

First Presbyterian Church of Sidney, Ohio
November 23, 2008



Works of Mercy

- ⊕ Feed the hungry
- ⊕ Give drink to the thirsty
- ⊕ Clothe the naked
- ⊕ Shelter the homeless
- ⊕ Visit the imprisoned
- ⊕ Visit the sick
- ⊕ Bury the dead

“When you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me.”

Matthew 25:40 New Living Translation

“Church Transformation” sounds to me like the church isn’t good enough and has to change to meet the needs of a changing community.

What if the church proudly announced and communicated through her life together a commitment to costly discipleship and challenged the community to come in?

“They Will Know we Are Christians by Our Love” is the creed of churches who believe that if we open our doors and are friendly, people will come and join us.

Relevant Churches

- Love Jesus
- Go beyond “They will know we are Christians by our love,” and are intentional about inviting people in.
- Evangelism is different in different places. The key is what we do to befriend people

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- Read scripture; reflect and pray daily.
- Set aside daily time for prayer. At noon pray the Lord’s Prayer or the Jesus Prayer*. (*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.)

Reconciliation

- Make peace with the ones with whom I am out of accord.

Service

- Practice systematic, proportional giving of my time, talents, and treasure.
- Practice a daily act of outreach (call, write, visit)
- Participate regularly in an work of mercy.

Hospitality

- Look for Christ in others.
- Look for opportunities for greeting, inviting, welcoming a stranger.

Self Care

- Eat with care
- Exercise daily.
- Participate annually in an event for spiritual education or development.

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