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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Community Church,

As you may know, my mother owns a residential living facility and cares for developmentally disabled adult women. When I visit my parents in Florida, I often do some handy-man work at the home and get to interact with some of the residents. She has one resident who asks the same question every time someone unfamiliar enters the home. "Who are you and what are you doing here?" (I know that is technically two questions, but the way she asks, it comes out as only one) She is not really all that interested in the reply; it is just her standard response to a new face. Last time I was there I was asked the same question. I replied, "I am Karen's son and I am here to install a water filter and fix the door". She was satisfied and I went about my tasks without further questioning.

As I was working, I thought that would be a great question to ask myself every morning! I have lots of

answers to that question, depending on the day and tasks at hand:

- "I am a father and I am here to ...bring you up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"
- "I am a husband and I am here to love you as Christ loved the Church..."
- "I am a pastor and I am here to equip the saints for the work of ministry..."

My mind kept pondering the question and ultimately I boiled it down to "I am a child of God and I am here to bring glory to Him". That is really the bottom line – it is not about me or any of the things that I think are important. My identity is really in Christ. It matters most that who I am is deeply rooted in my connection and relationship to Him.

The bible gives me many answers to the "who are you question":

- I am a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- I am God's workmanship (Ephesians 2:10)
- I am a friend of Christ (John 15:15)

I am a child of light (1 Thessalonians 5:5)

It also gives me direction on the "what are you doing here" portion of the question:

- To give a cup of cold water (Matthew 10:42)
- To work with my hands (1 Thessalonians 4:11)
- To speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)
- To pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism tells me that my "Chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever". Jesus told us that the best way we can do that is when we "Love God...and Love your neighbor as yourself". Pretty simple.

So, "Who are you and what are you doing here?" What a great question to start the day off. Set aside a little time, get in a quiet place and ponder that question. I would think that would be a great way to start a dialog with your Maker.

To the Glory of God,
Pastor Wade



Financial Information

January - February 2018

Total Giving:

\$28,700 (total General offerings) vs.
\$23,000 (total Budget is 11,500/month)

Pledge Giving:

\$24,400 (total given by those
making pledges)
vs. **\$18,000** (total pledged YTD,
\$9,000 per month)

Budget vs. Actual Expenses:

January 1st cash balance \$13,400

YTD general offerings \$28,700

YTD total expenses \$21,100

February 28 cash balance \$21,000

Account	Budget	Actual
Payroll	\$15,306.33	\$17,000.00
Missions	\$3,093.67	\$2,000.00
Plant & maintenance	\$2,206.67	\$1,000.00
office	\$1,033.33	\$550.00
discipleship	\$319.17	\$0.00
Property Ins	\$441.67	\$650.00
Miscellaneous	\$83.33	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$333.33	\$150.00
Outreach	\$100.00	\$0.00
Worship	\$398.33	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$23,315.83	\$21,350.00

Current Maintenance account:

\$0

Current Emergency Fund:

\$7,300.00

Current Building account:

\$26,000.00

This is a summary to keep you informed. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, contact Corey Olson or Wade Hetrick



Lawn Mowing

Time to get the mowing schedule together. IEH folks do half the weeks so historically our volunteers have been on at the most, twice during the season.

We have two riding mowers and a battery powered trimmer. If you were on last year, you will be re-upped for this year, unless you contact Rick Haase or the church office and request to be removed.

If you would like to be added to this elite group or have questions about mowing, please contact Rick Haase or the church office (the secretary can usually track him down!)

We have lost a few mowers and could really use some new ones! Please consider this opportunity to serve.



Women's Events!



Women's Retreat: Friday, April 20-Saturday, April 21, 2018
Shalom House, New London

Theme: Praise, Prayer, Providence, and Poetry
\$35 per person (includes meals and overnight); Financial assistance is available

Sign up on church bulletin board or contact Betsy Rozelle at 920-540-4109 or brozelle@new.rr.com



Good Friday Service at Church

March 30; 6:30PM



New church directories have been printed. Pick one up the next time you are at church. If you would like to be added, please give whatever information you would like included to Brenda Haase in the church office. Name, address, phone number(s) and email(s) are usually listed.

If you would like your children listed, please include each first name and birthday (with year). If you would like your picture included in the directory, please send an email with your

picture as a pdf or jpg attachment to ccappleton@att.net

