



**COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED
CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION**

***Helping our community with caring love while enabling them to
find and follow Jesus!***

Church for people disillusioned with church, who want to make a difference!

Agenda (see news letter)

ACTIVITY	DURATION EXPECTED
INTRODUCTORY/ OPENING PRAYER	5 min
Gathering / Communicating Community needs	10 min
Gathering prayer needs	5 min
Prayer for community and praying for needs	15 min
Short Message/ Discussion /Helpful thoughts to remember from the bible	30 min
Gathering of the monetary contributions for the community work (tithes)	5 min
Praise and Worship Music (counting of monetary contributions, join in or get something to drink / eat at the same time)	15 min
Prayer for wisdom in distribution of monetary contributions	5 min
Discussion on work parties and activities planned to support the community over the next period (specifically for the next week)	15 min
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Community needs?

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PLAN NED DATE

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Compl ete?

Car repair needed. Person could buy parts but could not also pay for labour.	Last week	One person	Yes (Thanks)
3. A person with a damaged knee needs the floor of his home replaced. He has purchased the materials but he cannot do this himself. A team got this done, and completed the bedrooms as well since the kitchen, living room and hallway were completed.	20 August 10am to 5pm (contact for this work is Ken Briggs)	Teams of workers	Yes (Thanks)
7. Woman with husband that has Alzheimer's needs some help with housework weekly	Weekly	One person	Yes
5. An elderly couple, without ability to drive, with no income, will need to get 20 cord of wood to heat their home this winter. Taylor is holding \$420 in a Judas purse and this has been promised to pay for 7 cords.	Before Winter	Will need volunteers to move the wood once it is cut	Ordered, But outstanding

Activities we have been doing

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6. An elderly couple who cannot do the work themselves need help moving wood down into their basement this October for winter heating.	OCTOBER (TBP)	To be planned (TBP)	No
8. Support of Almaguin High to build their snozelen room effort. They are looking to gather \$50k. http://www.access2011.com/snoezelen-room.html	To be planned (TBP)	To be planned (TBP)	No
Determine if we can help support a person that has pneumonia and a heart condition with cutting wood for winter.	To be planned (TBP)	To be planned (TBP)	No
Elderly couple in ?Sundridge? is needing helping moving into a retirement home	TBP	TBP	No
A person has bought a new trailer and may need help to move in iat the end of September	TBP	TBP	No

Please let us know of needs, look out for those needing help, ask around please!



True love and caring . . .

Romans 12:9-17

Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. **Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.** Bless those who hurt you. **Bless them, and do not call down curses on them.** Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. Agree with each other. Don't be proud. **Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important.** Don't think that you are better than others. Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. **If possible, live in peace with everyone.** Do that as much as you can.

Prayer requests?

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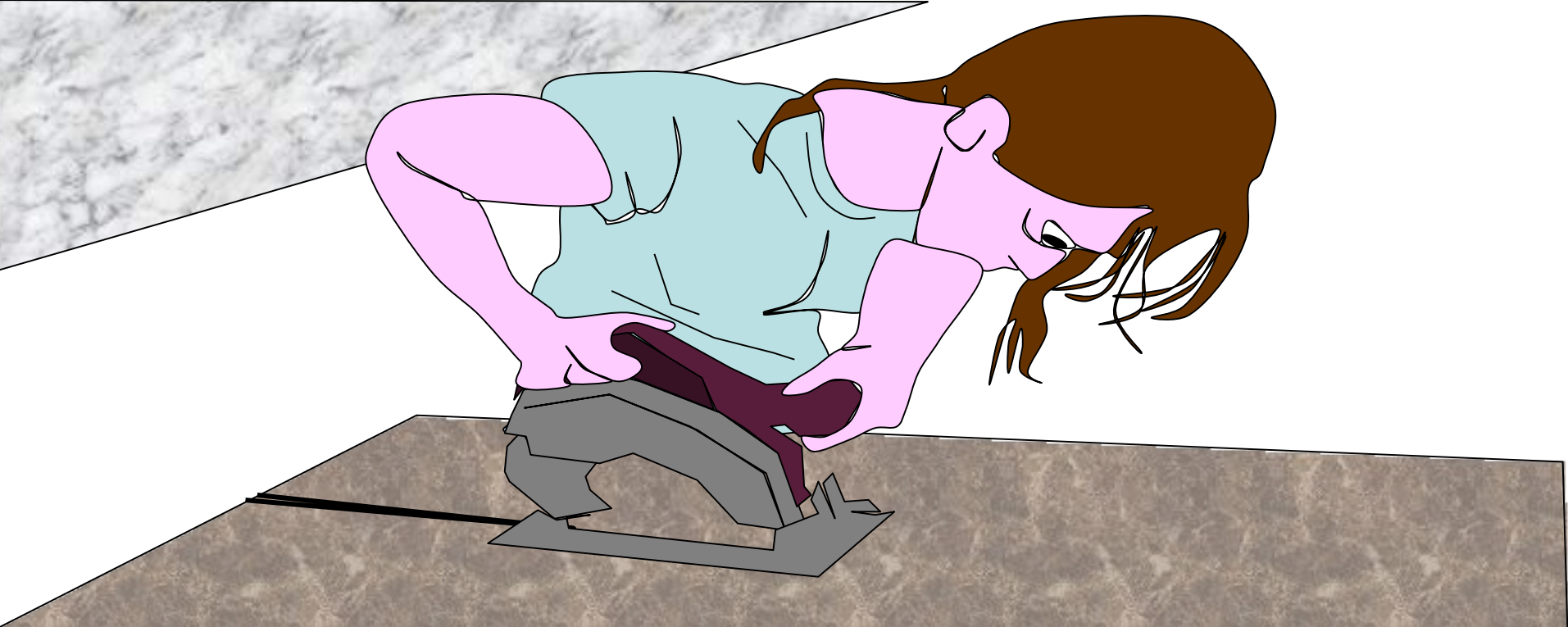


