***From The Pastor’s Desk….***

Charles Shulz, creator and author of the Peanuts cartoon characters often conveys a message in his comic strips. In one strip he conveys through Charlie Brown the need we have to be loved and through Lucy our inability to love one another. Charlie Brown and Lucy are leaning over the proverbial fence speaking to one another:

CB: All it would take to make me happy is to have someone say he likes me.

LUCY: Are you sure?

CB: Of course I’m sure!

LUCY: You mean you’d be happy if someone merely said he or she likes you? Do you mean to tell me that someone has it within his or her power to make you happy merely by doing such a simple thing?

CB: Yes! That’s exactly what I mean!

LUCY: Well, I don’t think that’s asking too much. I really don’t. [Now standing face to face, Lucy asks one more time] But you’re sure now? All you want is to have someone say, “I like you, Charlie Brown,” and then you’ll be happy?

CB: And then I’ll be happy!

LUCY: Lucy looks at Charlie Brown, turns and walks away, saying, I can’t do it!

What Lucy cannot do, sinful as she is, God does. What Charlie Brown needs, lost and alone as he is, God supplies.

God loves you and is telling you today, “He Loves You!” “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.”

**CHURCH SIGN ~ PSALM 27:14**

*Wait for the Lord;
    be strong, and let your heart take courage;
    wait for the Lord!*

**CHURCH SIGN**

*Prayer is not an add-on at the end of the day.*

*It is the whole battle plan.*

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***"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you will have love for one another."***  *John 13: 34-35*

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**DISCIPLE = Loving Others Message**

After reading John 13: 34-35, Jesus teaches us that we should Love One Another! As you can see, Jesus was very specific about how people would know that we were his disciples. They would recognize our great love for one another. The following explains what being a true disciple of Jesus might look like…..

**D Devoted to Christ:** A disciple doesn’t walk away from his

brothers and sisters. He loves them no matter what.

**I Involved:** A disciple of Christ cares about other disciples.

He or she gets involved in the good things that are happening

around him.

**S Spirit:** The Holy Spirit lives in all disciples.

He keeps us full of peace!

**C Christ-centered**: No matter what, Jesus is the center of

everything.

**I Invites** others to meet Jesus. A true disciple of Jesus invites

others to meet Jesus.

**P Prays** for other disciples. That’s love, through and through!

**L Loves** at all times. Even when it is hard to do so, a disciple

loves other disciples.

**E Encourages** other disciples. If you follow Jesus, you must be an

encourager!