

Current Series: Love Your Neighborhood

Today, May 2, Pastor George will be teaching from Jeremiah 29:4-7. This passage is written to the people of God who suddenly find themselves in a foreign land. They were carried off as exiles to a land filled with strange customs and people with strange beliefs. (Not much different than your neighborhood!) In this passage, Jeremiah shares God's direction to 'seek the peace and prosperity of the city.' You may have heard Pastor George during the last two weeks talking about seeking the 'common good' of our neighborhoods. This Sunday we will get practical about 'how' we can love our neighborhoods and seek the 'peace and prosperity' of everyone living in our neighborhood. We are also looking forward to our next steps in the application of the series. We are looking for several neighborhoods where we can partner with disciples from Linglestown Life to bring food trucks to your neighbors! If you want to learn more, reach out to the church office at Office@LinglestownLife.org or 717-545-5200.

Throughout this series you'll be able to interact with the message content and one another during a Message Discussion that will take place immediately after worship. This discussion will be facilitated in person and over Zoom at approximately 9:15am and 10:45am.

Worship Schedule & Sunday School Update

Sunday, May 2 we are making some changes to our worship experiences.

Traditional Worship will be held at 8:30am in the pavilion at the Linglestown Campus. (In the event of rain, services will be held indoors.)

The decision of the staff and Leadership Council to move this service outside was made with multiple factors including but not limited to:

1. Offering one outdoor service and one indoor service for live-streaming.
2. Offering Sunday school for students in an outdoor venue.
3. Space limits in the sanctuary are maxed at 50 worshippers.

Contemporary Worship will be held at 10:00am in the Family Life Center at the Linglestown Campus.

Online Campus will be available LIVE at 10:00am. (Of course, services are always available on-demand on Facebook and YouTube)

Sunday School will resume for our children on May 9.

Nursery and preschool classes will be held in their respective classrooms at 10:00am. Kindergarten through 5th grade will be held outside (weather permitting).

All students will sign-in with their parent/care giver at the main entrance. Final details will be announced next Wednesday as our teachers are meeting this week.

Students 2 years and above will be required to wear a mask for classes.

All COVID protocols will be observed including masks, distancing, sanitizing and temps. (As we examine CDC notices for *outdoor* events, there may be some changes to masking.)



We are a community of faith, being transformed by God's grace, inspiring people to become disciples of Jesus.

Sunday, May 2, 2021

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Use the app to follow our outline and take notes. Search for a live event using our zip code (17112) and select Linglestown Life.

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Login to our free Wi-Fi:

Linglestown: "Linglestown Life Guest"
Password: Guest123
Rockville: "LinglestownLifeRockGuest"
Password: LingGuest1842

Please make sure to complete the enclosed Connection Card so we know you are worshipping with us today!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Traditional Worship

8:30am

(Sanctuary,
Linglestown)

Contemporary
Worship **10:00am**
(Family Life Center,
Linglestown)

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This Week's
Anniversaries & Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

May 6 – Sue & Thomas Sherk
May 7 – Nancy & Bob Gibson

BIRTHDAYS

May 3 – David Graham, Levi Williams
May 4 – Maximus Weikel, Lucy Machamer, Jeff Mendolia
May 5 – Chris Wagner, Scott Fredericks, Cameron Reist, Alexis Stauffer
May 6 – Derek Smith, James Hambright
May 7 – Cara Redmond
May 8 – Cory Schmoyer, Sophia Beckley

PRAYERS

Health & Healing – Jenna Lawson, Grant Hodgson, Mary Lou Brehm, Jen Neely, Sylvia Dodge, Alana Montgomery, Kathy Smith, Robyn Talbott, Bonnie Koppenheffer, Mary Jane Trexler, Jennifer Maliniak, Margaret Knepp, Phil Coulter, Lex B., Laura S., Sam Greer, Clyde Claycomb, Kim Umble, Harold Matthew, Carol Axtman, Susan Axtman Selnes, Rob Cather, Bernie Crist, Cathy Questiaux, Andrea Sifton, Robin Brightbill, Linda Gross, Chris Fry, Adam Mumma, Mike & Jody Hall,
Grief – the family of Bill Shook, the Madison family on the loss of their son Nathanael, the Axtman family on the passing of Sarah's sister Paula Adam-Burchill
General – Jimmy, Lou & Ted Yohe, Mr. Sugar, Cyndi Neumyer, Eileen Houser, Melodie Brewer, Rick Houser, Coby Houser, Dallas Houser, Tracey Trivette, Evie Trivette, Bret Trivette, Jolea Berrell, John Berrell, our nation and the effects of the pandemic

Prayer Request Cards are available. You may also contact the church office at 717-545-5200 ext. 0 to have your prayer placed on the Prayer List/Chain or contact Connie Moul at 717-652-3013 or call/text 717-649-0912.

Flowerbed Work Day

Sherra Zavitsanos needs your help getting the flower beds at the Linglestown Campus ready for spring! Your efforts will be enjoyed all summer as we take in the natural beauty of God's creation and the cheeriness of the flower beds! Can you take a shift on May 15th? There is a link to sign up in the weekly E-News or you can contact Sherra at sherrabob@verizon.net or 717-319-6339.

