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Bible Class: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Hospitality

The world seems to become more dangerous every day. People feel vulnerable in their own homes and on guard in the presence of others. Many environments are competitive, hostile, and unsafe. Safe places and safe people are few and far between. True welcome and nurture seem a long-lost dream. Because we have been welcomed into the love of Christ and received as dearly loved children, we can offer the world a place of safety and healing. We can incarnate the welcoming heart of God for the world. God welcomes strangers, inviting them to share his home and get to know his family. During World War II an entire French village risked their lives to welcome and shelter Jews. When minister Andre Trocme was asked why the village responded as they did, he replied, "I could not bear to be separated from Jesus." That is hospitality at its core – offering the welcome of Jesus to any and all.

The discipline of hospitality is the desire to be a safe person who offers others the grace, shelter, and presence of Jesus. Hospitality creates a safe, open space where a friend or stranger can enter and experience the welcoming spirit of Christ in another. It is not about impressing others with well-decorated homes and gourmet cooking. It is not simply for the gifted or those with clean homes. Hospitality is a way of loving our neighbor in the same way God has loved us.

The early church shaped their life together around the practice of hospitality (breaking bread with glad and sincere hearts, Acts 2:46-47). Our world desperately needs safe people and safe places. Hospitality is one way we can become God's welcoming arms in a big and often hostile world.

In Our Prayers

Pam Aldrich
Crystal Emery (Gloria's mom)
Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie

Betty Peptone (David's Sister)
Clay Mason
Miguel Devore
Mrs. Rose (Nancy's Mom)

Natalie Lippholdt
Loree Boyle

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

We will have youth group tonight at 7 PM at the church building.

Potluck [Next Sunday]

Please make plans to join us for our monthly potluck fellowship meal immediately following services next Sunday.

Wednesday Night Bible Hour [Wednesday]

Wednesday Night Bible Hour will start this Wednesday at 6 PM. There is still some signups on the table in the foyer.

Ladies Bible Class [Begins Sept. 9]

The ladies Bible class will resume on Sept. 9 at 9:30 AM at the church building. They will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. They are studying the life of Jesus through the book of Luke. Please invite friends to join!

Sewing for the Master [Sept. 15]

Sewing for the Master will be placing boxes to send to Zambia on Tues., Sept. 15 at 9:00 AM at Silver Maple camp in the main building. Lunch provided. Men and women welcome to come help.

Save the Date:

September 13 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
September 25-27 - SMC Ladies Retreat
September 26 - Cookout at Chet and Marla's House
October 11 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
November 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
November 13-15 - SMC Fall Teen Retreat

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Carl & Janet Feril

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Song Leader: Shawn Batten

Gathering: #162 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Chris Mansel (Revelation 4:11)

Song: #23 - Our God, He is Alive

Song: #364 - Come, Share the Lord

Communion: Carl Feril (Darrel Bauer, Darrel Willinger, Aaron Rudy)

*Song: #47 - Holy, Holy, Holy

Lesson 1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #490 - It is Well with My Soul (vs. 1)

Lesson 2: Zeb Carter

Song: #193 - Crown Him with Many Crowns

Closing Prayer: James Harmon

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

