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Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Unplugging

It is not uncommon for my first two days after vacation to be a technological marathon. Phone calls and hundreds of emails demand attention, swamping all face-to-face communication. I hunker down and proceed to “interact” without ever looking into anyone’s eyes or sorting out the cues of body language. As the “out of office” notice disappears from my email, people say – “glad you’re back!” – then they hit send and we are back in “touch.” Two or three days later – I am caught up – without really seeing many people face to face. Then “normal” life returns. I spend hours staring at a computer screen: reading, answering emails, preparing lessons, etc.

Unplugging is the desire to be fully present and uninterrupted in my interactions with God and others. Unplugging calls us to leave the virtual world of technology (computers, email, smartphones, Ipods, etc.) in order to become present to God and others. Unplugging recognizes that personal beings are created for personal interaction by a personal God. We need to be in the presence of each other. Digital connections aren’t enough to keep us healthy. We need to be touched. We need nonverbal signals. We need uninterrupted spaces in our lives for the presence of God and the presence of others.

With the aid of technology, we can attempt to juggle multiple worlds at the same time. But we can’t keep juggling for twenty-four hours a day and not get worn out. In a world where people use the internet an average of 30 hours per week and keep the TV or radio on 7.9 hours per day, we need to get unplugged from virtual reality and address our addiction to technology and the toxins it brings into our lives. Unplug, and look into the eyes of another human face – see the beauty of God’s creation!

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Tim Taylor
Pam Aldrich
Dennis Rosenbaum
Nolan Adams
Crystal Emery (Gloria’s mom)

Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie
Kay Kinnamon
Ryker Berens
Betty Peptone (David’s Sister)
Maverick Riegel

Katie Rosenbaum
Clay Mason
Miguel Devore
Helen Coffey
Clint Kinnamon
Landon Marks

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

We will **NOT** have youth group tonight.

Silver Maple Camp

If you would like your children to go to Silver Maple Camp or if you would like more information please contact Zeb.

Save the Date:

May 31-June 6 - SMC Early Session
June 7 - Kolton Sizemore Graduation recognition
June 13 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
July 5-July 11 - SMC 1st Session
July 12-July 18 - SMC 2nd Session
July 19-July 25 - SMC 3rd Session
August 5 and 12 - VBS

Birthdays

None



Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Zeb & Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #449 - Thy Word

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (Romans 6:3-5)

Song: #453 - Love Lifted Me

Song: #324 - Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?

Communion: Richard Brensing (Stan Aldrich, Jerry Kinnamon, Shawn Batten)

*Song: #902 - Nothing but the Blood

Lesson #1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #480 - Blessed Assurance (vs. 1)

Lesson #2: Zeb Carter

Song: #470 - Victory in Jesus (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Darrel Bauer

* During the final verse of this song, children will be dismissed for Bible Hour.



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