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Grace and Peace!

Tragedy struck our community and our church this past week, in the death of 3-month-old Jolene Weaver, daughter of Joni and Brady. The funeral was held on Thursday. This is probably a good time to remind ourselves of one thing we are called to do in the church, and that is to love each other. In fact, that was Jesus' commandment to his disciples on the night of his arrest.

Loving each other takes different forms. Sometimes it is fun and easy. Sometimes it is decidedly neither. But as Jesus was about to exit this world—knowing that his disciples would no longer have his earthly presence with them, he commanded them (and us) to love each other.

How do we do this? There are any number of ways, but a good way to start is to make sure every member of a grieving family knows we care about them. There are other ways, too. Life in this old world seems to be getting more complex and more harsh. Can we be simply kinder, more loving, more caring, more forgiving, more forbearing to and with each other? These are places to start, and I ask that you be in prayer about how you might best love the rest of us. I will do the same.

When I think of who we are as a church, I think we have the gifts to show the world how to live and love. It would take some doing, but we could do that.

Sunday morning we will talk some about Jesus' commandment to his disciples. I hope you can be there at the church or at millerpresby.com.

Blessings,

Brian Jones