Let us
pray

Sort message/ discussion

Do not repay evil!

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Last week -Grace enabled!

Grace is the power of GOD that flows to us,
think of it as the electricity that powers the tools
of our eternal life with which we help others!

JESUS WAY

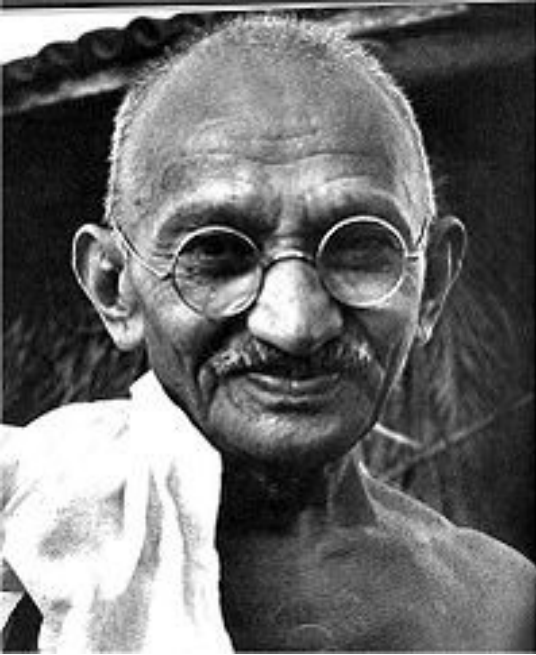


**“Do not
repay
anyone evil
for evil.”**

**“All that is necessary for
the triumph of evil is **for
good men to do
nothing.**”**

Edmund Burke

*Statesman, author, orator, political theorist and philosopher who, after moving to England, served for many years in the House of Commons of Great Britain as a member of the Whig party. He is mainly remembered for his support of the cause of the American Revolutionaries, and for his later opposition to the French Revolution.
[Wikipedia - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edmund_Burke]*



Pre-eminent political
and ideological
leader of India during
the Indian
independence
movement.

From

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahatma_Gandhi

**“Remember that all
through history **the way
of truth and love has
always won.** There have
been tyrants and
murderers and for a
time they seem
invincible but in the
end, they always fall --
think of it, **ALWAYS.**”**

