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Seek the lost, Equip the saints, Send the sowers

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Good morning Grape Grove family,

It's a natural response in times of tragedy to seek meaning and understanding. Human nature wants to know "why" something might be happening in any given circumstance where people might be suffering. Many of us during these times are filled with compassion for others who are experiencing hardship or any kind. Formulating an empathetic response shows humility and grace towards the situation and it goes a long way towards validating the emotions of those who are mourning the loss of life or possessions during something like a natural disaster.

Jesus models empathy in numerous situations throughout the bible. In Luke 7, Jesus has compassion for a young widow whose son has passed away. During a funeral procession, Jesus is moved to approach the casket and lay his hands on it. Upon doing so, the casket is opened and the boy comes back to life, stunning those who were watching it.

Another example of this is in Mark 5:21-43 when He raises Jairus's daughter from the dead and heals a woman who had been suffering for 12 years. By revealing His power to bring life and restoration, even in seemingly hopeless situations, Jesus claims His position as Messiah and validates His teachings to show compassion to those who are suffering.

These examples serve as a powerful reminder for how we should respond to our neighbors when tragedy strikes. We have a responsibility to show the love of Christ in everything we do, regardless of the situation. Simple acts of love shown by followers of Jesus in times of tremendous suffering can prove to be influential acts of kindness in the face of devastating sorrow. This powerful testimony shows our neighbors the true nature of Christ and His lasting impact on the world and his followers.

Responding to any situation in a humble and Christ-like manner furthers the cause of Jesus. When we put our arms around those who are suffering, for any reason, we are showing those around us the true nature of Christ.

Have a great week.

Take care,
Seth

Attendance

01/19/2025

Worship

69

Offering

\$2597.75

Up & Coming Activities In Our Family...

Jan 23 Cindy's bible Study @ Cedarville Library @ 10 AM

Feb 01 Men's Breakfast

Feb 09 Souper-Bowl Fellowship

Serving the Table in Jan.

Serving the Table in Feb.

26 B. Lott

2 J Corbet

9 J Goodbar

16 B. Lott

23 S. Millhoan

YouTube video presentation called New Wineskins by Bill will be available on Saturday's. This new episodes are titled "Tell Me the Story of Jesus". New episodes are uploaded every Saturday morning.

E-Prayer Request ...

If you have a prayer request to be put out on E-Prayer, please call or text Ann at 937-694-7486

Mission Moments

Mission Prayer emphasis for January is the Christian Children's Home of Ohio, in Wooster, Ohio.

In 1995, CCHO introduced Poplar Ridge Stables (now One Heart Stables), an equine therapy program that not only teaches the children the importance of responsibility and care of the horses but also provides a number of physical and emotional benefits for riders who suffer from ADD/ADHD, autism, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, sight and speech disorders and other diagnosis. Licensure was given in 1997 as an adoption agency. In 2009, intensive Residential Treatment and Certified Trauma Therapy began. More than 150 people are employed. Many remember Gary and Bobbie Porter who came to Grape Grove in 1980 to present the mission at VBS and returned many times with their children Leslee, Eric and Matthew.

An offering plate is available to the right of the stairway as you leave for donations for CCHO.

You can give to CCHO at:

Chistian Children's Home of Ohio
2685 Armstrong Road, Wooster, Ohio 44691
Give online or by mail.

Please Stay Warm!

