

“Acts” of Love Newsletter

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Service Times

Sunday

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministries

Welcome

We are thrilled and honored that you have chosen to visit our food pantry today! One of our highest priorities is to serve you. We strive to be the friendliest and most helpful church possible. It is with that same heart of love and compassion that we are blessed to be here and to be able to provide a food basket to help you and your family.

Debbie Todd,
Director

“Acts” of Love from the Father to His children

Under Construction

One day a man had a thought...an idea. He would build a house. He looked for a drawing to use when building his house. A house needs careful consideration because this is where he will spend his time living, growing, and sharing his life with those he loves. One should know how much space he and those in the house need. So, he determined how big each room should be and where it should be placed.

Taking a good look at the task before him, he stepped back and said, “This job is too big for me. What will I do?” Thinking for a moment he said, “I know, I will get someone to help me. I need someone who has knowledge in this area.”

He searched far and wide until one day he found the Master

builder. The man said to the Master, “Will you help me?” The Master of course said, “Yes, I would be happy to help you.” The man was greatly relieved to know that someone knew how to help him build his house.

Construction began that day and soon the house was finished. The man was extremely happy because his dream had come true.



Everything was so warm and bright. The living room was a great room with a beautiful fireplace and warm surroundings. It was the most peaceful place the man had ever been in.

The kitchen was one of his favorite places of all. The home cooked meals were prepared with love and care. He always knew he could come home and his favorite foods would be waiting.

The bedroom was a special place where he knew he could share the things that were so precious and dear to his heart. When he lay down his head at night to sleep, he would rest in the warmth and comfort of the home.

Then one day the lights grew dim and the house became cold. The man could hardly move around. The rooms were so small now. He couldn't figure out why things were so different now. He decided to go to the Master builder and ask him what had happened to his house.

The Master builder began to explain that over time a house can become consumed with the desires of a man's heart and he brings in things that are not intended or designed to be brought in to the home. A home requires tender loving care. Sometimes it is not easy to remove the things that enter. If we are not careful to

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remove those things that do not belong, our life becomes distorted and the peace we once had begins to leave and we become separated from the Master.

In life there will be times when we must admit that things are out of order and be willing to make changes. You can always rest in the assurance that the Master

builder knows the answer. Do you know the voice of the Master? John 10:27 - 30 "The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it or perish throughout the ages. To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed.

And no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater and mightier than all else; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are One." (Amplified Bible)

Kyle Todd, "Acts" of Love Food Pantry

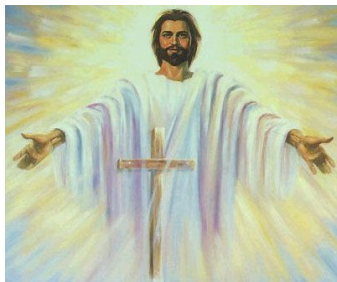
"Of Frazzle and Rest"

Years ago a former "cubicle-mate" of mine where I worked woefully opined how life is filled with inane details and unremitting little pressures. I can still see the exasperated look after some 28 years. There was no joy --- implacable demands consumed his time and energy.

Driving during rush hour affirms this observation in the distant look of many drivers' faces, rushing home to their next responsibilities. The constant barrage of choices, commitments and demands can wear a person down to a dullness of spirit and soul. But, the Lord's solution remains the same today as it did in the time of Moses. You might not think wandering in the desert for 40 years had much tension to it, but judging from the brief history we do have of

that time period, there was much stress and strain, especially for the leaders of God's people.

In Moses final blessing to Israel, just before he died and just before they invaded the land God promised them, this great man of faith gave the secret to contentment he had learned through years of struggling with life's issues.



As today's Bible verse says we need to "rest" in the Lord. He is immovable, no one can break into his fortress, no one can snatch us out of his hand or off of his shoulders (For he is high and

lifted up - Isaiah 6:1).

Our Lord Jesus not only taught us to come to him for rest (Matt 11:28-31) but he really does invite us to join him in resting (Mark 6:31). Have you taken time lately to rest in Him? Why not take a few minutes, stop what you are doing, talk with Him, take refuge in Him and relax. Think about His greatness, His compassion, His love—and His immensity and His strength. All is well, because the Lord of the universe has you right on his shoulders. He loves you. Enjoy the thought that you are His "beloved"!

Deuteronomy 33:12

"Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the LORD loves rests between his shoulders" NIV

YOU ARE INVITED:

We invite you to come and be a part of our church family. Our Pastor, Rev. Ron Tilley and his wife, Pamela Tilley, are dedicated in service to the Lord and his people. We have many great programs to offer. There is a place for everyone. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you come and be a part of our FAMILY.

Distribution Dates

"Acts" of Love will be distributing during December on Thursday the 10th and 17th from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Households may receive food once a month. You will need to provide a valid form of picture ID, income, and current address.

Everyone is welcome!

