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Happy Thanksgiving

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Growing in Christ is not an easy thing. If you think of some of Christ's calls to follow him to his contemporaries you'll read such things as ... "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mt 4:19); "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead" (Mt 8:22); "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" (Jn 6:53); "Do you love me? Feed my sheep" (Jn 21:15).



Following Christ means that we give up ourselves to be his disciples. A disciple is a learner, a student. Students sit at the feet of their teachers to soak up the knowledge that the teacher has to offer. But Jesus is even different than that; he offers us not mere knowledge, but a life that is totally different from what our world and culture offers. It is a life of peace, kindness, serving and true caring. It is a life that places ourselves on the altar before God that we might receive the blessings that only the True Deity of the universe can give.

Growing in Christ is not about becoming all that we can be (to use the Army's favorite phrase). It is not about self-actualization. It is not about fulfilling our inner most desires and wants. It is not about attaining fame or fortune. It is about literally becoming just like Christ. It is about being Christ in our shoes, our world, our families, our jobs, and our environment.

Easy? Not at all. But it is what we are all called to be. Christ incarnate. Jesus in the flesh. Emmanuel, God with us by being through us.

Blessings,

Pastor Chuck

Becoming a Disciple of Jesus

Do you consider yourself to be a disciple of Christ? Discipleship is the term used in the gospels to designate the condition of being followers of Jesus. In general, a disciple is an active follower of a leader or movement, religious or otherwise. It is a life-style, which first seeks the kingdom and its justice, follows Jesus wherever he goes and is willing to renounce all other interests to the extent that they become obstacles to these goals. Frequently the New Testament uses the word disciple in the sense of pupil, adherent, and one who continues in the Master's word.

Jesus' demands on his disciples were extremely radical, at times even harsh, as when he told someone who wanted to follow him to "let the dead bury their own dead". For John, discipleship is identical with being a Christian, through believing (John 2:11), abiding in the word (John 8:31), living in a community of mutual love, service and humility. Being a disciple meant accepting Jesus as teacher and becomes life's most important reality. Jesus taught his followers to make the pursuit of the Kingdom of God their highest priority (Matt 6:33). They immediately left their career to become members of Jesus' original group of the twelve.

Discipleship is the process by which a follower becomes more like their teacher by adhering to their teaching and doctrine. It is a process that we should never be content or satisfied with; there is always room for growth. Also it is a process of transforming into what Christ was and is, and it also contains an obligation to bring others with us. Discipleship is taking Christ's yoke and learning from Him (Matthew 11:29). It is the saint sitting at His feet and hearing His Word. So it is not simply a decision of belief at some point in time but an ongoing process of following, and if the discipleship relationship with Jesus is allowed to mature, the time will come when the person chooses to be a disciple because of love and respect for Jesus.

Producing mature disciples was the Lord's task when He was on earth, and was also the task of the apostles. The rigorous requirements of discipleship are many and they are difficult. Believers must be willing to pay the cost of being conformed to Christ, which is the goal of all discipleship. Suddenly, discipleship becomes much more than a quick hour long Bible studies once a week.

(Adapted, <http://articles.faithwriters.com/reprint-article-details.php?article=13002>)

Servant Appreciation
&
All Church Dinner

Wednesday, November 2nd
@ 6:00 pm

Ryan's Steakhouse, Moline



Loyal Crusaders Sunday School class is taking orders for
16" Balsam Christmas Wreaths.



\$16.00 each

You may call the office with your order

@ 757-4300. All orders due by November 5th.

Delivery will be November 26th.

Name _____

Quantity _____

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Tom Akers
- 2 Angie Clark
- 2 Pastor Chuck
- 2 Laurie Peters
- 3 Marsha Williams
- 6 Laurie York
- 8 Megan Dorsey
- 11 Evelyn Inch
- 13 Linda Miller
- 16 Carol Hancock
- 19 Harold Baker
- 27 Terry Jacks
- 29 Kim Roesner
- 30 Bill Moellering, Jr.



- 9 Jim & Beverley Ducey
- 21 Richard & Carol Hancock

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Please remember these in your prayers:

Darlene Lovell, Helen Slavens, Darry & Colleen Kannenberg, Dan and Christine Koester, Nanette Walters, Joanne Kline, Harold Baker, Donna Wilkins, Helen Pitcher, Neal Bunce, Dorothy Cline, Leo Ford, Lynette Cameron, Peggy Walker, Bernice Hovey, Juanita Brown, Loretta Smith, Gordon Milligan, Caryl VanHyfte, Cyndee Browner, Charles Willey, Wade Rogers, Nellie Porter, Andy & Vickie Parker, Michael Worrick, Cecil Dorsey, Matt, Ava, Andy Simmons, Michael Grabbe, Jacque Brandom, Crystal Raun, the Wright family, Al Fortin, Shirley Rudd, Beverley Ducey, Sandy Kilcoin, Kimberly Delaney, Jan Smith, and to all of those that are not on our Prayer List that are in need of your prayers.

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our Prayer List or those who would like a "Home Visit", please contact the Church office.

DISCOVERY LAND



Come enjoy conversation at the Connections Cafe' and Worship at the Gathering while your little one's learn more about God's awesome power.

Children may be checked-in to Discovery Land (Birth - 5 years old) children's ministries at any time between 10:00 and 10:30 AM each Sunday morning.

Your children will enjoy learning about God by participating in activities, children's praise and worship, games and crafts that help them to understand God at their age level.

When you arrive please see one of the check-in attendants to receive a name badge and number for your children.

KIDZ-A-BLAZE

Kidz-A-Blaze is for children 1st thru 5th grade. We want to help your child be on fire for God! MCC's Kidz-A-Blaze leaders are devoted to helping children grow closer to God and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible and Jesus' love through providing them with interactive activities, stories, games, music, and prayer. Your kids will enjoy their time at Kidz-A-Blaze and grow in their relationship with Christ as well.

When you arrive please see one of the check-in attendants to receive a name badge and number for your children.

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November 1, 2012.

Please contact the church office to purchase
one of these booklets.

November Serving Schedule

Worship Service

ELDERS

Meditation: Doree' Shewell

Back Table: Carol Hancock

DEACONS

Captain: Barb Stinocher

Jerry Stinocher

Marcy Burnett

Ken Lue

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Pastor Chuck Dorsey

Ray & Julie Guss

COMMUNION PREPARER

Linda Swartz

Nancy Wagner

HOME-BOUND COMMUNION

Roberta Brostrom

CONNECTIONS CAFÉ

Linda & Nicole Miller & Co.

EVANGELISM CALLER

Pastor Chuck

Children's / Kid's Ministry

DISCOVERY LAND

Sundays:

1st - Crystal Cutkomp

2nd - Nancy Wagner

3rd - Doree' Shewell

4th - Felicia Sevedge

KIDS A BLAZE

Sundays:

1st - 4th - Kim & Megan Dorsey

CHECK IN DESK

Sundays:

1st - Barb Stinocher

2nd - Felicia Sevedge

3rd - Tonya Weinrich

4th - Kelle Tappendorf

The Holiday Season is here and we would love to
have you join us at our annual



Holiday Magic Style Show



Saturday, November 19, 2011

i-Wireless Center, Moline

Take time for yourself...

It will be a terrific afternoon
filled with Holiday Shopping with over

20 Vendors

to choose from beginning at 10:00 am. Holiday gift wrapping will
be available for a free-will offering.

Tasty lunch and drinks, 12 Noon

Style Show 12:30

Please RSVP by November

309.757.1300

4506 41st St, Moline, IL

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MAXX Models Fashion Consultants

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\$30 per person or

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