Represent Ray's Place!

Did you get your Ray's Place apparel yet? A portion of each sale will go to supporting Ray's Place initiatives. A link to order is in the weekly E-news or you can contact the church office to place an order at 717-545-5200 or Office@LinglestownLife.org.



Recognizing our Graduates

Graduation is right around the corner and we want to recognize the accomplishment of our seniors! If you have a high school or college graduate, we invite you to send us the following information:

- Name
- School Graduating from
- Degree (include major if graduating from college)
- Future plans (ex: "attending X college in the fall")
- Picture

Email submissions to Office@LinglestownLife.org.

Upcoming Events:

- 5/2 – Spring/Summer Worship Schedule
- 5/9 – Sunday School Start Date
- 5/16, 1pm – Community Bike Ride at Ray's
- 6/7 – 6/10 – Life Camp
- 6/12 – Summer Reading Kick-off at Ray's Place
- 6/13, 1pm – Community Bike Ride at Ray's
- 7/31 – Community Yard Sale at Ray's Place



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Check out the video sermons from our current series and more at www.facebook.com/pg/LinglestownLife/videos/



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



May 2 Seek Peace

Jeremiah 29:4-7

Weekly Big Idea: Our vision for our neighborhood will determine the destiny of those who reside there. As disciples, we are called by

God to pray for our neighborhood, to seek its peace and the prosperity of its inhabitants. When we seek blessings for our neighborhood, we build a community that cares for one another and desires everyone to flourish.

What is your vision for your neighborhood?

The Original Neighborhood

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 2:15 NIV

From the beginning, neighborhoods were intended to be places and people for whom we are called to care. Even after sin messed up the original vision, God still commanded that places and people be cared for.

So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. Genesis 3:23 NIV

A Home Away from Home

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. Jeremiah 29:7 NIV

God's Vision

Genesis 12:3 *'all peoples on earth will be blessed through you'*

Leviticus 19:18 *'love your neighbor as yourself'*

(Read Isaiah 58 for a glimpse of God's vision of neighborhoods.)

Shalom

Shalom is far more than personal peace. It is a desire for justice, for health, for human flourishing. It is for people to be a blessing to others and to offer their lives on behalf of one another.

(Read Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-35 for a practical outworking of shalom)

Peace-Makers

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9 NIV

(May 23 we will examine the call to 'live at peace' from Romans 12:16)

Discussion Questions

1. What does shalom look like in your neighborhood?
2. What gifts exist in your neighborhood that would assist you to seek the 'common good' in your neighborhood?

Reflect on this quote from John Chrysostom, a church father from the 400's A.D.

This is the rule of the most perfect Christianity, its most exact definition, its highest point, namely the seeking of the common good... for nothing can so make a person an imitator of Christ as caring for his neighbors.



PRAYER WALKING GUIDE

I will give you every place where you set your foot. Joshua 3:1

What is prayer-walking? One simple definition: "Praying on-site with insight." The purpose of prayer-walking is to seek God's guidance, mercy, and transforming power—both for the community and for ourselves as God's servants in the community.

Prayer walking is about getting out into the communities where we live. When we are out and about, we are engaged with the physical places where people work and spend their lives. Here God can show us His heart for the community and His aspirations for those that dwell there.

How do I pray?

- Pray aloud in a quiet, conversational voice, if you feel comfortable doing so. Or pray silently, letting your prayer partner(s) know what you are praying about. The whole time walking is one continuous prayer.
- Be open to the Holy Spirit as you go. Expect to hear from God. See what God is showing you. Listen for what God is saying.
- When you come to a house, pray for the family who lives there. If you pass a business, pray for the owner, those who work there and the customers.
- Lift up people's hurts, their needs, the things in their lives that might be keeping them from knowing Jesus' love and forgiveness. You don't need to know the details, God knows.

- Don't call attention to yourselves. As the *Waymakers* website puts it, "You can be on the scene without making one." If anyone asks what you are doing, be prepared to respond:

"We're praying God's blessing on this neighborhood. Is there any special way we can pray for you?"

- Although it is not the primary purpose of prayer-walking, be open to opportunities to interact with and bless people that may grow out of your experience. The *Waymakers* website explains the connection between prayer-walking and faith in action:

As you pray God's promises with specific homes or work sites in view, you'll find that hope for those people begins to grow. You'll begin to see people as God might view them. You'll likely find yourself becoming more interested in the welfare of the people you are praying for. ... Watch for the ways God impresses you to display his love in practical acts of kindness.

What now? Essential to any prayer walk is how you respond to the event. What did God show you? What did you see for the first time? What did God impress upon your heart? What did you learn about the neighborhood?

Continuing the Prayer Walk in your neighborhood. Do you believe that God led you to your neighborhood? You have a purpose in your neighborhood. Jesus called us 'the light of the world.' (Matthew 5:14) Your life is a witness to your neighborhood of the True Light- Jesus.

You can Prayer Walk on your own or with another person in your neighborhood. Follow the ideas as presented above. But most importantly, get out and prayer for your neighborhood.

Prayer walking expands our ability to see beyond ourselves to those whom God is calling us to engage.