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Come to Know.....

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WCS Meeting

*Our next WCS meeting will be Tuesday, September **13th. at 7 p.m.** Hostesses for this meeting are: Ruth Martin and Darla Delaney. Devotions will be given by Nancy Crawford.*

Thanks to the ladies that worked on the clown dolls, they are all finished. Our next projects are the Fall Kick off and the Ladies Prayer Breakfast. We hope all the Ladies will come and join us.

Trine Student Dinner

*We still need people to help with the food for the **Trine Meal on Monday, September 12th.** The food has to be at the church by 5:00p.m. no later. If you are willing to make something, check out the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway by the office. Things that are needed are: someone to make a roaster of cheesy potatoes or several to make a large crock pot of potatoes it takes at least 20# of potatoes to feed them. 2 -5 quart containers of ice cream, 1 more fruit cobbler and 2 more large pans of brownies. If you can help please sign your name to the sheet.*

Affirmation of Leadership

***September 18th** after our worship service we will be having a vote to confirm the leadership for the new year 2023. You have to be a member of the church and over the age of 16 to vote. If you have any questions see one of the Elders that are serving now: Tim Hickman, Bob Martin, Milan Towers or Greg Vogel.*

***VANITIES** of Vanities*

-Jeremy Jones

Have you ever stopped and read Ecclesiastes? And I don't mean just read it as in for a Read Through the Bible Plan. I mean really sit down with the text and read it. If not, I would encourage you to do so. For when we stop and take a hard look at Ecclesiastes we see "the Preacher" asks some very real questions. Questions that he not only struggled with himself, but questions that are very real to us today.

*He starts this way, "The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. 'Vanity of vanities,' says the Preacher, 'Vanity of vanities! All is vanity.' What advantage does man have in all his labor in which he labors under the sun? A generation goes and a generation comes, but the earth stands forever." (**Ecclesiastes 1:1 – 4**)*

*Solomon in all his riches, his fame, his victories, his alliances, and his wisdom came to the end of his days with only these words, "The end of the matter, all that has been heard: fear God and keep commandments, because this is the end of the matter for all mankind. For God will bring every work to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether good or evil." (**Ecclesiastes 12:13 – 14**) The man who had everything, in the end, realized he had nothing unless he had God.*

How true these words are and yet we, like Solomon, spend so much time and energy on things that are temporary. Things that seem for a moment to be important. But what really matters in the end is eternity. Are we holding on to things of this world or are we looking toward eternity? This has been a hard lesson for me to learn. Through these many trials I have come through, I have come to agree with 'the Preacher' ""The end of the matter, all that has been heard: fear God and keep commandments, because this is the end of the matter for all mankind."

There is only God and His commandments and nothing more. Let us take a moment and look at the things around us, things we hold dear to and ask the question, "Where does God lay in all of this?" Let us not come to the end of our lives and, like Solomon, regret that we spent so much time on things that are fleeting. And not on things that are eternal. For as 'the Preacher' says all these things apart from God is "Vanities of vanities! All is vanity."