



## Heart of Compassion

March 16 - April 20, 2014

“Put on a heart of compassion”

Colossians 3:12

### Our Compassionate God

Sermon Series

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|-----------------|--|---------------------------|
| <b>March 2</b>  | <b>Christ's Call to Compassion</b>                         |                           |
|                 | Sun. 9 am – <b>Mark Bickel</b>                             | Matt.9:35-38              |
| <b>March 9</b>  | <b>Christ's Call to Follow</b>                             |                           |
|                 | Sun.10 am – <b>Richard Taylor</b>                          | Matt.14:15-21, 15:32-38   |
| <b>March 16</b> | <b>God of Compassion: The Emotions of God</b>              |                           |
|                 | Sun. 9 am – <b>Richard Taylor</b>                          | John 11:35                |
| <b>March 23</b> | <b>Put on a Heart of Compassion</b>                        |                           |
|                 | Sun. 9 am – <b>Tim Cowen</b>                               | Col. 3:12                 |
| <b>March 30</b> | <b>Learn what Compassion Means</b>                         |                           |
|                 | Sun. 9 am – <b>Richard Taylor</b>                          | Matt. 9:13, 12:7          |
| <b>April 6</b>  | <b>Compassion and You</b>                                  |                           |
|                 | Sun. 9 am – <b>Mark Bickel</b> (with Communion)            | John 4                    |
| <b>April 13</b> | <b>Compassion and need</b>                                 |                           |
|                 | Sun. 9 am – <b>Richard Taylor</b>                          | Mark 1:41, 6:34           |
| <b>April 17</b> | <b>The Poverty of Christ</b>                               | <b>Maundy Thursday</b>    |
|                 | Poverty Meal 6 pm ( <b>B. Kessler, Fuzzy, B. Wiegand</b> ) |                           |
|                 | Service 7 pm ( <b>Bickel</b> ) & Kids ( <b>Wiegand</b> )   | 2 Cor. 8:9                |
| <b>April 18</b> | <b>The Persecution of Christ</b>                           | <b>Good Friday</b>        |
|                 | Service and Communion 7 pm ( <b>Taylor with Cowen</b> )    |                           |
| <b>April 20</b> | <b>Compassion, Suffering, Resurrection</b>                 | <b>Easter</b>             |
|                 | Sun. 9 am – <b>Richard Taylor</b>                          | Phil. 3:10-11, Heb. 10:34 |

## Living a Life of Compassion

Bible Classes – Sundays 10:45 - Noon

**UPDATED March 22, 2014**

**March 16, March 23**

*Pick from one of two classes. Each will be offered both weeks so you can take both.*

**Compassion for Our Neighbors {Pastor Bickel}**

3/16 in Room 103-104

3/23 in Room 204-206

**Compassion for Our World {Mark Kessler, David Bronkema}**

3/16 in Room 204-206

3/23 in Room 103-104

**March 30, April 6, April 13**

*Each week pick one of five classes being offered. Related classes are grouped in tracks so that you can take all 3 weeks to dig deeper into one topic if you wish.*

**TRACK 1: Compassion at Home {Pastor Taylor}**

**Room 206**

3/30 Being a friend to widows, the elderly, shut-ins {**Pastor Taylor**}

4/6 Caring for the sick and dying {**Dawn Gambrill with others**}

4/13 Reaching across race, culture, social class **Bankole Songonuga with Pastor Taylor**}

**TRACK 2: Relating to those with special needs {Pastor Bickel}**

**Room 104**

3/30 Befriending those with physical challenges {**Veronica Hache, Cheryl Schaaf**}

4/6 Befriending those with mental challenges {**Rich Hoback, Angela Kraemer**}

4/13 Providing a place in church for everyone {**Pastor Bickel with McLeans**}

**TRACK 3: Father to the Fatherless {Mark Kessler}**

**Room 204**

3/30 Mentoring children from broken homes {**Sue Piasecki, Casi Cutler, Mark Kessler**}

4/6 Caring for the fatherless locally {**Mark & Beth Kessler, Beth Wiegand and others**}

4/13 Caring for orphans around the world {**Beth Wiegand, Mark Kessler and others**}

**TRACK 4: Helping the Hurting {Mike Norquist}**

**Room 6**

3/30 Serving the poor and disadvantaged {**Mike Norquist with John Clifford - CityTeam**}

4/6 Loving the prisoner and the 'un-deserving' {**Vince Urbano with Nick Brosko - prison**}

4/13 Helping the abused and addicted {**Casi Cutler**}

**TRACK 5: Fighting for Justice for All {David Bronkema}**

**Room 103**

3/30 Doing justice: Effecting change in society {**David Bronkema**}

4/6 Ending slavery and human trafficking {**Fuzzy Phillips with Annie Simon - IJM**}

4/13 Helping without hurting {**David Bronkema**}

## Memory Verses

- March 16**    **Psalm 145:8**  
The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love
- March 23**    **Colossians 3:12**  
So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;
- March 30**    **Zechariah 7:9-10**  
This is what the Lord Almighty said: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.'
- April 6**        **Matthew 9:36**  
When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd
- April 13**    **1 Peter 3:8**  
Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.
- April 20**    **Philippians 3:10-11**  
That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

