

The Compassionate Heart

**MATTERS
OF THE
HEART**

Living Word Church
Sunday, October 4, 2009

Welcome to Living Word Church

Welcome Guests

Welcome! We are glad you are here today and hope you feel at home among us. Regardless of your background—whether you are just beginning to ask questions about God or you are a committed Christian wanting to deepen your faith, Living Word is a place you can call home and find spiritual help, hope, and encouragement.

Thanks for Coming Today

We want to acknowledge your visit today. We hope you will feel comfortable enough to share your name and your choice of contact information (email, address, phone, however you prefer for us to acknowledge your visit).

Please fill out a connection card (available from an usher or on the welcome table in the foyer) and drop the card in the offering. We will contact you to thank you for attending today and see if there is anything we can do to serve you and your family. Again, please indicate on the card how you prefer to be contacted.

Homecoming October 11

Homecoming is next Sunday, October 11. Following the second service, around 12 noon, we will meet in the fellowship hall and Pebble for a covered dish luncheon.

This will be a great opportunity for your church family to sample some of your favorite dishes. If everyone will bring enough food for their family and one more person there will be plenty of food for all.

All volunteers who would like to help set up and prepare for the meal are encouraged to attend the first service, then head over to the fellowship hall to set up during the second service.

20 & 30-Somethings Meeting on Wednesdays

If you are in your 20s or 30s there is a new life group just for you. Join other 20 and 30-somethings in the fellowship hall on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions or need information call Steve or Danielle at (843) 475-2140 or (843) 860-3678.

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Romans 5:6-8,17,19; I Samuel 20:15-16; II Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13

COMPASSION: TO SHOW MERCY, PITY, TENDERNESS OR KINDNESS

- ① We could not _____ ourselves so Christ died for us.
- ② God's plan has always been to adopt us into His _____.
- ③ God didn't look at our lives and say, "I'll die for you when you _____."
- ④ King David said, "Is there _____ to whom I can show _____?"
- ⑤ It is never too late to show _____ to others.
- ⑥ Showing compassion _____ our _____.

A COMPASSIONATE HEART:

- ① Is motivated by love.
- ② Is a heart of sacrifice.
- ③ Is a heart of a servant.
- ④ Expects nothing in return.

LIFE GROUPS — HOMEWORK & DISCUSSION

MY LIFE — Getting to know one another.

LIFE IN THE WORD — Exploring God's Word together.

LIFE AT HOME — Applying God's Word to our daily lives.

MY LIFE

1. On Tuesday, August 25, 2009, retired South Carolina state employee Solomon Jackson Jr. claimed a \$260 million Powerball jackpot. Jackson told reporters, "I'm already retired, I've already got a good income, and God has blessed me, so I won't do a bunch with it. But somebody's going to be blessed." If you were a "somebody" that Mr. Jackson wanted to bless and he gave you \$10 million from his winnings what would you do with the money?

2. Where were you when Hurricane Hugo hit South Carolina? What are some of the acts of compassion that you witnessed or heard about in the aftermath of the storm?

LIFE IN THE WORD

1. Compassion involves showing mercy, pity, tenderness or kindness. Compassion is more than thinking or feeling; it is also doing. When compassion sees something wrong, it does something about it. Read Matthew 14:3-14. In this passage, Jesus hears of the death of John the Baptist and withdraws by boat to a solitary place. A large crowd follows on foot. When Jesus sees the crowd he has compassion on them and heals their sick. How does the attitude of Jesus compare to the attitudes of three others in this story?

Herod —

Herodias —

The daughter of Herodias —

2. One of the best examples of compassion and the lack of compassion is found in Luke 10:25-37. After reading this passage, how would you describe the priest in this story?

How would you describe the Levite in this story?

How would you describe the Samaritan in this story?

Jesus told the lawyer, or expert in the law, to, "Go and do likewise." What do you think Jesus means by this?

3. A man was traveling with a group of people who smoked cigarettes. The smoke filled his lungs, clogged his pores, and saturated his clothes. The man felt like he had been charcoal-broiled. He turned to the woman beside him and said, "Would you like to chew my gum for awhile?" The lady was insulted. "What in the world do you mean?" she snapped. The man replied. "I've been smoking your second-hand smoke ever since we left the city. I thought you might want my secondhand gum."

People are often insensitive to others. Perhaps the worst insensitivity of all is when someone is hurting and no one seems to care.

Read Matthew 9:35-36. Jesus helped hurting people. How can we help hurting people too?

LIFE AT HOME

Someone has said that compassion takes the two things that we have the least of—time and money—and ministers to the two people who least deserve it—the insignificant and the guilty. Read Matthew 25:34-40. How can we reach out this week to people who least deserve it and minister to them with compassion?

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

First Service	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Second Service	10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Children's Church	10:30 PM to 12:00 PM
RockSolid Youth	4:00 PM to 7:30 PM

LIFE GROUP TIMES & LOCATIONS

Life Group are small groups of people who meet weekly in homes throughout the community to study, to share, and to support one another in their Christian lives. Each group is led by a trained leader. A typical meeting lasts about an hour and a half and includes light refreshments. Our current groups are listed here. Call one today for details on their group or call our Life Group coordinators Donald & Retta Lyons (909-8076 or 908-0057). You can also email Donald at dlyons@lowcountry.com.

<u>Sunday 6:00 PM</u>	Location	Focus
Ray & Josie Colson 538-2117	1789 Sidneys Road Walterboro	All ages
Rick & Debbie Linder 562-2417	Smoaks	All ages
Raymond & June Hiott 538-2172	225 Wells Lane (off Bells Hwy)	All ages
Donald & Retta Lyons 909-8076 or 908-0057	5672 Sniders Hwy (4 miles form I-95)	All ages
John & Barbara Steele 549-7751	30 Waverly Street (Longleaf)	All ages
<u>Sunday 6:30 PM</u>		
Joe & Julie Epple Linda Frazier 835-2327	Cottageville	All ages

LIFE GROUP TIMES & LOCATIONS

Tuesday 6:30 PM

Bob & Janet Rogers
599-1011 or 599-1010

Location

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Focus

All ages

Wednesday 6:30 PM

Steve & Danielle Phillips
475-2140 or 860-3678

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20s & 30s

Clyde & Bonnie Reid
532-1708 or 835-5249

202 Stark Drive
(Woodland Terrace)

All ages

Ben Langdale
Shawn Langdale
893-6859

299 Dandridge Road
(Hyde Park)

Teenage Boys

Stacy Langdale
909-0758 or 893-6456

6117 Jefferies Highway
(Walterboro North)

Teenage Girls

Wednesday 7:00 PM

John & Pam Maxlow
217-8395 or 217-8389

21 Prestwick Place
/corner Wexford Way
(right on Wexford—past country club)

All ages

Thursday 7:00 PM

Buddy Buchanan
908-1510

Living Word Church

Men

Andy Harrison
909-1122

Living Word Church

Men

Friday 5:00 PM

Andy Harrison
909-1122

106 James Street
(Forest Hills)

Boys & Girls
6th—8th grade