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Come to Know.....

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

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<u>Christmas Dinner</u>

Our Christmas Dinner will be December 8th at 6 p.m. We will be having an ornament exchange. If you would like to participate in this exchange just bring a wrapped ornament and set it on the table provided. We draw names to pick the ornaments. We will also be reveiling our secret sisters and picking our secret sister for the New Year 2022.

Christmas Program, Caroling and Soup Supper

Sunday, December 19th is also the Christmas program in the morning at our worship hour. The Christmas Program starts at 10:00 a.m. We will not be having Sunday school on this day.

Sunday afternoon, December19th – We will be going Christmas Caroling and afterwards we will have a Soup Supper. We will be leaving Church at 3 p.m. to go caroling. There is a signup sheet in the foyer for snacks, cookies and fruit for the Goodie boxes that we hand out as we go to the homes caroling.

Friday Evening, December 24th we will be having a Christmas Evening service at 6 p.m. Hope you all can join us for this special service.

Christmas Cards

It is the time of year that you can bring in your Christmas Card to the People in the Church. Every year to help people save money we get one Christmas card for the whole congregation and hang it on the wall for all to read. If you would like to share this way you can bring your card in at any time now.

Office Closed

We will be closed on December 24, 25 & 26 for Christmas and December 31^{st} to January 3^{rd} for New Years.

$\mathcal{C}_{hallenge}$ for the Holidays

-Jeremy S. Jones

I was scanning through Facebook when I came across a post that was touching, but also challenging. A married couple posted that they went to a college campus with two signs. One read "Free Mom Hugs" the other said "Free Dad Hugs." In the post they described how everyone that passed them came (some times more than once) for a hug. They spoke about these "Free Hugs" sometimes lead to some very meaningful conversations. They ended the post with these words,

"I'm so overwhelmed by the goodness of God and the way He loves us.

Our feet are sore.

Our arms are sore.

Our ribs are sore.

But our hearts are so, so full."

What a testimony!! What a challenge!! During this time of year we, so many times, get wrapped up in the stress of what is the perfect gift that we need to buy. When the "GREATEST GIFT" is simply a kind smile, a listening ear and a warm hug. As we go into this holiday season, I challenge us to walk as this couple walked, as they walked as Jesus walked. In fact, Paul says it this way in 1 Corinthians 11:1, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." So, let us go out and be the hands and feet of Jesus. Let us go out with a kind smile, a listening ear and let us give away some "free" warm hugs. And remember they came to Jesus, not because of the "GREAT" things he said, but the compassion he showed. And from that compassion, they listened to the "GREAT" things he said. Will you share the Gospel this holiday season?