## Testimonies and Videos

For use during the Sunday Worship Service

- Feb. 16**        **Video:** "Heart of Compassion" – Promo video 1 (1:32)
- March 2**        **Sermon Video:** "Resonate: People " (2:59)  
**Video:** "Heart of Compassion" – Promo video 2 (1:58)
- March 16**    **Video:** Nothing Is Louder Than Love: The Umbrella (34 sec)  
**Testimony:** **Daily See, Respond (Wiegand)** (3-4 min)  
**Announce:** Intro series, Classes, Resources, Testimonies
- March 23**    **Video:** Nothing Is Louder Than Love: The Appointment (32 sec)  
**Testimony:** **Next Steps w People we Meet (Bickel)** (3-4 min)  
**Announce:** Gym Displays, **Bulletin insert on outreach agencies/opportunities with prayer requests tear off**, Easter Offering
- March 30**    **Video:** Nothing Is Louder Than Love: The Friend (37 sec)  
**Video:** Nothing Is Louder Than Love: The Delivery (57 sec)  
**Testimony:** **Simple Kindnesses in Life (Taylor)**(3-4 min)  
**Announce:** **Bulletin Deacon Helper Form**, Class Tracks
- April 6**        **Testimony:** **Friends to hurting (Room 6)** (3-4 min)  
**Announce:** IJM Display instructions (*also communion week*)
- April 13**    **Testimony:** **Liberia / Prayer (Bean, Kessler, Rothera)** (6 min)  
**Announce:** Special services/ meal, Easter Offering, **Bulletin inserts - Next Steps, tear off with stories, Poverty Week**
- April 20**    **Testimony:** someone from last 2-3 weeks, as part of worship

## Displays in Gym Over Coffee

- March 16**    Theme: Resources – Books and Booklets (**Bickel**)
- March 23**    **Theme:** **LIAM / Local Fatherless Ministry** – Liam (**Kessler**), City Team (esp. fatherless) (**Norquist**), Pregnancy Center (**Rook**)
- March 30**    **Theme:** **Local ministry to poor/struggling / disability** - Prison (**Urbano**), NA Childcare (**Wiegand**), Young Life / Capernaum (**Worrell, young life staff**), Local Food Bank? (**LifeWerks, Bickel?**), Disability / Camp Promise (**Veronica, Bickel**) (Cheryl Schaaf here as well)
- April 6**        **Theme:** **International Justice** - IJM: Slavery & Human Trafficking (set up Sat night - **Alex Merideth/other Calvary Chapel**, parent guidance suggested)
- April 13**    **Theme:** **International Orphan** – Liberia (**Bean/Kessler**), Russia (**Roach**), Haiti (**?**), sponsor a child (**Rothera**), adoption? (**Kessler?**)

## Daily Acts of Compassion

*Our goal is not to simply talk about compassion but to be a people who show God's compassion to others in daily life. To aid us in that we will be sharing testimonies and ideas on how to minister to others in the Sunday service, in the bulletin and on bulletin boards throughout the church, and through displays from different ministries each week in the gym. Let's each be praying for God to use us individually and as a church in greater ways during these six weeks and beyond.*

## Easter Offering

We will be taking a special Easter offering that will go to aid those in need both here and overseas

50% of the offering will go to aid **Martha's Orphanage in Liberia** as they build new dorms and seek to become more self sufficient

50% of the offering will be used as start-up funds for a **ministry to the fatherless and hurting in Chester** overseen by Grace's Love in Action Ministry

## Recommended Reading

*Featured Book – Available to borrow or purchase from Mark Bickel*

- **Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes us Just** by Timothy Keller

*Recommended Reading - Available to borrow from Mark Bickel*

- **Start Becoming a Good Samaritan: Six Sessions** (DVD and Student Guide) by Michael Seaton
- **The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us? The Answer That Changed My Life and Might Just Change the World** by Richard Stearns
- **The Compassion Revolution: How God Can Use You to Meet the World's Greatest Needs** by Dave Donaldson, Terry Glaspey
- **Active Compassion: A Calling to Care** by Gayla Parker
- **Pursuing Justice: The Call to Live and Die for Bigger Things** by Ken Wytsma, D. R. Jacobsen
- **Good News About Injustice, Updated 10th Anniversary Edition: A Witness of Courage in a Hurting World** by Gary A. Haugen
- **Not for Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade--and How We Can Fight It** by David Batstone
- **Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not for Sale: A Memoir** by Rachel Lloyd
- **Fatherless Generation: Redeeming the Story** by John A Sowers
- **Church for the Fatherless: A Ministry Model for Society's Most Pressing Problem** by Mark Strong
- **Orphanology: Awakening to Gospel-Centered Adoption and Orphan Care** by Tony Merida, Rick Morton
- **Good News to the Poor: Social Involvement and the Gospel** by Tim Chester
- **The Poor Will Be Glad: Joining the Revolution to Lift the World Out of Poverty** by Peter Greer, Phil Smith
- **Make Poverty Personal: Taking the Poor as Seriously as the Bible Does** by Ash Barker, Shane Claiborne
- **Disability and the Gospel: How God Uses Our Brokenness to Display His Grace** by Michael S. Beates
- **Same Lake, Different Boat: Coming Alongside People Touched by Disability** by Stephanie O. Hubach
- **The ignored, overlooked and often forgotten souls: Church+Special Needs Families=Joshua's Quest** by Dr Marion M Landua-Figueroa
- **When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor . . . and Yourself** by Steve Corbett, Brian Fikkert