

MEDITATION



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Pastor
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Lutheran Church

*[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, be-
cause 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 custo-
mer 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 im-
portant things: 1) I have a lot to
teach this inexperienced cashier and
2) I would be training this new ca-

shier 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 shot time away from his death
and resurrection. I wonder if he
had these same two thoughts as he
spent his last days with the disci-
ples. 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 for-
giveness and mercy.

Gospel singing Saturday

Harvest Baptist Church, 144 Ware Road, will sponsor a gospel singing Saturday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. featuring Debra Perry and Jaidyn's Call. Pastor Gary Teague II invites the public.

Breakfast Sept. 5

Central United Methodist Church will sponsor a breakfast Saturday, Sept. 5, from 6:30-10 a.m. The "all you can eat" country-style buffet will include eggs, grits, biscuits, toast, bacon, sausage, country ham, liver-mush and gravy with coffee, juice, milk and soft drinks. The \$6 donation, children 6 and under free, will be applied to the fund for mission trips.

Fellowship & Faith

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2032 Bethlehem Road
704-730-0075

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703 Margrace Road
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220 N. Watterson Street
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541 Crocker Road
704-730-9507

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863 New Camp Creek Ch. Road
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301 Oak Grove Road
704-739-5826

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600 Crescent Circle
704-739-5580

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704-739-7466

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704-739-4216

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339 Shady Grove Road
704-739-8920

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704-739-1256

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704-739-4716

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301 Oak Grove Rd., Kings Mountain

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704-739-6764

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704-228-0328

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2175 Vestibule Church Road
704-739-7961

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114 Westover Drive
(704) 739-2187

GASTONIA

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3714 S. New Hope Rd

Grace Community Advent Christian Church

206 West 3rd Avenue
704-739-9230

GROVER

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423 Cleveland Avenue
704-937-3010

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201 N. Main Street
704-937-7541

First Apostolic Church of Blacksburg

205 E. Cherokee St.
Blacksburg, SC

864-839-1873

WACO

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