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In Christ Weekly

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Meeting Times:

- Sunday 10:30 AM
Worship Service

This Month's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Kelli Progner	2 nd
JD Moel	3 rd
Tey Sandquist	4 th
Steve Ellis	8 th
Paula Gollnick	11 th
Mallory Sage	12 th
Sam Mingo	14 th
Sherri Hamilton	16 th
Dawn Sandquist	23 rd
Sofie Sandquist	23 rd
Daniel & Fran	5 th
Jon & Shayla	9 th
Marty & Carol	17 th
Anthony & Sherri	19 th

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We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty

7 *"Will any one of you, who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep, say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down at table'? 8 Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and gird yourself and serve me, till I eat and drink; and afterward you shall eat and drink'? 9 Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"* Luke 17:7-10

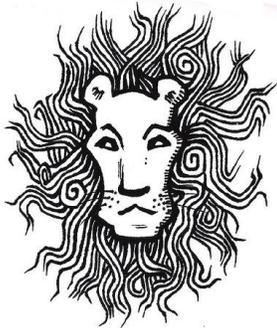
Are you ready to give the Lord your best, regardless of what it might cost you? Perhaps we are like the laborer in Jesus' parable who expected special favor and reward for going the extra mile? How unfair for the master to compel his servant to give more than what was expected! Don't we love to assert our rights: "I will give only what is required

and no more!" But who can satisfy the claims of love? Jesus used this parable of the dutiful servant to explain that we can never put God in our debt or make the claim that God owes us something. We must regard ourselves as God's servants, just as Jesus came *"not to be served, but to serve"* (Matthew 20:28). Service of God and of neighbor is both a voluntary or free act and a sacred duty. One can volunteer for service or be compelled to do service for one's country or one's family when special needs arise. Likewise, God expects us to give him the worship and praise which is his due. And he gladly accepts the free-will offering of our lives to him and to his service. What makes our offering pleasing to God is the love we express in the gift of self-giving. True love is sacrificial, generous, and selfless.

How can we love others selflessly and

unconditionally? Scripture tells us that God himself is *love* (1 John 4:16) because he is the author of life and source of all relationships. He created us in love for love and he fills our hearts with the boundless love that gives whatever is good for the sake of another (Romans 5:5). *If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us* (1 John 4:12). God honors the faithful servant who loves and serves others generously. He is ever ready to work in and through us for his glory. We must remember, however, that God can never be indebted to us. We have no claim on him. His love compels us to give him our best! And when we have done our best, we have simply done our duty. We can never outmatch God in doing good and showing love. God loves us without measure. Does the love of God compel you to give your best?

Prayer Requests!



Pray for our outreach and testimony to the people around us during the upcoming Christmas season.

Pray for our extended ministries: Our Cell Groups; Abba's Delight; GWI; Grupo SER en Cristo; Selah Summer Concert Series; One City One Church; City-Wide Worship & Prayer; Paul, Lita & family who minister and work in Shanghai, China.

Pray for Ruth Young as she is still recovering from surgery.

Pray for Beth as she has moved back to New York to take care of her daughter Laura.

Please **pray** for Kelli's son Aaron Zophy.

Pray for Charlie Brewer!

Our DNA Factors

- Kingdom Of God
- Effective Outreach
- Personal & Corporate Destiny
- Multi-generationalism
- Knowing and Being known

Church News

GROWING UP AND GOING OUT!!!

Here's the remaining schedule:

Nov: 7,8,9
14,15,16

Community Meeting 30

CWU Christmas and ICCM Tea

The CWU Christmas Program has a new venue. We are now meeting at Highland Vineyard Church - where we do baptisms. Everything else is the same - December 3rd, 10:00 registration and 10:30 Program. I am also canceling the women's tea for that

date. New date to be announced. I am responsible for the program and clean-up and since we are having a turkey dinner, it will take me well into the afternoon to supervise clean-up. Thank you for understanding. Dawn

Dawn's Mom

Thank you to all who helped move Dawn's mom, Ruth!!!

Threads of Hope

Thank you to those who participated in the TOH Bunco night, it was a great success!

Upcoming Events:

Dec 3rd:
Church Women United Christmas Program

OUR CORE VALUES:

Prayer is the foundation for everything.

Fruitfulness (productivity) is important to God.

Every Christian is a leader; there are no insignificant people.

All of life is about serving the Lord.

We love the world like our heavenly Father loves the world.

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. -Ephesians 5:1-2

Just For Fun



It's Punny!

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned. I couldn't concentrate. Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.

After that, I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it - mainly because it was a sew-sew job.

Next, I tried working in a muffler factory, but that was too exhausting.

Then, I tried to be a chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme.

I attempted to be a deli worker, but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard.

My best job was being a musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy.

I studied a long time to become a doctor, but I didn't have any patience.

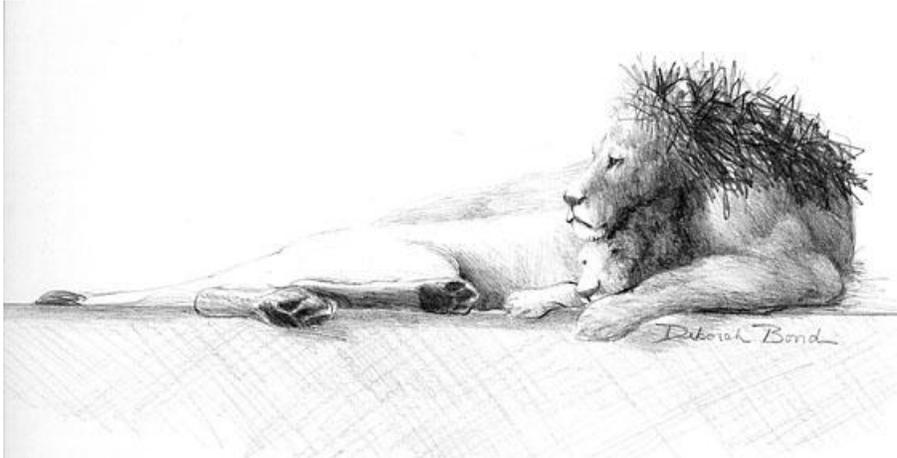
Next, was a job in a shoe factory. I tried but I just didn't fit in.

I became a professional fisherman, but discovered that I couldn't live on my net income.

I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining.

So then I got a job in a workout center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.

Notes:



In Christ Church & Ministries Mission Statement:

“We the fellowship of *In Christ Church And Ministries* are called to be a servant community where each individual, in proper relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ, extends the kingdom of God with their sphere of influence by proclamation and demonstration”