

# Love and Compassion Ministries

*In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit*

November 1, 2010 In The Year of Our Lord

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

### Thankfulness comes from the heart

- True thankfulness is something that comes from the inner person, from the heart.
- If the heart is evil, then a thankful heart is basically impossible.
- Jesus says to fill our hearts with good, positive, Godly things.
- Through the Word of God (the Bible) we are constantly reminded of God's character.
- Through the worship of God, we focus on what God has done and continues to do for us.
- When we pray, we don't bring God around to our point of view; we are to surrender to His point of view.
- Through knowing God's Word and worshiping him, we become more like him.

**NOVEMBER 25, 2010**

**May we all stop and be thankful for all our Lord has done for us!**

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# THANKSGIVING FEAST 2010

You're invited to Thanksgiving dinner!

Come and enjoy great food, games, prizes and fellowship.

**When:** Thursday, November 25, 2010

**Where:** Christ Community Church  
4050 Colonial Blvd  
Ft. Myers, FL 33966

**Time:** Doors open at 12 Noon  
Dinner served at 1 pm.

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## **Sweep in front of your own Door!**

I remember when I was a babe in Christ, there were all kinds of people telling me what I should and shouldn't do. At first the advice seemed good, but as I grew in the Lord through prayer, reading and listening (hearing from the Holy Spirit), I found that no one really had all the correct answers except Jesus Christ.

They meant well, but they were lost themselves and taking me, and everyone that would listen to them out of the will of God. I found myself doing the same things to others before the Lord (through the Holy Spirit), taught me to first sweep in front of my own door before I could sweep in front of someone else's.

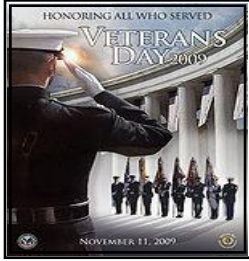
We have a lot of this going on in the Churches today! Mainly because some people believe that because they go to church every Sunday (sometimes twice that day), and because they put monies into the collection plates, this gives them the authority to speak into the lives of others. I see (which came to me through the Holy Spirit), that we should clean our own house before we attempt to clean the houses of others.

I learned from hearing from the Holy Spirit, that we have to be in the will of God and His righteousness first, before we start speaking into the lives of others, especially young Christians, because if we are not lined up ourselves, we can cause some very serious spiritual damage in the lives of those we think we are helping.

Now, God is able to clean up our mess, but we should let it be just that, "**OUR MESS**". And as God starts to reveal Himself, while showing us ourselves, we can begin to "**Sweep in front of our own Door!**"

So in conclusion, let us make sure that, not only our motives are right, but let's be sure that our hearts (spirit) lines up with God's word and His righteousness.

*Henry Brown*



Also known as Armistice Day, and very occasionally called Remembrance Day, 'Veterans Day' is the American name for the international holiday which commemorates the signing of the Armistice ending World War I. In the United States, the holiday honors all veterans of the United States Armed Forces, whether or not they have served in a conflict; but it especially honors the surviving veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The American holiday was briefly moved to the final Monday in October under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, but the change was greatly disliked and soundly criticized - among other reasons, because it put Veterans Day out of sync with international observance; so it was restored to November 11.

## Thanksgiving

As we all know, thanksgiving is not something we should do just in November. This month we will look at a little of what the Bible has to say about giving thanks.

(Psalm 92:1 NKJV) "It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;"

(Psalm 69:30 NKJV) "I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving."

(Matthew 15:36 NKJV) "And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude."

(Ephesians 5:18-20 NKJV) "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,<sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,<sup>20</sup> giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,"

**Love And Compassion Ministries is in desperate need of your support.**

**Many are hurting in these difficult times.**

**Please give and don't forget to pray for us!**

**Thank You!**

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**HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?**

### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Thank you Farmer Brown for yer invitation to Thanksgiving dinner, BUT .. I tink I'm comin' down with sumtin'



Does your thanksgiving turkey claim to be sick with the BIRD FLU? Call the elders of the church to pray over him, baste him with oil and stuff him with bread crumbs in the name of the Lord. **Jb 5:14**

**11TH ANNUAL HOMELESS SERVICE DAY  
STAND DOWN 2010**

Love And Compassion Ministries along with many other Lee County organizations will be serving the homeless of this area.

Saturday, November 13, 2010

8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**BROADWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH—FELLOWSHIP HALL  
3309 S. BROADWAY  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA**

**LUNCH**



**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**



**VETERANS BENEFITS**

**CLOTHING**

**FOOD**

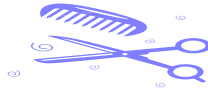
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**HAIR CUTS**



**HEALTH ASSESSMENTS**

**FREE SHOWERS**

**ONE-DAY BUS PASS**

**MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS**

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

**BEARD TRIMS**



Transportation will be provided to and from Broadway Community Church at the following locations:

Lyon's Park

Centennial Park

All Souls Episcopal Church

Goodwill (N. Ft. Myers)

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To Volunteer Contact [RonWillis@LoveCompassion.com](mailto:RonWillis@LoveCompassion.com)

**239-574-5683**

## The Other Widow's Story

A long time ago there was a widow that was in Church every Sunday morning, every Sunday night and on Wednesday nights. She fasted and prayed, paid her tithes and helped within the Church whenever they had a need.

