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Come to Know.....

Come to Love.....
Come to Serve.....

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Food Pantry

Columbia is in charge of the food pantry this month. The Food Pantry is every Tuesday evening this month. If you can help with this outreach please get a hold of Jeremy Jones. We need 2 or 3 people to help each night.

Labor Day Weekend

Labor Day is September 6th and the office will be closed. If you need to get a hold of someone at the church in case of an emergency, please call the elder on call listed on the back of your bulletin.

WCS meeting

September 14th is our WCS meeting. Hostesses for this meeting are Ruth Martin and Darla Delaney. Our projects are the fall kick off and the Ladies Prayer Breakfast.

Fall Kick-off

September 19th we will be having our Fall Kick off. We will be having a cook-out, games, and possibly a movie. Invite your family, friends and the youth to come join us.

Affirmation of Leadership

September 19th we will also be having our **Affirmation of Leadership**. This is a vote of the members of the congregation, 18 years and older, to affirm the Elders and Deacons in our leadership for the next year, 2022. A list will be made out soon as to who will be voted on.

Trine Student Meal

September 20th is the date that we will be preparing the meal for the Trine Students. We will be doing the Ham dinner as we have done in the past. Help will be needed. If you can do cheesy potatoes, a cobbler, corn, green beans or cook the ham for this meal, Please see Connie Allomong.

Kulpahar Offering

September 26th will be the offering for **Kulpahar Kids Home**. Each year we take up a special offering to help the Kulpahar Kids home have a Christmas Meal and a gift for each child. Please be in prayer for this offering.

Furniture Needed

If anyone has any good unused furniture that they want to donate to the church, we are looking for some to put in the small house. We want it furnished for visitors or a youth minister when we hire one. We could use couches, chairs, beds, end tables, Kitchen table set, etc.

Who is the Leviathan?

- Jeremy S. Jones

For the past month we have been exploring how Genesis plays a major role throughout the Bible. Everything from major themes in the Old Testament to major conversations in the New circle back to the 1st 11 chapters of Genesis. (*Side note: It's not too late to jump in on the study. We meet Wednesday night at 7 at the church.*)

We just finished up the Book of Job. It is crazy how many references to Genesis are in that book, and they are not just in the finale chapters when God is talking. They are littered throughout. I want for a moment to focus on Job 41, a chapter that focuses on the Leviathan. Go read Job 41 and come back.....

Glad your back. When we read about the Leviathan, many people have said it was a sea monster, a dinosaur (the Liopleurodon) or an ancient crocodile. But when you look at the description of the Leviathan and look at the original wording, it translates to "Dragon."

*"His back is made of rows of shields, shut up closely as with a seal. One is so near to another that no air can come between them. They are joined one to another; they clasp each other and cannot be separated. His sneezing flash forth light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the dawn. **Out of his mouth go flaming torches; sparks of fire leap forth. Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes. His breath kindles coals, and a flame comes forth from his mouth.**" (Job 41:15 – 21)*

When you look at other references to Leviathan in Scripture (Psalm 74:14, Psalm 104:26 and twice in Isaiah 27:1) you see a reference to dragon, and not only to dragon, but the "Great Dragon" himself, Satan. So, you see here God is showing Job both a creature that we can only guess at what it looks like and giving Job a reference to Satan, himself.

The great assurance Job has here, and we have is found in verses 10 – 11 *"No one is so fierce that he dares to stir him up. **Who then is he who can stand before me? Who has first given to me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.**"* God tells Job no one wants to mess with the Leviathan, but the Leviathan is subjected to God's authority. With all it's great power, it is nothing to God. Satan is the same.

This is the great news of the Gospel. No matter how great the enemy seems or how big of advantage he seems to get, in the end he loses to the power of the resurrection. Christ dying on the cross and rising again defeated sin and death once and for all. And in Christ, we are free from condemnation and guilt. We can stand before a holy God and be at peace.