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Come to Know.....

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

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WCS meeting

Our next WCS Meeting will be November 9th at 7 p.m. Hostesses are: Annette Chapin & Alice Kemarly we will be planning the Christmas Dinner. We have set the date for that dinner, which will be held on Wednesday evening, December 8th at 6 p.m. All Ladies are invited to attend these meetings. We meet each month on the second Tuesday in the church office at 7:00 p.m. WCS stands for Women in Christian Service, so you all will fit right in. Please join us.

Thanksgiving Dinner

We will be having a pot luck Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 21st. right after our worship service. We hope that everyone will bring their favorite dish to share and join us in this fellowship meal. If you have family or friends that you would like to invite to our church, this would be a perfect time for them to get to know us. We welcome everyone to attend our services and fellowship.

December is on it's way!

December is fast approaching and people start thinking about Christmas and winter and sometimes they get really depressed. This year with all that is going on, step back and look for all the good things that has happened and for the good that will be coming in the future. In the winter a lot of elderly get shut in for the winter because of the fear of falling on ice or they can't get shoveled out of their drives, and they get very depressed. You can make a great difference in their lives just by going by to visit them for a few hours. It just breaks up their day so they can think of pleasant memories to share. It also lets them know that someone cares.

This Christmas they say shelves will be pretty empty for gift buying. This year why not make a gift? It will be more personable and it will come from the heart. The true meaning of Christmas is the birth of our Savior. We can share this with all that we come in contact with. Show your Love to those that feel lost, depressed and alone. I think the joys of Christmas is the fellowship we share with our families and friends. We all can make this a joyful year. Share Jesus, He is the true meaning of Christmas and money cannot buy that.

\mathfrak{W} hat are we waiting on?

Jeremy S. Jones

We all at some point in our lives are waiting on something. Whether it's a package from Amazon, a guest coming to your house, (hard to believe it's almost here) Christmas or in our house the arrival of a new baby. We are all waiting on something. And that is soooooooo hard to do.

We make planes, clean up, rearrange and may be even decorate to get things ready. As a child, and if I'm honest even as an adult, we count down the hours until what we want comes. In my house, not that we get something special every day, going to check the mail is a

BIG deal. Sometimes we lose kids cause they have taken off to check the mail. Waiting,

preparation and expectation all come from our desire to have that special something. And this got me thinking, do we spend as much time preparing, getting anxious, counting the days, the hours for the return of Christ?

Scripture is filled with warnings about being ready. In **Matthew 25:1 – 30** Jesus gives two parables of being ready and the dangers of being caught unprepared (Go back and read them). And in **Matthew 24:4 – 8** Jesus gives us signs to look for. But he warns that these are only the beginning of what is to come. We must not be frightened by the signs, but we must be aware of them and make preparation. For a time will come when *"Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left.* ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding grain with a hand mill; one will be taken and one left. (Matthew 24:40 – 41)"

Will you be ready?