



HEART OF COMPASSION • MARCH 16 – APRIL 20, 2014



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.



March 16 **Psalm 145:8**
The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love

March 23 **Colossians 3:12**
Put on a heart of compassion

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 **I 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.

Memory Verses

Our Compassionate God

Sermon Series • Sundays at 9:00 am

March 16	God of Compassion: The Emotions of God Richard Taylor	John 11:35
March 23	Put on a Heart of Compassion Tim Cowen	Col. 3:12
March 30	Learn what Compassion Means Richard Taylor	Matt. 9:13, 12:7
April 6	Compassion and You Mark Bickel	John 4
April 13	Compassion and Need Richard Taylor	Mark 1:41, 6:34
April 20	Compassion, Suffering, Resurrection Richard Taylor	Phil. 3:10-11, Heb. 10:34

Special Services

March 30	Extended Worship Evening Worship 6:30 pm Communion during service
April 17	Maundy Thursday The Poverty of Christ Poverty Meal 6:00 pm, Service 7:00 pm
April 18	Good Friday The Persecution of Christ Service 7:00 pm Communion during service

Easter Offering

Special offering to help Martha's orphanage in Liberia and GBFC fatherless ministry in Chester

Living a Life of Compassion

Bible Classes • Sundays 10:45 am - Noon

March 16, March 23 Each week pick from one of two classes. Each will be offered both weeks so you can take both.

Compassion for Our Neighbors	3/16 in Room 204-206	3/23 in Room 103-104
Compassion for Our World	3/16 in Room 103-104	3/23 in Room 204-206

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 dig deeper into one topic if you wish.

TRACK 1: Compassion at Home Room 206

- 3/30 Being a friend to widows, the elderly, shut-ins
- 4/6 Caring for the sick and dying
- 4/13 Reaching across race, culture, social class

TRACK 2: Relating to those with special needs Room 104

- 3/30 Befriending those with physical challenges
- 4/6 Befriending those with mental challenges
- 4/13 Providing a place in church for everyone

TRACK 3: Father to the Fatherless Room 204

- 3/30 Mentoring children from broken homes
- 4/6 Caring for the fatherless locally
- 4/13 Caring for orphans around the world

TRACK 4: Helping the Hurting Room 6

- 3/30 Serving the poor and disadvantaged
- 4/6 Loving the prisoner and the 'un-deserving'
- 4/13 Helping the abused and addicted

TRACK 5: Fighting for Justice for All Room 103

- 3/30 Doing justice: Effecting change in society
- 4/6 Ending slavery and human trafficking
- 4/13 Helping without hurting

April 20 (Easter) **Grace Link Groups** 10:45 am - Noon

Meet with your Grace Link elder for an Easter discussion. If you do not have a Grace Link group join any elder.

- Mike Plourde – Room 103
- Mike Norquist – Room 103
- Steve Piasecki – Room 104
- Chip Harper – Room 104
- Mark Kessler – Room 204
- Sam Shiels – Room 204
- Scott Simmons - Room 206
- Bob Evans - Room 206
- Chuck Biermaas – Room 206

This We Believe will meet in Room 6