

*Welcome*  
**YOU BELONG  
HERE**

**SUNDAY**  
**November 12, 2023**

Building Relationships That Lead to  
Gospel Transformation

**10:45 AM SERVICE**

My Jesus  
How Great Thou Art  
Sunday Is Coming  
Gratitude

Message by  
Pastor Chris Watson  
Colossians 3:12-17  
"Character of Christ  
Followers ."

NURSERY 11/12

Bed Babies: Greta Wood / NEED VOLUNTEER  
Toddlers: Debbie Allen & Pat Carden  
Childrens Church: Joan Hughey & Stormy Howard

WED. NIGHT MENU 11/15

Chicken N Stuffing,  
Baked Sweet Potatoes, Dessert, Tea

STEWARDSHIP GOALS

2023 Offering Goal (YTD)	\$240,042.13
2023 Offering Received (YTD)	\$229,856.11
Offerings +over/-short YTD	-\$-\$10,186.02

**Study of Colossians**  
**Character of Christ Followers**  
**Colossians 3:12-17, November 12, 2023**

*12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.* **Colossians 3:12-17**

Last week we looked at “putting off” or “putting to death” our old self and now this week what God would have us to “put on.”

*But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.* **Romans 13:14**

*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.* **Ephesians 6:11**

*For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.* **Galatians 3:27**

*20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.* **Ephesians 4:20-24**

**8 Graces:**

**Tender mercies** - The Greek uses the term bowels of compassion because the Greek people located the deeper emotions in the intestinal area, while we locate them in the heart. As believers, we need to display tender feelings of compassion toward one another (see Phil. 2:1ff). This is not something that we turn on and off, like the TV set. It is a constant attitude of heart that makes us easy to live with.

**Kindness** - Ephesians 4:32 and 2 Samuel 9

**Humility** - It has been said this is not thinking poorly of yourself, but rather thinking of others first and having a proper view of oneself in God's will (Romans 12:3).

**Meekness** - Meekness is not weakness; it is power under control. This word was used to describe a soothing wind, a healing medicine, and a colt that had been broken. In each instance, there is power: a wind can become a storm; too much medicine can kill; a horse can break loose. But this power is under control. The meek person does not have to fly off the handle because he has everything under control.

**Longsuffering** - literally means, “long-temper.” Said person doesn't get angry quickly and has self- (God) control.

**Bearing with one another** - to hold up or to hold back; God holds His judgment towards us in that He put it on Jesus. Meekness, Longsuffering and Bearing go together.

**Forgiving one another** - All of the above go together to bring this.

**Love** - All of these qualities and truths wrapped into one.

**Peace, dwell and do in the name of Jesus!**

**Christ dwells in you, Christ comes out of you!**

**Prayer Focus:**

- **Will I submit to the Lord and allow His graces to flow thru me?**
- **What grace do I need the Lord to work on me?**

[1] Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). The Bible exposition commentary (Vol. 2, pp. 137-141). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

[1] Ibid.