



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

Love & Serve

A Year of God's Favor

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has
anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has
sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives...
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord..."* Isaiah 61:1, 2

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God's Promises Do Not Expire

Psalm 65:11, *You crown the year with
Your goodness, And **Your paths** drip with
abundance*

Galatians 5:13

*For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, **but through love serve one another.***

Nothing is more foundational to our walk as Christ followers than **God's love for us and our love for others.**

- There are a lot of motivations in life.
- What motivates you?

What Motivates People

- External Rewards
- Hitting “rock bottom”
- Self-image
- Self-validation
- Curiosity
- Control
- Current mood
- Achievement (getting things done)
- Power (having influence over others)
- Belonging (having good relationships)
- Facebook/Social media likes

What Motivates God? LOVE!

John 3:16

*For **God** so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

What Motivates Jesus? Freedom for People

Luke 4:17-19

*The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to **bring Good News** to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that **captives will be released**, that the blind will see, that the **oppressed will be set free**, the **time of the Lord's favor has come.**"*

Our Vision for 2024 is...

**Loving God. Loving People.
Serving the World.**

This will ALWAYS be our vision!

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Three Ingredients to the God Kind of Love

1. Is universal and not selective
2. It is sacrificial and not selfish
3. It gives and doesn't take

This World's Kind of Love

1. Narrow and highly selective

∴ 2. Stingy and selfish

3. It takes and gives mainly for selfish gain

Love Can Go in the Wrong Direction

1 Timothy 6:10

*For the **love of money** is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

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2 Timothy 3:1-3

*But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: **2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away***



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Loving God

**Devotion to God through prayer, worship,
study, solitude, and reflection**



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Loving People

Sharing the Gospel of Christ, making disciples, “seeing” people as they are and where they are, modeling the life and love of Christ, providing insight and resources to enrich spirit, soul, and body

Serving the World

Serving the community without preaching, letting our love and example "preach"

John 13:34-35

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.***



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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

2024 Jesus Celebration



A Legacy of Love: Horace & Gaynell Hudson

This Community Christmas Outreach continues the legacy of compassion for people shown by Gaynell Hudson, who directed the Share ministry of New Covenant Church until her homegoing in August of 2003. Her husband, Elder Horace B. Hudson, her son, Pastor Bryan Hudson and her church, New Covenant, want you to experience the love of God and know that there are always people who care about you.



