**Love the Burgh**

**We Love Our Community**

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Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them…. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them.

Romans 12:9a, 11, 13a (New Living)

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.”

Hebrews 4:15 (New International)

**Jesus engaged the community.**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16, (New International)

**Jesus was moved with compassion to meet needs.**

“Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!””

Mark 1:41 (New Living)

**Jesus was moved with compassion to welcome them.**

“When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done. Then he slipped quietly away with them toward the town of Bethsaida. But the crowds found out where he was going, and they followed him. He welcomed them and taught them about the Kingdom of God, and he healed those who were sick.”

Luke 9:10-11 (New Living)

**Our desire is to follow Jesus’ example to let God love us and love others through us.**

“We love because he first loved us.”

1 John 4:19 (New International)

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.”

Matthew 5:14 (New Living)

**Our heart is to unleash compassion and bring hope to our community.**

**Bottom line: we love where we live and we want to use this place to build community.**