Then one day she woke up to the knowledge that she had cancer that her late husband died from and with mounting doctor bills, hospital cost, increasing insurance cost, taxes, and credit card bills, she was in danger of losing her house to foreclosure. Now many of her friends told her to just file for bankruptcy. She knew that God would not approve of that for she had people that owed her money one time and they never paid it back. She knew it was not right to not pay back what you owe.

So, reluctant she went to her Church. She sat down with her pastor and told him the story. He felt so much compassion for the widow that he told her that she did not need to worry for the Church would make sure that she would not lose her house.

Within three months the bank had filed for foreclosure and gave the widow a few days to get out. Her Church had done nothing to help her keep her home. They never sent one dime to help in any way. Now she did not know where to turn.

After many hours of prayer she went to some of the Church members asking for help in getting her moved. She never said anything about the bank taking her home nor the Pastor's agreement. All she said was "I need some help moving." To her surprise that were more than twenty good men and women that agreed to help her move. Some would even bring trucks. But on the day of the move no one showed up. Since there was a big game that day and because everyone thought that since there were so many people helping, the widow would not miss one person's help.

As the widow was packing a few boxes of breakable items alone in the kitchen, she heard a small knock on her door. She went to investigate who it might be. Upon opening the door there stood a little man up in age asking if she needed help with anything. Apparently he found out about her situation from a neighbor for he lived just down the street.

He ask her, "where are the movers?" She told him she could not afford movers and that her Church friends were suppose to help her. He asked, "Where are they? Why doesn't your Church help?" She sat down and told the little old man the whole story. They both held each other and prayed for her pastor, the Church and her friends. Afterwards the little old man helped her load as much as possible in her car and she left all her furniture and goods for the bank's disposable.

Look, as Christians we are to representing God Himself. We must be true to our word. What are we, if people cannot believe in what we say? People do not trust Christians for we do not walk the walk. We say one thing, but do the other. We can preach it, but can't live it.

Now many can say that the pastor meant well, but with the new wing being built on the Church and with all the running of the Church he just did not have the time to help this lady. Many would say that he never should have told her that he would make sure that the bank would not take her house. And many would say that her not telling others of her situation caused her to lose her home and all her possessions.

Look, the Bible says in Matthew 5:37 : **But let your 'YES be Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No,' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.** People must trust what we say.

**Now to get back to the story!**

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The widow drove back to her home town in Tennessee where she was welcomed with open arms. She started going to a small Church that she could walk to. She loved it and they loved her. Her health improved greatly and things started looking up for her.

Then one day she got a knock on her door. When she answered it, there was the little old man that had helped her load her car the day of the move. After a year of dating they were married in that little Church that loved her so much.

Later the couple heard that her former pastor had a car accident and was almost killed. The large Church went downhill fast. While the Church was without a pastor the new addition could not be paid for and the bank took the land and building. Church members decided to move their membership to another Church family. The pastor's wife left him with their children and moved back with her family and the pastor took his own life after he learned of this.

I pray that we will learn from others. **Always let your yes be yes and your no be no** for what are you if you don't?



**One evening  
an old Cherokee  
told his grandson about  
the battle that goes on  
inside people. He  
said, "My son, the battle is  
between two wolves."**

**One is evil. It is  
anger, resentment, envy, regret,  
greed, arrogance, self-pity,  
inferiority, guilt, lies, false pride,  
superiority and ego.**

**The other is good. It is joy,  
peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy  
generosity, truth, compassion and faith.**

**The grandson thought for a moment and  
then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"  
The old Cherokee simply replied,  
"The one you feed."**



## Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

All of us know the great commission, *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*, (Matthew 28:19). Yet how many of us obey our Lord's commandment?

Have you ever had an opportunity to share your faith but didn't? Mark 8:38 says: *Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.*

Staying silent when the Holy Spirit has given you an opportunity to witness to someone is a sin. Failure to share the gospel is rebellion against God. John 4:34-35 says: <sup>34</sup>. *Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work.* <sup>35</sup>. *Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*

We need laborers! Matthew 9:38 says: *Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.* Are we praying for laborers? Why do we have such a hard time witnessing to people? Fear of being rejected? How about fear of offending someone or being ridiculed.

I Peter 3:15-17 says: <sup>15</sup>. *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:* <sup>16</sup>. *Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.* <sup>17</sup>. *For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.*

How often do we deny Jesus? When Peter denied knowing Jesus three times just before He went to the cross, so do we deny Jesus when we do not take advantage of the opportunities God has given us to witness to others.

Trying to live in the middle, is living a lie. The truth is, you either follow Christ or you follow satan. You are either God's child or God's enemy. You are either heaven bound or hell bound. No one is in the middle. People who have chosen to reject Christ are condemned even though our Lord wishes no one to perish. II Peter 3:9 says: *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

We can become the people our Lord wants us to be if we will have faith in Him who sends us and believe that the Bible will provide the answers as the Holy Spirit will provide the power.

Remember, it is the love of God and the love for others that drives us to witness to the lost of this world. A caring person will witness to the broken hearted and those who have only hopelessness because of the love of Jesus. For He is the hope that lives within us.

In the Presence of our LORD,

*Ron Willis*

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## **P R A Y E R**



**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD  
WE WILL GIVE THANKS AT ALL TIMES**

If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send

you updates of people who need our prayers.

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares.

We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others' needs.

As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs!

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!