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TO KNOW JESUS AS SAVIOR AND
LORD AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN.

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**GREAT BANQUET
FALL
2019 DATES**

TCC #15
September 6-8, 2019
Steve Woods, Lay Director

DCC #17
October 10-13, 2019
Lori Rosborough, Lay Director

Men's Great Banquet #116
October 24-27, 2019
Jeff Byers, Lay Director

Women's Great Banquet #117
November 7-10, 2019
Nancy Hart, Lay Director



Sunday Morning Worship

9:15 am
10:45 am

Sunday School

Classes for Children and Adults
at 9:15a & 10:45a
Fellowship 10:15-10:45am
Children's Church 11:00am

August 29, 2019



MEETINGS:

- Sept 1**
No Team Meetings
6p
- Sept 2**
TCC #15 Team Meeting
6p
- Sept 3**
Women's Bible Study
10:00a
Christian Education
Spiritual Life
7p
- Sept 4**
Dinner
5p
Bible Study
Kids Activities
6p
- Sept 5**
Exercise Class
10:30a
- Sept 6-8**
TCC #15 Great Banquet
- Sept 8**
DCC #17, Men's #116
Women's #117 Team
Meeting
6p
- Sept 9**
Stephen Ministry
Supervision
6p

The Chimes

PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLES AND AMATEUR DISCIPLES

Are you a professional Christian or an amateur Christian? We are all pros at our jobs. Here are a list of things that professionals do in their jobs. *We show up every day. We show up no matter what. We stay on the job all day. We master the technique of our jobs. We have a sense of humor about our jobs. We receive praise or blame in the real world concerning our jobs. We receive pay for our labor. We put up with fools and idiots. We are professionals.*

Now, let's apply that to our Christian job of being a disciple. Just ask yourself the same questions on the aspects of a professional in your job. In terms of your personal Christian discipleship do you: *show up every day, no matter what, stay on the job all day, master the techniques of discipleship, have a sense of humor about your Christian life, receive praise or blame in the real world for being Jesus' person, put up with fools and idiots, and receive Kingdom rewards for your labor?*

Or are you an AMATEUR DISCIPLE?

Now, let's consider the amateur Christian disciple, shall we? The amateur doesn't show up every day no matter what. The amateur doesn't stay on the job all day. The amateur is not committed for the long haul. The amateur doesn't get paid in Kingdom rewards. The amateur doesn't have a sense of humor about human failures. The amateur hasn't mastered the techniques of his discipleship. The amateur Christian disciple also doesn't expose himself/herself to judgment in the real world. The amateur doesn't put up with anybody that doesn't think like them. The amateur is a "secret agent" disciple.

So, let me ask you about your Christian life. Are you going to quit? When failures come and hard times come and you take quite a few blows from being in the arena of life because of your Christian life, are you going to quit?

Hey professional Christian, If not, then stop complaining and be grateful. That's the price we pay for being in the arena and not in the stands. It's when things get tough in your discipleship that you decide if you are going to be a professional Christian disciple or an amateur. When you have failures is when you really decide whether you are a **"PRO" or not.**

So which are you? The professional disciple of Jesus has learned that if he “caves” in today, no matter how plausible the excuse, he’ll be twice as likely to “cave” in tomorrow.

See you in church. . . . unless you are an amateur Christian. Jack

To the Congregation:

After 47 years in ministry and 21 years here as Head Pastor, it is with mixed emotions that I will be laying down the position effective January 1st, 2020. I have been blessed in so many ways in the past 21 years by so many of you and others, it is with a blessed heart that I do this. We have been very fruitful as a church in so many ways. I have thought hard about this decision, but all things seem to point to this being the “right” time.

Just so you know, I am not moving away. I plan to be in attendance at this church, because I feel that this is “home.” I will also be available for teaching and preaching if the officers of the church need my assistance.

God bless all of you Jack Pitzer



“TRIPLE G”

God, Grief & Girlfriends

September 14, 2019

5-7 pm

**This is a support group for wid-
ows.**

**Please RSVP to Michele Slunder
at 454-4968.**



**Spicy Grove Jamaica
Mission Trip**



When: March 7-14, 2020
Where: Spicy Grove Youth Center,
Jamaica

This trip is open to kids from 4 years of age to adults.

Information packets are located at the Welcome Center.

The first team meeting will be Thursday, September 5th at 6. Contact Jodi Lockwood for details 217.412.0237

| ATTENDANCE | | | |
|------------|------|------|------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| January | 250 | 226 | 204 |
| February | 250 | 228 | 228 |
| March | 255 | 254 | 225 |
| April | 302 | 302 | 279 |
| May | 229 | 241 | 227 |
| June | 256 | 242 | 231 |
| July | 210 | 227 | 201 |
| August | 262 | 286 | 212 |
| September | 240 | 233 | |
| October | 243 | 226 | |
| November | 276 | 252 | |
| December | 278 | 251 | |

Loan Balance as of end of July 2019
\$655,993.85

Capital Fund Contribution Through July 2019
\$62,345.77
Expenses through July, 2019
\$49,290.48
\$13,974.59 Interest
\$35,315.89 Principal

Capital Fund Checking Account End of July 2019
\$16,405.72

Giving thru July, 2019
\$311,882.02
Expenses through July, 2019
\$306,571.82

SEPT BIRTHDAYS

- Bri Lockwood 01
- Ginger Wortman 01
- Tobin Corrigan 02
- Guyla Pilger 02
- Amy Spry 02
- Walker Brown 05
- Sierra Hummel 05
- Hunter Martincic 08
- Nick Adkins 09
- Norma Davidson 09
- Lydia Morthland 10
- Mary Haynes 11
- Aimee Holman 11
- Cheryl Fansler 12
- Lori Urquhart 12
- Cody Woodrum 12
- Jeshae Ali 13
- Callie Schnitger 13
- Jenny Walker 15
- Tim Reimer 16
- Mike Fansler 17
- Cody Layfield 17
- Kevin Rosborough 18
- Donna Whitsett 22
- Michele Slunder 23
- Rob Erwin 24
- Butch Haynes 24
- Rhydian Sparr 24
- Abbie Cardasio 25
- Zoe Johnson 26
- Matt Dyer 27
- Hannah Gadberry 27
- Rochelle McAtee 27
- Bricen Rodgers 27

SEPT ANNIVERSARIES

- Matt & Theresa Kuzel 09
- Tom & Nell Steele 10
- Jeff & Christy Rickman 12
- Rick & Jody Welch 12
- John & Tammy Wright 19
- Connie & Bethany Cisco 20
- Matt & Laura LaFrence 20
- Steve & Trish Rayner 20
- Randy & Melinda Richards 22
- J.C. & Kathy Coale 23
- Mark & Chris Gadberry 23
- Bobby & Lori Carlson 30

SEPT ANNIVERSARIES

- Brett & Melissa Scroggins 01
- Joe & Josie Wheeler 01
- Dennis & Tina Miller 02
- Andrew & Danielle Garrett 03
- Mark & Tonya Rueff 03

SAVE THE DATES!

**Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, September 14
– 7a**

**Savor
Women’s Breakfast
Saturday, September 21
– 9a**

MINISTRY FAIR

**Sunday, September 15, 10a – 11a
Come Learn about all that Lampstand
has to offer!**

People see God everyday, they just do not recognize Him.

Camels and Christians release their burdens on their knees.