

MEDITATION



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[Jesus said] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the

Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another." John 15:12-17

Grace to you and peace from in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

I remember in my very first job during high school as a cashier at the local grocery store the customer service manager coming to me with what I thought was a very odd request one day. "Would you be willing to train a new cashier?" she asked me. I had never trained anyone to do a job before, but I had been a cashier for a while and felt like I knew the responsibilities of the job well. As a new cashier in training was assigned to me and the two of us began working together, I remember thinking two very important things: 1) I have a lot to

teach this inexperienced cashier and 2) I would be training this new cashier to do my job.

In this section of John's gospel Jesus' earthly ministry is coming to an end. We are just a short time away from the Last Supper, from Jesus' betrayal and arrest and just a short time away from his death and resurrection. I wonder if he had these same two thoughts as he spent his last days with the disciples. I wonder as Jesus walked with the twelve day in and day out if he thought about how much he would need to teach them about being a disciple, about loving God and loving each other. And I wonder if Jesus thought about the fact that he was training the disciples to one day take his job - to go out and preach a message of love, reconciliation and grace. All this time in ministry, Jesus was teaching the disciples to

go out and share the good news that our God is a God of love and forgiveness and mercy.

In his final days with his disciples, Jesus chooses these words to share with them: that they love one another just as he has loved them. Jesus goes on to call them chosen friends whom he has appointed to now go out into all the world and bear fruit that will last. And he calls us to do the very same thing when he commands us to go out into the world and make new disciples of every nation. As we go out and make disciples, we must realize two very important things: 1) We have a lot to teach inexperienced Christian disciples; and 2) we are training them to do our job; to go out and make disciples, too. And this is all done to the glory of God through our love for him and for each other. Thanks be to God!

Community hot lunch

Life of Worship Ministries, 403 Cherokee St., behind Farmers Furniture Store, will serve a community hot lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The menu will be homemade chili with beans, hot dogs, slaw, cornbread, tea and desserts. Everyone is welcome.

Rhema Giveaway Nov. 25

Rhema Outreach will give away clothing from its clothes closet on Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 1-5 p.m. and food from 5-7 p.m. at 624 East King Street in Kings Mountain.

Fellowship & Faith

Church Service Directory

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415 Dixon School Rd.
704-473-1372

Ardent Life Church
420 Branch Street
704-739-7700

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Kings Mountain YMCA
211 Cleveland Ave.

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1017 Bethlehem Road
704-739-7487

Boyce Memorial ARP Church
Edgemont Drive
704-739-4917

Burning Bush House of God
310 Long Branch Rd (KM)

Calvary Way Holiness Church
1017 Second Street
Pastor Clifton Morgan

Carson Memorial Baptist Church
262 Sparrow Springs Road
704-739-2247

Central United Methodist Church
113 S. Piedmont Avenue
704-739-2471

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421 S. Cherokee Street
704-739-7697

Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church
618 Chestnut Ridge Road
704-739-4015

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246 Range Road
704-739-4152

Christ The King Catholic Church
714 Stone Street
704-487-7697

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108 E. Mountain St.
(KM Women's Club Bldg.)
704-739-1323

Cornerstone Church Of God
202 Margrace Road
704-739-3773

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107 Range Road
704-737-0477

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125 Mayberry Lane
704-739-0310

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2300 David Baptist Church Road
704-739-4555

Dixon Presbyterian Church
602 Dixon School Road
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701 E. Gold Street
704-739-3215

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704-739-7367

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704-739-8055

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1621 County Line Road
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122 El-bethel Way
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602 Canterbury Road
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1128 S. York Road
704-739-8496

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704-739-8396

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Hwy. 161/Bessemer City Rd.
704-739-1997

Family Worship Center
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704-739-7206

First Baptist Church

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704-739-3651

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121 Countryside Road
704-734-1143

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111 E. King Street
704-739-8072

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505 N. Piedmont Avenue
704-739-4266

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117 Galilee Church Road
704-739-7011

Gospel Assembly Church
202 S. Railroad Avenue
704-739-5351

Good Hope Presbyterian Church
105 N. Cansler Street
704-739-1062
Grace Fellowship

144 West Mountain Street
704-481-8888

Grace United Methodist Church
830 Church Street
704-739-6000

Harvest Baptist Church
144 Ware Road
704-734-0714

Kings Mountain Baptist Church
101 W. Mountain Street
704-739-2516

Life of Worship Ministries
405 S. Cherokee St.
704-777-2927

Kings Mtn. Dream Center
1128 York Road
704-739-8496
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Featured Church of the Week: Cornerstone Church of God

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