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Come to Know.....

Come to Love.....

Come to Serve.....

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Office is closed on Monday, July 5th for the Holiday weekend.

Independence Day is a day to celebrate all the service men and women who fought for our freedoms. **Thank You all for your service!** May you all have a safe and fun holiday weekend!

Family Fun Day

Jeremy has scheduled a family fun day for the church for anyone who can come on Saturday, July 24th. Meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch. See Jeremy for more information.

Church Picnic

Save the date, July 25th will be our church picnic this year. It will be held at the Kimball YMCA Camp at Reading, Michigan again this year. The meat and service items will be furnished. We are asking for all to bring your favorite covered dish to share. We will head to the camp after our worship service on this day. We will eat around 1:00 p.m. Invite your family and friends to join you on this special day. The address of the Kimball Camp is 4502 Berlin Dr, Reading, MI 49274.

School of Missions at LJCC

We will be **cancelling our Sunday Evening Service on July 25th** for the School of Missions at LJCC. **We will also be cancelling our Wednesday evening Bible Study** so that anyone wanting to go to the School of Missions can do so.

WCS Meeting

We will **not** be having a meeting in July. Our next WCS meeting will be Tuesday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses for this meeting are Anita Keller & Morgan Jones. Devotions will be given by Kay Hickman. Our project for this month is the Ladies Prayer Breakfast and the clowns for Lee Ladd's prison ministry. All ladies are welcome and invited to attend.

Loving God's Word

- Jeremy S. Jones

How do we love God's Word? We sing, "O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus; O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me." But how well do we love His word? **John 14:15** states, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." So, do we really love Jesus?

As I challenged us at the beginning of the year to read through the Bible in a year, many of you took up that challenge (it's not too late to jump on). I took the challenge and have made it ½ way through the year now (crazy challenge for me as this is the first time, I have done this). The Bible Reading, I am using has taken me to Psalm 119. An extremely long Psalm, but packed with such truth. As you read through it you can see the love the Psalmist has for God's Word.

Here are a few examples:

- *"With all my heart I seek you. Do not allow me to stray from your commands (v.10)"*
- *"I find delight in your statutes; I do not forget your instructions. (v.16)"*
- *"I desperately long to know your regulations at all times. (v.20)"*
- *"Yes, I find delight in your rules; they give me guidance. (v.24)"*
- *"I will speak about your regulations before kings and not be ashamed. I will find delight in your commands which I love. I will lift my hands to your commands, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes. (v.46 – 48)"*
- *"I find hope in your word. (v.147)"*

These are but a few of the praises the Psalmist gives to God's Word. It is his life, his hope, his salvation. Do we see God's Word that way? Do we long for it, do we crave it, do we feel empty when we have been away from it for a time?

John 20:31 states, "but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." These things were written (the Bible) that we may believe in Christ and in believing we will have life with Him.

Christians, I encourage you let us long for God's Word as deeply as we long to get to Heaven. Let us love His word as deeply as we love Him. For to love Christ, is to keep His commandments.