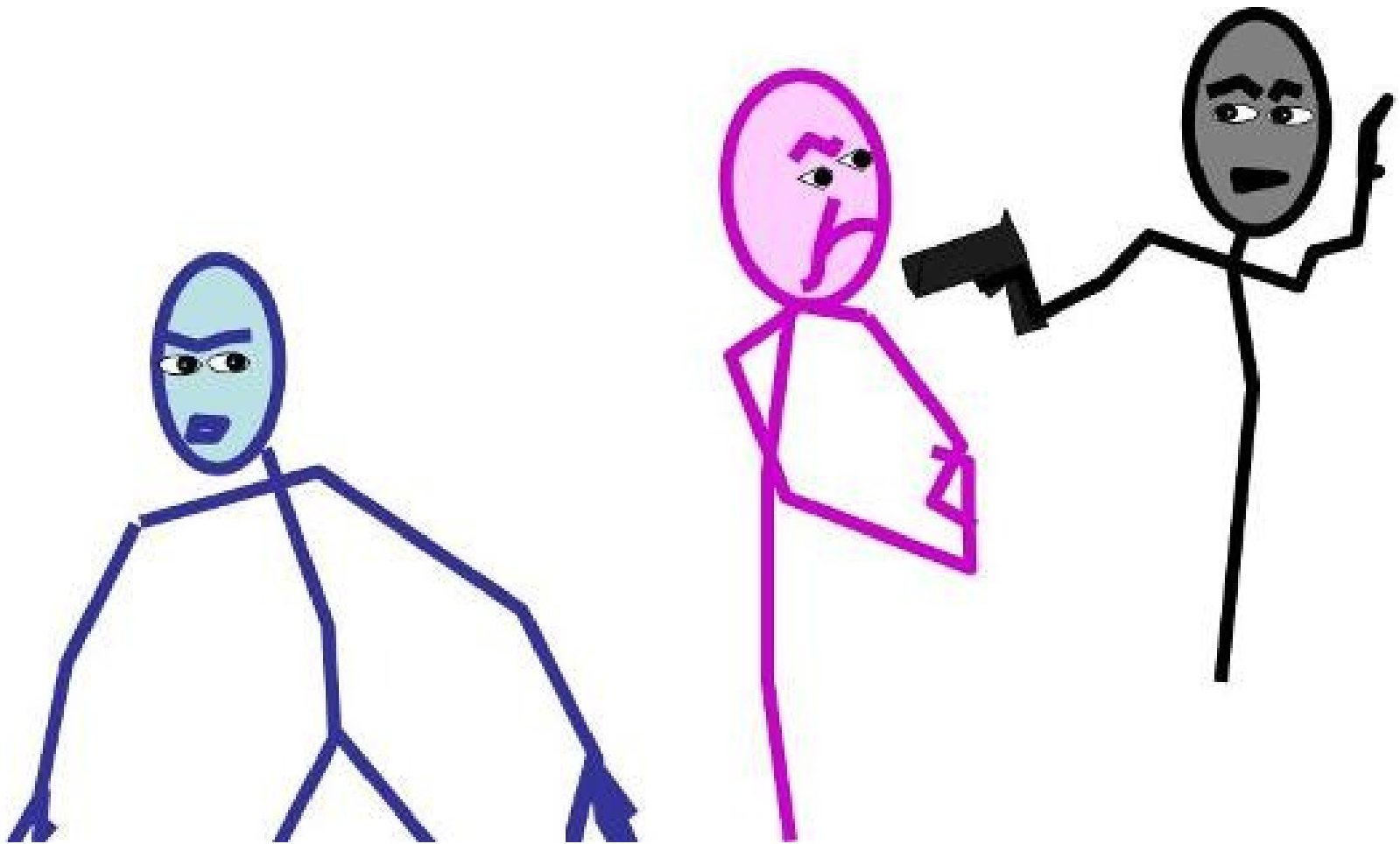
Mahatma Gandhi



**Every had
this
problem!**

Angry thoughts swirl through the mind. Rage churns up explosively and retribution seems to be the only true outcome.

The **movies** show us scene after scene where an insulted, hurt or mistreated person finds a way to turn the tables on the opponent and retribution results.



The sad thing is that many people see this as a right way through circumstances of this type. Where does it lead?

Think of it!

Have we ever fallen into this trap in the past?

I know I have!

As a majority shareholder and CEO in a company I started, two other partners who were out to take some money from some employees that we needed to let go wanted me to go along with it.

I wouldn't do it and that *resulted in me being fired from my own company!*

Anger reigned supreme for many days!

How would you have felt in similar circumstances?
I lost millions of \$'s and then they wanted \$500k of my personal loan money that was supporting the company.
They said that they needed it.

What did I do?



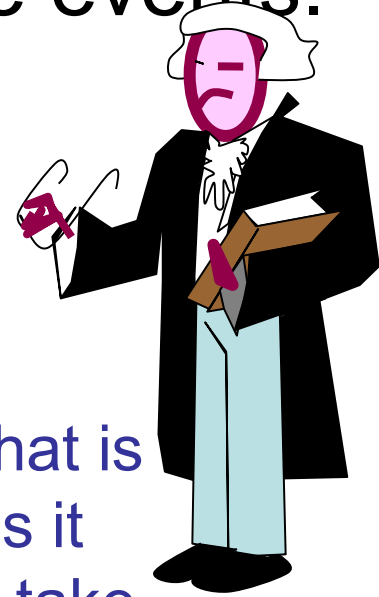
I went to an attorney and **he said he could sue them** for everything they owned.

That's when my Christian values kicked in! I remembered Romans 12:17 where it says:

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I met the *mean trial attorney* and heard his words. I realised what he would do.

The words from our bible emerged in my thoughts as I absorbed those law office events.



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Those bible words are for the courageous!

My partners were not Christian as far as I knew. I knew their wives and children. *I knew that to take my money out that company would mean employees would suffer.*

I knew suing them would generate more horror mindsets in my own head.

Basically, I knew God was right! BUT...I really didn't want to know this at that time!

Forgiveness made sense in the global view where I didn't place myself at the center of the universe. I knew God was right, even though it meant I would loose more!

