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Come to Know.....

Come to Love.....

Come to Serve.....

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Affirmation of Leadership

Today is our *vote for our leadership* for the new year, 2023. The Elders that are serving now are: Tim Hickman, Bob Martin, Milan Towers and Greg Vogel. The Deacons that are serving now are: Eric Allen, Randy Allomong, Tyler Chapin, Mitch Stanley, Charlie Stomm and Mike Zimmer. Offering secretaries are: Milan Towers and asst. Mitch Stanley. Trustees are: Milan Towers, Greg Vogel and Tim Hickman.

WCS Meeting

Our next WCS meeting will be Tuesday, October 11th. at 7 p.m. Hostess for this meeting is: Anita Keller. Devotions will be given by Connie Towers.

Our next project is the Ladies Prayer Breakfast that will be on October 22nd. Jessica Allen will be our speaker. We will also be trying a new thing, a Ladies Bible Study before our meetings. So if there is a topic that you would be interested in, we would like to have your impute. We hope all the Ladies will come and join us.

Ladies Night Out at Lake James

Ladies mark your calendars for October 10th for the Ladies Night Out at Lake James. You can sign up on line or call the camp at 260-833-2786 to make your reservation. You can also let Jan Hauenstein know and she can call the camp and make the reservation for all. Need to know by Sunday, October 3rd, if Jan is calling for you. **COST:** \$12 for ages 6-12, \$17 for ages 13 and up.

TIMES: Continuous Dinner 5:15-6:45, Worship at 7:00p.m. Leaders: Mark & Deana Walters.

Pumpkin Carving

As in the past we will be doing pumpkin carving with the kids on Wednesday Evening, October 26th. We will not have Bible Study on this Evening so that the adults can join our youth in an evening of Creative fun. Adults, help is needed on this evening, so please come out and help with the youth.

Let's Make Memories

- Jeremy S. Jones

As I have been reading various Books of the Bible, some for personal study and others preparing for future church studies. I have had to stop at **Ecclesiastes 12:13 – 14**, which states, *“The end of the matter, all that has been heard: fear God and keep His commandments, because this is the end of the matter for mankind. For God will bring every work to judgement, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.”* This led me to think, what are God's commandments? God's commandments come down to one simple word “Love.”

The Bible is filled with tons of Scripture on “Love.” In fact, there is a whole chapter dedicated to the matter, 1 Corinthians 13. And while it has been used in many weddings, it goes beyond that to. It describes the way we are to live. In fact, Jesus says in **John 13:35** *“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”* How do we do that? I would challenge us that it first starts at home.

Deuteronomy 6:4 – 9, commands us to *“love God and each other.”* God takes it a step further and commands us to teach this to our children. It goes on to explain how to do this through a couple of different ways. It boils down, however, that we are to teach our children this commandment by living it. It is here I would like to challenge us to make memories.

And what I mean, is make memories that children will talk about for years to come. The catch, however, is the subject matter will look something like this, *“Do you remember the time we went to the park and helped serve lunches to the homeless or the time we ran to raise money for that orphanage? Yeah, I will never forget how God showed up that day. And I'm sure Dad won't either. People couldn't stop laughing. Poor Dad.”*

To serve does not always mean it happens in a particular way, at a particular time. In fact, when we say *“Today, we are going to serve. Here we are God use us.”* He, often, does things that we never would have planned for.” And it is those times that we remember the most and He gets all the credit.

As we begin this new turn in here at Columbia Church of Christ, I challenge us to find ways to serve as a family, to make memories in those times and bring another family along with you. We take others on vacation with us and some of our favorite stories around the table are about those times. Shouldn't we have more stories about what God has done? Will you come and serve with our “crazy, trying to look normal” family. We would love to have you.