



**Congratulations
2023 Graduates!!!**

Brenna G
Rio Rancho High School
Rio Rancho, NM

Tyson P
Rio Rancho High School
Rio Rancho, NM

Gary B
Program of Alternate Studies (PAS)
Memphis Theological Seminary
Memphis, Tennessee

Grandson, Gary & Kathleen B:

Rian B
Rio Rancho High School
Rio Rancho, NM

Granddaughter, Gary & Kathleen:

Allison B
The ASK Academy
Rio Rancho, NM

Granddaughter, Pastor Harry & Sally:

Regan C
Liberty High School
Frisco, TX

Great-granddaughter, Dell W:

Laci Nicole D
Sandia High School
Albuquerque, New Mexico

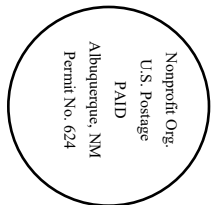
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The Church Militant

Love Like a Christian

(John 15:9-17)

The term *militant* describes the nature of the church Christ had in mind when he said, “*church.*” Believers by nature are *militant* (Matthew 5:38-48). Likewise, the church’s collective deep-seated love in the risen Savior is *militant* (Matthew 16:18). In fact, if you’re not quick to exercise unconditional love, not quick to forgive, and not quick to freely serve, I question if you know Jesus at all. So how does the church militant live love in a sinful world (Mark 12:30-31)? My list is not exhaustive but here are a few ways that may help you get started.

Above All, Face the Truth (John 15:18-19)

The one thing the world cannot tolerate is agape love (v.18). Unconditional Christ-Love mocks the humanist idol of self-determinism. Since the Fall, Christ’s radical love offends a sin-filled world (Genesis 3:15). Like it or not, the church is in a spiritual battle. To *love like a Christian* means the world hates those gathered in Jesus’ name (church). Good intentions never pacify evil, “*If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own*” (v.19). So how do we remain faithful to Christ? Again, my list is not exhaustive but try to develop a few Heavenly-Habits.

Habit #1 Get in the Habit of Enjoying the Disagreeable – 2 Corinthians 4:11

To love like a Christian, means to manifest the life of Christ no matter how disagreeable a situation may be, “*Lord, I am delighted to obey you in this matter.*” You cannot keep yourself fit if you’re a slave to self-pity. Get in the habit of exhibiting the joy of letting God have His way.

Habit #2 Get in the Habit of Prosperity – 2 Peter 1:4

“*Oh, we can’t afford it,*” is one of the worst phrases. We talk as if our Heavenly Father is busted -broke and cut us off without a dime. If we give into self-pity and indulge in the luxury of misery, we banish God’s riches from our life plus hinder others from entering into His provision. Learn to lavish the grace of God on the church and His blessing will come through you. If you are consciously holy there are certain things you imagine you cannot do. Love like a Christian means relying on God’s provision, all the time. For more, read Oswald Chambers this month.

Habit #3 Get in the Habit of Rising to the Occasion – Ephesians 1:18-19

Habit #4 Get in the Habit of a Good Conscience – Acts 24:15-16

Habit #5 Get in the Habit of showing Christ’s love to others – 2 Peter 1:7

To love like a Christian means God’s love flows through your heart by the Holy Spirit. Do you know God loves you not because you’re loveable but because it is His nature? Get in the habit of showing the same love to others. Let God work through your love as simple as a child’s.

Vaya con Dios, Pastor Harry



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

***Please pray for:**

All our students and graduates, as the school year comes to an end; for the **grandparents** that are helping to raise grandchildren, that God will enable them spiritually, mentally and physically and for the children

***Continue to Pray for:**

Tommy (brother/Kathleen B), stage 4 lung cancer; **Hannah M**, for complete healing following 10-month complications from strep; **Lola** (7 year old granddaughter/Tom & Tonya W), undergoing cancer treatment

***Those serving in the military:**

Nicolas B (E-6 Petty Officer First Class/ Navy, Hawaii); **Josh L** (E-5/Air Force, NM); **Mark V** (Major/Army)

***Our Loving Condolences to:**

-**Don L** in the death of his nephew's wife, Kristie March 10, 2023 (prayers for comfort for husband, Michael, and the family)

-**Judy T** in the death of her cousin James April 22, 2023 (prayers for comfort for his mother, Cordelia, and the family)

***Praise!**

-**Sherry B's** surgery (and spot radiation) went very well and the cancer removed!

2023 Session (Elders)
Melanie C, Sherry M, Steve N,
Kristen P, & Dell W

2023 Diaconate (Deacons)
Ann M, Toni M, & Linda N

Westside Calendar of Events - 2023

May

- 04 - National Day of Prayer
- 07 - Communion/Graduate Sunday
- 09 - Deacons' Meeting
- 14 - Mother's Day
Last day of Sunday School/resumes in fall
- 20 - NM Prays | Hummingbird Music Camp
10 AM to Noon
- 23 - Session Meeting
- 28 - Faith & Family Sunday at Isotopes Park
Memorial Day Weekend

Weekly Meetings

Thursdays

***Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**

Week's RR, 7:00 AM

Contact: Ken Y, 505.220.2968

Fridays

***Friday Women's Breakfast & Bible Study**

9-11 AM

Hosted by Ida M, 505.814.4155

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WCPC Bulletin Board...

***Happy May Birthdays to:**

- Kris K - May 10
- Destiny M - 10
- Pastor Clay - May 11
- Malik R - May 17
- Korilynn N - May 26
- Gary B - May 28



Westside Happenings

***Mother's Day at Westside...**is always a special occasion (that usually involves chocolate!)— *hope to see you there* this Sunday, May 14th!



***New Mexico Prays!**...a movement of churches covering NM 24/7 in prayer, will be holding a prayer event Saturday, May 20th, 10 AM to 2 PM up at Hummingbird Music Camp (in the Jemez Mountains) — North Campus. For more information, please contact the Westside church office at (505) 896-8412.



***Faith + Family Day at the Isotopes!**... Sunday, May 28th (Memorial Day weekend). \$13/pp. Game time: 1:35. To purchase tickets through the church (so we can sit together as a group, 20 signed up so far!), contact Kathleen B. 505-415-4865. Money for tickets is due THIS SUNDAY, 5/14, PLAY BALL!!!



**Summer event schedule
in our next issue!**

Community News

***Care Net Rio Rancho...**is holding their annual Family Life Radio Baby Shower & Open House on Friday, May 19th, 5:00 to 7:00 PM, 2451 Monterrey Rd. NE, RR. Food trucks will be on site and Rio the Roadrunner will be making an appearance. **Please bring your UNWRAPPED baby items to church NEXT SUNDAY, May 14th** (Mother's Day!) for delivery to Care Net.



Suggested items include: diapers, wipes, baby clothes (newborn to 18 mos), baby hygiene items, new car seats, baby sippy cups & utensils, bottles, pacifiers **OR you can make a monetary donation** (indicate "Care Net" on your check/envelope and put it in the offering plate on Sunday) and we'll write one check to Care Net from Westside CPC.

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