That's how we gain perspective and follow God's wisdom in this respect. **That's how we can avoid replaying evil for evil!** That's how we become better people and avoid long term pain ourselves. **Remember God's truths!**



Satan wanted me handcuffed to horrible revengeful thoughts! **Instead compassion and love for others welled up** and I gave up the money, the prestige, the control to others who I knew were evil.

There was a wonderful good man among my partners.

Not Christian but a Jew. He was my closest friend and since we did believe in the same God (from different perspectives) he had similar values to myself.

God used him to protect those who were in the company from the wrong that could have happened.

The fear of the court case that never came stopped the evil men from doing further evil.
Good resulted!

David and Saul

- 1 Samuel 16:1
 - [Samuel Anoints David to Be Israel's King] The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you be filled with sorrow because of Saul? I have refused to have him as king over Israel. Fill your animal horn with olive oil and go on your way. I am sending you to Jesse in Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."
- 1 Samuel 16:14
 - [David Serves Saul] The Spirit of the Lord had left Saul. And an evil spirit that was sent by the Lord terrified him.
- 1 Samuel 16:19
 - Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse. He said, "Send me your son David, the one who takes care of your sheep."
- 1 Samuel 16:22
 - Saul sent a message to Jesse. It said, "Let David stay here. I want him to serve me. I'm pleased with him."
- 1 Samuel 16:23
 - When the evil spirit that was sent by God would come on Saul, David would get his harp and play it. That would help Saul. He would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

David and Saul

- 1 Samuel 18:1
 - [**Saul Becomes Jealous of David**] David finished talking with Saul. After that, Jonathan and David became close friends. Jonathan loved David just as he loved himself.
- 1 Samuel 18:9-11
 - From that time on, Saul became very jealous of David. So he watched him closely. The next day an evil spirit that was sent by God came on Saul with power. Saul began to prophesy in his house. At that same time David began to play the harp, just as he usually did. **Saul was holding a spear. He threw it at David.** As he did, he said to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But **David got away from him twice.**
- 1 Samuel 23:7
 - [**Saul Chases David**] Saul was told that David had gone to Keilah. He said, "God has handed him over to me. David has trapped himself by entering a town that has gates and heavy metal bars."

David and Saul

- 1 Samuel 24:4
 - David's men said, "This is the day the Lord told you about. He said to you, 'I will hand your enemy over to you. Then you can deal with him as you want to.' " **So David came up close to Saul without being seen. He cut off a corner of Saul's robe.**
- 1 Samuel 24:5
 - Later, **David felt sorry that he had cut off a corner** of Saul's robe.
- 1 Samuel 26:12
 - So David **took the spear and water jug that were near Saul's head.** Then he and Abishai left. No one saw them. No one knew about what they had done. In fact, no one even woke up. Everyone was sleeping.

David - Man after God's Heart

Acts 13:22

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Has someone hurt you badly?

God's directions in this case

1. Do not take revenge
2. Forgive them

Matthew 6:12 Forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us.

- Outwardly
- Inwardly

1. Love them

Matthew 5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor.—(Leviticus 19:18) Hate your enemy.' But here is what I tell you. **Love your enemies.** Pray for those who hurt you. - *Jesus!*



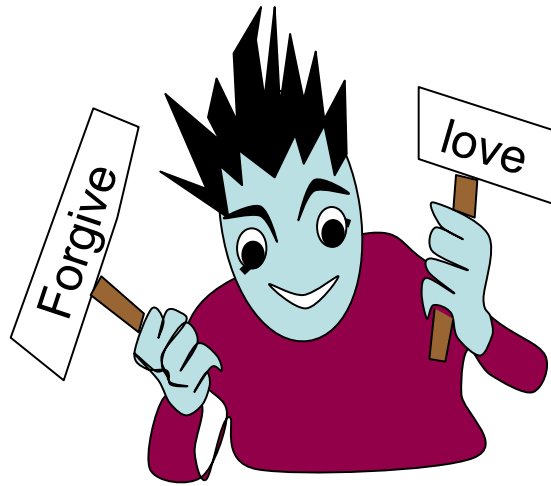
Think of the person you have the most anger against
in life.

Bring them into your thoughts now!

Realise our thoughts don't hurt others but hurt us

Now forgive them (if you can...it may take prayer
and time)

You will be healthier and more pleasant around
others if you can do this!



Let's lighten up and let God shine!

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Pass a hat! Gathering of any monetary contributions for the community work

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Nicene Creed

- **We believe in one God**, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
- **We believe in one leader with authority, Jesus Christ**, the only Son of God, eternally established by the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, established, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and to save us, he came down from heaven, was embodied by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary becoming truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he went up into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- **We believe in the Holy Spirit**, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy universal body of Christian believers acknowledging the leading of the apostles of Jesus. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

On this we agree!



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