

## Love Does and the Faith Family

### **“Practicing Unity - We are Helpful: Serving One Another with Joy!”** Greg Wendschlag April 30, 2017

*“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself in love.” Gal. 5:6*

*“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers” Gal. 6:9-10*

***“It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and becoming mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”***

Eph. 4:11-13

1. You are **saved** to serve.

*“Now that I, your Lord, and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master...” John. 13:14-16*

- A church that does not serve has a **theology problem**.
- A Christian that does not serve has a **relationship problem**.

2. You **make friends** when you serve together.

*“Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.” Romans 16:3-4*

- Shared purpose **unites people** no matter how diverse.
- The bond between those who **serve together** is nearly unbreakable.

3. You create a **contagious culture** when you serve together.

*“They devoted themselves....And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:42-47*

- People want to be a part of something **meaningful**.
- People want to be a part of something **bigger than themselves**.

4. You are **sent** to serve.

*“Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” Luke 10:37*

- “Go” applies to where you are **currently involved**.
- “Go” implies **seeing needs** and meeting them.

Live by this principle and you will always have friends, you will always have work, you will always have purpose...

*“Is there anything I can do for you?”*

This Week in Your Groups In Common

1. What good things have you done for others this week?
2. Think of your friends. How many did you become acquainted with because of a common purpose?
3. What are some areas of Abundant Life that could use your service?

4. Who are the people in your life that could use some LOVE DOES?
5. If you could start a nonprofit ministry what would it look like?