

First Annual Strong Silverton

Neighborhood Night Out

Friday August 14



On the **second Friday in August (the 14th)**, we're asking you to take your normally prepared dinner out into your front yard (or in front of your residence if you don't have a yard) and set up a table, or just a chair, and eat outside. Being in your front yard will encourage (socially distanced) conversations with your neighbors, and after you're done, take a walk through your neighborhood and say hello to those you pass or those who're still eating. Make a new connection. Renew an old one. Learn something about each other. For those without homes, local service providers are working on how they would be able to participate.

If you have children, encourage them to make a sidewalk-chalk design in front of your residence that says something about why they love your neighborhood. It could be words, pictures or both. While walking your neighborhood, notice these drawings and think about why YOU love your neighborhood.

Most of all, take a lot of photos and post to this page or event, along with an identification of what neighborhood you're from.

<https://www.facebook.com/strongsilverton>

Living Positively in Negative Times

August 9, 2020

1. We are pro-_____

_____ in all ages and stages; the unborn and the age worn (Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 42:5; Acts 17:25)

Father filled man with the "breath of _____" (Gen. 2:7)

Son is the "Author of _____" (Acts 3:15)

Holy Spirit "gives _____" (John 6:63)



Revelation 22:2



Rev. 21:6



Rev. 21:27



Rev. 2:10

The spiritually alive have eternal _____ (1 John 5:11-12)

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I [Jesus] have come that they may have **life** and have it to the full (John 10:10).*

2. We are pro-_____

Father "is _____ and in Him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5).

Son is "the _____ of the world." (John 8:12)

Holy Spirit enlightens minds and hearts to understand God's Word (1 Cor. 2:12; Eph. 1:17-18)

_____ doesn't create, it only reveals (John 3:20-21)

God-_____ makes everything visible (Eph. 5:14)

*"But if we walk in the **light**, as He is in the **light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).*

3. We are pro-_____

We have two guides, “light and _____” (Psalm 43:3)

Father is “the God of _____” (Psa. 31:5; Isa. 65:16)

Son is “the Way, the _____, and the life” (John 14:6)

Holy Spirit is the “Spirit of _____” (John 14:17)

God’s Word is _____ (John 17:17)

The belt of _____ is part of spiritual armor (Eph. 6:14)

“Instead, speaking the **truth** in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ (Ephesians 4:15)

4. We are pro-_____

Father is called the “God of all _____” (1 Pet. 5:10)

Son is “from the Father, full of _____ and truth” (John 1:14, see also 1:17)

Holy Spirit is called the “Spirit of _____ and prayer” (Zechariah 12:10)

“... by _____ you have been saved” (Eph. 2:5 and 8)

We are “justified by His _____” (Rom. 3:24; Titus 3:7)

_____ teaches us to live for God (Titus 2:11-14)

_____ is not a license to indulge in immorality (Jude 4)

“The **grace** of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen” (Revelation 22:21).

Four commitments to align my will with God’s will

- Support **life**—I will help whomever is alive, physically and spiritually
- Shine **light**—I will walk in the Light, turning and re-turning to Him
- Speak **truth**—I will lovingly echo what God has already said
- Spread **grace**—I will bless people more than they deserve

On Your Own (better with others)

PRO-LIFE

Do you consider yourself to be ‘pro-life?’ YES NO MAYBE

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PRO-LIGHT

“Light does not create, it reveals.” How does this author’s candid description of Christians strike you? Too bright?

We are not always lovable. Hasty words leap from our mouths. Hurtful acts of harm come from us. We are difficult to live with. We are preoccupied with our own problems. We vent our anxiety and anger. Our fear overtakes us. Rage escapes from us. We are sullen and silent. We are overbearing and obnoxious. We are not our best selves. . . . We remember slights. We allow grudges and resentments to block our compassion. Old shadows and past grief hinder us. Doubts and difficulties cloud our minds. Despair and depression freeze our hearts. We want to forgive former hurts but cannot quite bring ourselves to do so. Worries and frustrations get the better of us.

(Small, Strong Church, p 76)

PRO-TRUTH

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5. What did Paul tell Timothy that people would rather hear than the truth?

Truth should never be used as a weapon to wound, but only as an instrument of healing in skilled hands. Explain the difference.

PRO-GRACE

What good is grace after being saved by grace? Is it still needed?

Or, is it like a booster rocket that fires, then falls away useless?