Love the Burgh

“We Love Lost People!”

Bill Balbach, Associate Pastor June 1 & 2, 2019

But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Luke 15:2 (New International)

**Jesus loved the unlovable.**

Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Matthew 22:37-39 (New International)

**Let God love us and love others through us.**

**Our hope is to reveal His love to display His grace.**

**Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7)**

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?” Luke 15:4 (New International)

**Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)**

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?” Luke 15:8 (New International)

**Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32)**

“The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.” Luke 15:12 (New International)

“So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”

Luke 15:20 (New International)

“Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.” Luke 15:23-24 (New International)

**Joy for the lost being found.**

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’” Luke 15:31-32 (New International)