

This Week at Glade



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Church**
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(April 8-14, 2024)

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Word for the Week

imitate



1 John 3:1-7 (CEB)

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Kelly's Thoughts

The author of this text is older with many years of experience, and his faith has been tested. But he's sensitive to the needs of the young Christians to whom he was writing. Their faith is more tender and vulnerable – there is more of a chance that they will stray from their faith. He says to them, "Little children, let no one deceive you." The old pastor is leading them to the center of their faith, to the core of the Christian belief.

There were false teachers in abundance in the first century, just as there are many mega church televangelists today. It is easy to pervert any faith tradition, and the Christian tradition was still being formed when this letter was written. The author is doing his best to make the reader understand the link between belief and behavior. When one loses their focus on the teachings of God, their behavior reflects where their mind and heart reside. One's behavior is proof of one's faith.

In short, the author is telling readers to keep their focus on the teachings of Jesus. Their behaviors will reflect their faith and as they walk that path, and the more they imitate Jesus, they will abide in the spirit of Jesus.

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Office Hours: Wednesday, April 10th, 9-3. Thursday, April 11th, 9-3. If you need Kelly outside of these times, please don't hesitate to reach them at 540-521-9993. bryantkj@gmail.com.

OTHER WORDS

Adapted from:

More Like Jesus

by Kristian Stanfill, Brett Younker, Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood

You are my life and my treasure
The One that I can't live without
Here at Your feet my desires and dreams, I lay down

Oh Lord
Change me like only You can
Here with my heart in Your hands
God, I pray
Make me more like Jesus
This world
Is dying to know who You are
You've shown us the way to Your heart
God, I pray
Make me more like Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chbMVsgGbgs&t=60s> for video of the complete song with lyrics:



*Easter Sunday was March 31, but **EASTERTIDE** in the Church Year continues until **Pentecost** which this year is May 19. That means that we have several Sundays yet to go as we celebrate Resurrection!
*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**



Join us for worship at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday Morning

Attend in-person at 1600 Glade Rd. Blacksburg, or on Zoom at

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success

Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Psalm 4 Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

Nursery & Kid's Church Volunteers Needed!

Please consider signing up for the kids' church or nursery programs: <https://signup.com/go/ivEyNZK>

If you haven't completed a background check, please let Katie know at katie.lucot@gmail.com so she can help you with it. We need a minimum of 3 kids' church leaders and 4 nursery volunteers per month so that no one has to miss multiple worship services. Thank you!

Sign-up for Snacks for After Worship

We need people to sign up on the sheet in the hall outside the sanctuary to bring a snack for fellowship after Sunday services each week. It can be cookies, fruit, or some other simple snack. Vegan & vegetarian choices are always welcome.

New Trees have been planted

Saturday several trees were added to the Glade Grove. A Red Maple was planted in memory of Richard (Dick) Saacke; a Red Maple in honor of the contributions of service by Brenda Roberts; a White Dogwood in memory of Normie Dickerson; and a Serviceberry dedicated to a family member of Pat Somerville.

Opportunities for this Week

Coffee & Devotion Group is by Zoom on Wednesday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m.

This virtual get-together meets at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and lasts for about an hour for a time to meet people, share thoughts, hear a brief devotion, and join in prayer.

The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNUkdPaUNqUT09>

Laundry Love washes clothes on Thursday, April 11 from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Laundry Love always has opportunities to volunteer.

VOLUNTEER FOR LAUNDRY LOVE

Radical Conversations Meets Saturday, April 13 from 11:00-12:30 a.m.

Radical Conversations meets at 11:00 each Saturday morning at the church. This week we will view a short video, “The 10 Tactics of Fascism” with Jason Stanley and discuss ways we can support a more vigorous democratic nation. Everyone is welcome to this informal discussion and fellowship group.

April 14 following worship, Active Shooter Training

On Sunday, April 14 —this Sunday, following worship, a representative from the Montgomery County Sherriff’s Office will give a short presentation on Active Shooter Training. This very informative program has been presented at civic and religious organizations as well as the public schools and businesses. While we hope it will never be needed at Glade, it is always a possibility worth knowing what to do should it happen here.

Mike Bircher attended a session at Warm Hearth and recommend it highly. It is a short program and therefore should not interfere with any afternoon plans you might have.

Glade Church is a congregation of the



Central Atlantic Conference & Shenandoah Association

Since 1957, the United Church of Christ has been weaving God’s message of hope and extravagant welcome with action for justice and peace. Together, we live out our faith in ways that effect change in our communities. The UCC’s many “firsts” mean that we have inherited a tradition of acting upon the demands of our faith. When we read in Galatians: “There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus”—a demand is made upon us. And so we were the first historically white denomination to ordain an African-American, the first to ordain a woman, the first to ordain an openly gay man, and the first Christian church to affirm the right of same-gender couples to marry. We were in the forefront of the anti-slavery movement and the Civil Rights movement. Our response to the demands of our faith is woven into the history of our country.

We believe in a God that is still speaking, a God that is all-loving and inclusive. We are a church that welcomes and accepts everyone as they are, where your mind is nourished as much as your soul.

We are a church where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary, and where together, we grow a just and peaceful world.