is no way to love them**

**Fact 3: You can't actually claim you are following Christ since Jesus had this crazy notion that we are supposed to love them**





# Love Them

**Loving people that appear different from me is not optional**

**If you call yourself a Christian you are obligated by the one you call Lord and Savior**



# Those People





# How God Sees People

**Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”**

**Genesis 2:26**



# **"Built for the Human Race"**

**Adam named his wife Eve because she would become the mother of all the living**

**Genesis 3:20**





**“We hold these truths to be self-evident,  
that all men are created equal”**

**Created Equal**

**Devalued People**

**ALL Created in God's image**



# A Common Issue

**Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all people, because all sinned.**

**Romans 5:12**





**These are the People  
in our “Neighborhood”**

**God Said Love Them!**

