

Walk in Love

EPHESIANS 5:1-2

The letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Ephesus is a communication designed to teach and encourage them how to live a life of faithfulness, how to be followers of Jesus, how to live with other believers and even with enemies. It is a letter chock full of instructions, helpful tidbits of life, as well as warnings. The passage that will serve as our guiding theme for the coming year follows a listing of rules for how they are to live this new life. Paul warns them to speak truth (*rather than lies*), he encourages them deal with their anger quickly and come to a place of agreement; to work hard (*rather than steal*); to speak words of kindness; to refrain from bitterness, wrath, anger, fussing and fighting, slander, and malice. The key verses that shape our focus “Walk in Love” sums it up by challenging them to be imitators of God and live in love. As God’s beloved children, we are challenged to give ourselves out to others in divine love. And the good news is that our actions of love and kindness will cause us to look more and more like Jesus every day.

The theme “Walk in Love” paints a poignant picture of what it means to walk with Christ as we travel through the seasons of our lives. In the coming year, each month we will explore this theme from a variety of perspectives. Ephesians tells us to follow God’s example. We are challenged to ask what God would do in every situation we face in our lives; and then do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents (Ephesians 5:1-2).

Mostly what God does is love us, so we seek to keep company with him, and learn to live a life of love. What a high standard Paul sets before us: to be imitators of God. This is tough talk. We are to put off our old self and put on the new self (Ephesians 4:22-24). Paul tells us to stop acting like people of the world by getting rid of bitterness, rage, and anger, and forgiving one another just as God forgives us. We are to submit to one another out of reverence to Christ (Ephesians 5:21).

In the coming year, maybe we grow to look like God by the way we love others and follow the example of Jesus Christ by walking in love throughout the year, all 365 days!

It all began with two missionaries...

A.D. Hail and his brother J. B. were the first missionaries in Japan that were sponsored by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. J. B. Hail and his family sailed from San Francisco, for Osaka Japan, on January 30, 1877. A.D. Hail and his family sailed to Japan on October 21, 1878. From the moment the two men stepped onto the boat from San Francisco, it was obvious that the women of the church were imperative for the mission work of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They needed more support and more personnel in the field in order to meet the great need in Japan alone and the women of the church could supply that. A.D. Hail wrote, “One big problem was the women’s work, how to reach them, how to hold them for Christ. The wives on the ground did the best they could to fill the gap... Sometimes both had to be absent at meetings, we men tried our hands at the business of trying to keep busy babies busy in right lines. This proved pretty generally to be the busiest part of our work... Add to all the fact that at that time it was particularly the case that the women could not be reached in their own homes by men. It was so then and measurably so now. We felt the need to have Bible women.”

A.D. Hail and his wife approached the leadership of the women of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church asking the women to convene at the 1880 meeting of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for the purpose of organizing the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions. Since then the women of the meeting regularly alongside with General Assembly and supporting the mission work of the church through prayer, finances, and personnel.

[Source: Hearth and Chalice: The Story of Cumberland Presbyterian Women and World Missions by James. W. Knight]

Women in Ministry of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

PURPOSE STATEMENT



*To accept and share the love
and joy of Jesus Christ
through the ministry of
women in the Cumberland
Presbyterian Church as we
pray, study God’s Word, and
reach out through mission,
service, encouragement, and
fellowship.*

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All women of the Church are considered members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry is part of the Missions Ministry Team of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Women from across the denomination gather at the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Convention once a year for the purpose of advancing the spiritual enrichment and effective operation of the local and regional organizations through fellowship, worship, learning, and program emphases.

WOMEN OF THE LEBANON CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The women of the Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Church are an important branch of the ministry of our congregation.

Our regular meetings are set for the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Our ministry includes:

- Coordinate Easter and Thanksgiving baskets to shut-ins
- Provide food to those who are sick
- Provide food to families who have lost a loved one
- Support the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, TX
- Participate in the Least Coin Offering
- Recognize CP Women and award Perpetual Memberships and Memorials
- Provide an opportunity for women to gather for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship
- Send representatives to our Regional Women's Meeting twice a year
- Participate in our Annual Denominational Women's Convention
- Support and promote the mission work of our denomination and our congregation
- Participate in the Synodical Women's Retreat
- Support Joseph's Storehouse
- Support Guatemalan Mission and Clergy Appreciation

For more information about the Women in Ministry on the denominational level, visit

<http://ministrycouncil.cumberland.org/womenministry>

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*Follow God's example,
therefore, as dearly loved
children, and walk in the
way of love, just as Christ
loved us and gave himself up
for us as a fragrant offering
and sacrifice to God. (NIV)*

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