

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

That keeps us vigilant, you can be sure. It's no light thing to know that we'll all one day stand in that place of Judgment. That's why we work urgently with everyone we meet to get them ready to face God. God alone knows how well we do this, but I hope you realize how much and deeply we care. We're not saying this to make ourselves look good to you. We just thought it would make you feel good, proud even, that we're on your side and not just nice to your face as so many people are. If I acted crazy, I did it for God; if I acted overly serious, I did it for you. Christ's love has moved me to such extremes. His love has the first and last word in everything we do.

Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.

Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you.

BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION:

- **Thrift Shop Re-Cycle: Journey for Justice** - From Aug. 25-30, MCC Man. Exec. Director Ron Janzen will be cycling to all MCC Thrift Shops in Man. to raise money and awareness for

restorative justice programs. Each of the shops will be hosting a special celebration. Come say hi to Ron! For more info visit mccmanitoba.ca/re-cycle.

- **Call to Prayer** – MCC invites you to join them for a time of prayer for an end to violence in the Middle East. **On Thursdays in August**, join with others to pray for peace from **10:00–10:20 am** at 159 Henderson Hwy and 134 Plaza Drive in Winnipeg.
- **Help Iraqis through MCC** - Please help reach a goal of 12,000 hygiene kits and 3,000 relief kits for uprooted Iraqis and others in the region. Information is online at mcccanada.ca/get-involved/kits.
- **Sam's Place Book Sale** - Support MCC Man. at the books-by-the-inch sale at Sam's Place, September 4-6. Books are priced at \$1 an inch! <http://www.samscommunity.com/books>
- **The MCC Relief Sale and Auction in Morris** will take place Sat. Sept. 13, 2014. A trailer will be at 134 Plaza Dr. to collect donated items for the sale from Aug. 25 to Thurs. Sept. 11 at 12pm. For pick-up of donated items call the MCC office at [204-261-6381](tel:204-261-6381) or visit mccmanitoba.ca/events to find out the contact person in your area. Thank you for your support!

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ABERDEEN MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday, August 24, 2014



Welcome to Aberdeen!

Weekly Worship at 10:00 a.m.

**Our worship is a response
to God's call to repentance and faith.
Seeking to live in harmony with God's will,
we extend our service and
witness in the name of Jesus Christ.
60 years in North End Winnipeg**

Sunday August 24, 2014 – The Church at Corinth

Christian values sometimes clash with the surrounding society's values. Demonstrating our values through our actions is the best witness. Reconciliation with others first and foremost involves removing barriers so that people may begin to receive the healing and wholeness of God.

Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

Leader: Your judgments are like the great deep.

All: May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings, O God!

Congregational Songs H 46 I sing the mighty power of God
STJ 13 My soul is filled with joy

Congregational Sharing

Hearing God's Word

Scripture

Acts 18:1-18a

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

Confessing

Prayer of Confession

Shifting the focus from ourselves to a concern for all those around us is not easy. It is tough—tough to say yes to all that God asks of us, tough to be graceful, tough to be loving. Yet it is what God calls us to do. In the midst of our struggles, God's love and forgiveness are there for us. Repentance, at its core, means to turn from our sin and brokenness and turn toward God.

As we sing "Come Thou Fount" as our prayer of confession today, let us reflect on how we can embrace the expansive nature of God's love and grace in comparison to the narrowness of our own.

Congregational Song H 521 Come Thou fount

Words of Assurance

Hear these words of assurance: **"We are a new creation. The old has passed away and we are made new in Christ Jesus."**

Passing the Peace

Let us greet each other with the joy of this knowledge and the peace of Christ.

Listening

Congregational Song H 545 Be Thou my vision
Sermon Esther

Responding

In Song Be thou my vision
Through our gifts Offering

Sending

Announcements

Congregational Song H 332 Blessed Assurance

Words of Blessing

We go now with faith, trusting God's Spirit to guide us. We go now with hope, waiting for the fullness of Christ's reign. We go now with love, resting in God's care and in the care of God's people.

Worship Leader: Heather

Song Leader: Mo

Accompanist: Sol

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Aberdeen Food Bank** - meets next on Sept. 6 and Sept. 20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congratulations** to Ron and Ruth who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 17.
- **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** At the end of July we were 58% of the way through our budget year. Our donation income to the end of July was approximately 51% of the \$90,000 budgeted for 2014. Thanks for your continued support of the church budget.
- If you would like to order **Rejoice** (a daily devotional magazine), please let Sunnie know.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for those in our congregation, staff and students, preparing to return to school for another busy school year.

Summer Worship:

Today - The Early Church at Corinth

Aug 31 - The Early Church at Rome (long weekend)

Sept 7 - Welcome back Sunday and Potluck