

Local Outreach Highlight

Love in the Name of Christ (*Love INC*)

With great delight, from the Executive Director, Katie Comstock:

I'm meditating on the word "delight" as we draw to the end of the year. I've been contemplating how we use delight to mend what ails us. How do we send it into the world as a force for change? Is there a biblical precedent to choose delight, to see "God Winks" in the day-to-day and to savor the little moments that He brings?

We have journeyed closely with people in need this year. Together, we have shouldered burdens, celebrated wins and mourned losses. We have experienced the power of delight in the Lord and His grace every day: a need miraculously provided for; a heart softened by an offer of prayer; a volunteer's willingness to go above and beyond to bless someone else. As scripture reminds us to delight in the Lord, I marvel at our God— a God who delights in our delight. Yet if we don't dedicate ourselves to finding delight and carrying it forward, the heaviness of our world can dull our awareness of God's working in the day-to-day.

So...we share with you a few of the ways God has worked in and through Love INC in 2021. Will you delight with me the many things we are celebrating from the past year?

Our Connection Center received **323 assistance requests** from neighbors in 2021. We mobilized volunteers from churches in Kootenai County to provide assistance with compassion, prayer, and dignity. We **resourced 254 neighbors** through church and community partnerships at a **value of nearly \$20,000**. It took **27 volunteers over 2000 hours** to complete this work. Over **30 households** were impacted by our Transformational Ministry Classes: Journey to Freedom and Boundaries. We are so excited to offer a third class early next year, Faith and Finance. What a privilege it's been to walk closely with our neighbors through these classes!

Prayer Requests:

Church Connections— Please pray for new partner churches so we can see even more believers actively living out their faith by serving those in need in Kootenai County.

Gap Ministries— Please pray for the team developing gap ministries, such as auto care and car repair, and others including firewood and housing help/coaching ministry. Please pray for those facing homelessness this winter!

Volunteers— The next volunteer orientation is January 14th from 12-1 p.m. You can check out the website: loveinckc.org or call the CBC church office for more information.



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Sunday Worship, January 2nd, 2022

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Psalm 95:6 (ESV)

WELCOME! Our great desire for you this morning is that God provides you with opportunities to experience and worship Him; connect with others within our church; and be challenged toward spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? To learn about our membership pathway, pick up a membership packet from the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

GIVING: There are two ways to give electronically: *Online Giving* at our website (www.cdabible.org/online-giving), or via *Text Message Giving*. To text a financial gift, the number is 208-502-4595. Type the phone # into your texting app of choice. Next, type in the word *give*, the dollar amount you wish to donate, and hit send. You will be directed to a webpage to enter your credit/debit card info (it only does this the first time you give). You'll receive a confirmation that your donation is complete. Of course, you can always give at church using the white giving envelopes in the pews and drop them in the offering boxes located in the back of the Worship Center and in the Lobby. Thanks for your generous support!

COMMUNICATION CARDS: Located in the wooden rack in each pew are our communication cards. In addition to stopping by or calling the church office, please use these cards if you are new or have an address/contact change (CONNECT), have a prayer request (PRAY), have a question, comment or would like to serve (SERVE), or have a question about giving at CBC (GIVE). Cards can be dropped in an offering box. We love to hear from you!

WELCOME COUNTER: Have questions? Need directions? Want to learn more? We have someone in the lower lobby at the Welcome Counter both before and after the worship service.

WORSHIP LYRICS: Printed lyrics of today's worship songs are available at the Welcome Counter.

CDA BIBLE ONLINE: Our website is www.cdabible.org. We offer a weekly e-newsletter, *The Midweek Memo*. Go to our website, click the "MEDIA" tab to subscribe. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram. Youth: Facebook— CDA Bible Students Instagram— [cdabilestudents](https://www.instagram.com/cdabilestudents)

SERMONS: Today's sermon is being live-streamed and will also be posted on the website under the "MEDIA" tab. Choose "YOUTUBE CHANNEL"

CHURCH OFFICE: The regular church office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our phone number is 208.664.4883, and the church website is www.cdabible.org.

Keep in Prayer

Aaron Stauble- Aaron will have a sedation biopsy for the tumor in his left side lung on Friday, January 7. Please pray for Aaron's endurance and peace as the date approaches. He is feeling nervous and weary from all the treatments. We expect grace from the Lord in abundance; we appreciate all your prayers! We are very thankful to finally find out what this one puzzling tumor is all about.

Sharian Johnson— Please pray for 1-year-old niece, Jewel, as she is hospitalized with serious health issues including kidney failure.

Events, Ministries and Opportunities

The Engagement Project- Pastor Kurt will be leading this 10-week class on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Lounge beginning January 9th. It's a call to the body of Christ to awaken from its slumber and to begin to be the light and salt we were meant to be. It will lead us to understand where we are in God's Meta-Narrative and the incredible vision that He has entrusted the primary work of the Kingdom to the common, everyday Christian.

Wednesday Gathering resumes on January 12th! Pastor Kurt will continue his video series *So The Next Generation Will Know*— essential learning for parents or anyone who has a heart to connect with and reach the upcoming generation, commonly known as "Gen Z." Pastors Zach and Nat will be starting a 12-week study in The Book of Ezekiel. We look forward to having all the kids, students and adults on the church campus on Wednesdays once again!

Women's Winter Study- Thursday Bible Study resumes on January 13th with a 9-week study of Paul's letter to the Philippian church. This book is rich with spiritual truths that have given many believers joy and peace for their daily walk. Childcare will be available if needed; sign-ups begin next Sunday.

Perspectives Course- Once again, we're glad to be hosting the world-renown, life-changing PERSPECTIVES CLASS in 2022. *Perspectives* is a 15-week life and learning opportunity that brings in 15 different teachers (pastors, theologians, international missiologists, and mobilizers) who will challenge and inspire you to think about what God is doing around the world. The class begins on January 16 and is held weekly on Sunday afternoons from 2-5 pm. Find more information at class.perspectives.org

Winter Coat Drive— We are collecting new or gently used (and clean) coats or jackets (men's and women's large or extra-large) for inmates leaving incarceration from the Kootenai County Jail. Inmates are often arrested in warmer months and then released during the winter without appropriate outerwear. Hats, gloves and socks are also needed. Bring your donations to the drop-off bin/rack in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity!

Core Christian Beliefs

Pastor Kurt Staeuble Sunday AM January 2, 2022



Message Reflection Questions

LOVE LIKE JESUS: An Age-Old Challenge For a Brand New Year

- Jesus wanted His disciples to figure out that the life of a true disciple is defined by l_____ s_____.

- Do people know about our Christianity by how much we k_____, or do they know about our Christianity by how well we l_____?

- Judging happens when we turn our differences into virtues of m_____ s_____.

- One of the core marks of a follower of Jesus is an attitude of h_____ t_____.

1. Why does God put such a high value on the practice of love?
2. How does God show love toward us?
3. Read Matthew 22:37-40. How does this teaching of Jesus challenge us to love beyond those we might consider more loveable? Who are some of the people God has placed in your life who you find more difficult to love? How can you make efforts to love these people better?
4. In the message, Pastor Kurt mentioned several reasons why we might have a hard time loving others: immaturity, brokenness, defensiveness, judgmentalism, jealousy, selfishness, prejudice. Which of these might act an obstacle to you loving others better?
5. Read through 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. What does this passage say love is like? What does this passage say love is NOT like?
6. How does 1 John 4:19-21 show the importance of loving others? Can we say we love God but fail to love the people around us?
7. The love God calls us to is giving/sacrificial in nature. How is this different than how a lot people define love?