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WELCOME TO

The Compassionate Way

we're so glad you're here!

Compassion is NOT One Size Fits All!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if compassion—love in action—were as simple as following a formula? If we always knew exactly what a situation required, showing compassion would be easy. But life and people are far more complex. Over time, I've learned that compassion looks different depending on each person's unique needs.

Too often, my instinct is to try to fix situations. That impulse can lead me to assume I know what another person wants or needs. I might rush to jump in without first asking, "What would be most helpful for you right now?" While well-intentioned, that kind of assumption can actually miss the mark.

The truth is this: the only way to know whether our actions are genuinely compassionate is through conversation. Compassion requires listening, not guessing. It's about pausing long enough to hear another person's story, to understand their longings, and to walk alongside them rather than in front of them.

As the missionary leader of The Compassionate Way, I strive to live this out daily. I'm reminded again and again that compassion doesn't begin with solutions—it begins with presence. When I lean in to listen, I discover not just what people need, but also the sacred gift of truly connecting with another soul.

Compassion is not one size fits all. It is tailor-made, woven in real time through love, humility, and attentive presence.



Building a Legacy of Compassion

The Compassionate Way is a ministry devoted to embodying God's compassion in action. Through building meaningful relationships, providing spiritual guidance, and fostering a sense of belonging, we walk alongside those who often feel unseen, unheard, or forgotten. Many of the individuals we serve live with limited financial means, which makes it difficult for them to support the ministry financially. Yet, their need for spiritual care, community, and compassionate presence is profound.

To ensure that this vital ministry continues for generations to come, we are establishing The Compassionate Way Legacy Endowment Fund. We are seeking to raise between \$1 million and \$1.5 million to establish a strong endowment. Based on conservative investment projections, the fund will generate annual income sufficient to:

- Support the salary and benefits of the missionary leader.
- Provide for basic program expenses, ministry gatherings, and outreach efforts.

This endowment matters because we serve the underserved. This fund allows the ministry to thrive without placing additional burdens on those we serve. This will ensure continuity: A permanent missionary leader who provides stability, vision, and pastoral presence that will not depend on short-term fundraising efforts. By creating a legacy of compassion, donors to the Legacy Endowment Fund will ensure that the spirit of compassion continues to touch lives for decades to come.

We invite you to join us in laying a foundation that will secure the future of The Compassionate Way. Your generosity will create a permanent stream of support, ensuring that God's compassion continues to be shared with those who need it most.

Together, we can build a legacy of love, faith, and care—one that will continue to bless lives for generations. If you would like to visit about making a contribution to our legacy endowment, please contact Candace Adams at 320-905-5453 or revadams@hotmail.com. She would be delighted to have a conversation with you.





Connection & Compassion is for Everyone

Compassion is not something we practice alone—it grows when we share it in community. Forming meaningful connections with others is essential if we are to create and foster a more compassionate world. When we gather, listen, and share life together, compassion takes on new depth and power.

You are invited to join us for a special gathering on Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. designed to help us connect with one another and explore what it means to live a more compassionate life. Together, we will reflect, encourage, and support each other on this journey. And of course—we will share a delicious meal!

To ensure that we have enough food prepared, please register by Monday, October 20. If you have dietary restrictions, simply let us know when you register so we can plan accordingly.

This event has been generously sponsored by the Initiative Foundation. We are deeply grateful for their support.

Come hungry for connection, encouragement, and compassion. Let's build something beautiful together. We will meet at Lakes Area Presbyterian Church at 7761 Excelsior Road, Baxter.

Ministry Survey Winner -Kim H.

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. Your insights were valuable!

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