

2015, A Love That Does Answers the Call! "I am my brother's keeper"

Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. **1 John 1:6 (NLT)**

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17 (NLT)

We know what **real love** is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions (Love Does). **1 John 3:16-18 (NLT)**

A LOVE that DOES...

Is a love that is <u>living</u> - <u>personal</u>, <u>practical</u> and <u>tangible</u>. Is a love that is <u>sacrificial</u> and <u>risky.</u> Is a love that is not <u>bound</u>. Is a love that is looking to say <u>yes</u>.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all **we ask** or **imagine**, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory **in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for** *ever and ever!* Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

A Love That Does **reproduces itself.** It is time to start a new church.

How? By going <u>3D</u> – Discover, Develop, and Deploy God's people.

Start another <u>CPC</u> in <u>Richland Hills</u>, Texas (CPC<u>RH</u>).

HOW TO ANSWER THE CALL:

<u>PRAY</u> (30 x 30)

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)

Pray that:

- 1. God will first, and foremost, send help.
- 2. People will answer the call to go to the new campus.
- 3. God will provide the *financial resources* to start this new endeavor.
- 1. God's salvation will come to Richland Hills.
- 2. Families will find authentic community through this new church.

Go on a one year mission trip. (50 weeks)

- 1. Go to <u>CPCRH</u> and serve.
- 2. <u>Replace</u> those who have left.

<u>GIVE</u> willfully and sacrificially.

Going deeper on your own. Reflect on what has happened through Center Point Church this year. Reflect on what difference it has made in the community, and how our God feels about it. What is real love? How has God demonstrated it? How did Jesus demonstrate real love? What did it look like? What did it cost Him? Who did He give it away to? In 2016, I am challenging our church like never before to love like God does and to demonstrate like Christ did. We will begin now with a simple question. Has there ever been a time when you gave up something? I am not talking about leftovers or something we did not need anymore. I mean you went without because God told you to in order that someone else could feel Christ's love? If not, then pray about what you could do to help start this new satellite campus. If you have then pray about what else God wants to and through you? Then commit to it. Write do in me at Jay@centerpointchurch.com and tell me your story and what God is prompting you to do.