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2 Timothy 2:15

Dear Church Family,

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“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

The King James Version starts this verse by saying, study to show yourself approved unto God. The ESV that I listed above says “do your best” instead of “study”. The Greek word behind this has the concept of doing something “earnestly, eagerly, diligently or with special urgency”. I’m not sure if the words “do your best” indicate to us in English the emphasis on “striving to present yourself to God”. We know that one of our goals as Christians is to be able to rightly handle the word of truth (God’s Word).

I want to encourage you this month to take advantage of some of our Bible Studies we have going on. These different studies can help you and you strive to do your best to handle God’s Word.

Just a quick run down of what opportunities you have to study during the week.

Sundays --

We have Sunday School classes for all ages. Right now we are offering two adult classes: Upstairs Michelle is teaching through the book of Acts and downstairs I am teaching on the Holy Spirit and Evangelism. Sunday night @ 5 is a Junior High Youth Group @ the Church Building



Monday --

Michelle is teaching on the life of Christ @ the DesEnfants home @ 7PM. This group will soon be starting a Spiritual Gifts Study.

Tuesday --

7PM, Men’s Life Transformation Group at Parsonage

Wednesday --

1PM, Ladies Bible Study @ Tanks.

Thursday --

Circle of Friends Bible Study @ Church Building @ 7pm.

Senior High Youth Group @ Parsonage @ 7PM.

“That the World May Know” Study @ Smiths @ 7PM.

So there are lots of opportunities out there. I hope you take advantage of studying God’s Word with others this fall. If there are other interests of topics or none of these nights work for you, let me know and we’ll see what we can do to get something that meets your needs.

I hope that you enjoy not only the great fall weather but the opportunities for study and fellowship that abound in our church family right now.

On The Journey Together,
Pastor Todd

Servant Evangelism

We are going to have a table in front of Traveling Computers for the Main St. Trick or Treat. If you would like to help or can donate cookies and/or wrapped candy for that night let Todd know.

Habitat House:

Oct. is the last month for the donations for the Habitat House. Donations can be made to Habitat for Humanity after this time but not through the church as we have been doing this past year. So after Oct. any money collected in the black box in the back of the church building will go into the general fund.

Movie Night:

Oct. 17th, 6PM: "Mr. Smith goes to Washington"



Negative

1 Peter 2:1-3

1 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.(ESV)

There's a story about a farmer had a neighbor that just absolutely was negative, no matter what. If it was raining, the farmer would say to his neighbor, "Boy, look at it rain, God's sort of washing it clean." "Yeah, but if it keeps up it's gonna flood." The farmer thought, "What am I gonna do to win this guy?" So he trained his dog to walk on water. He didn't tell his neighbor, he just took him duck hunting. Boom! Boom! They brought these ducks out of the sky, and said to his dog, "Go get 'em." The dog went across, picked them up, and hopped back in the boat, nothing wet-- just his paws. The farmer said, "What do you think of that?" The neighbor said, "**He can't swim, can he?**"

Negativity is such an easy snare to fall into... a few careless words and before you know it you're in a cycle of negative comments that practically becomes self-

sustaining. Your own negativity fuels another persons negativity, who then adds more fuel to the fire of your negativity...

Its a sick cycle, and hard to stop.

Ever been there?

So what can we do to stop it? The first verse here says put it away... the second verse says drink pure spiritual milk, and the third asks if you've tasted that the Lord is good...

1) Put it away

Let go of the negativity... stop complaining right now. The easiest way to do that is to just stop talking and walk away. It might be awkward for a few moments, but its better than fueling that negativity for the rest of your day.

2) Drink Pure Spiritual Milk

Get into the word, study, pray and grow... Its hard to be negative when remembering what God has done. There's a saying that goes something like this... Every person's face you encounter is someone that Jesus died for... Remember that...

Do you crave His Word?

Have you tasted that the Lord is good?

Instead of dining on the negative, try a new diet... tasting and seeing that the Lord is good. Seek out the positive as you go throughout the day, focusing on what God has done for you... and watch the pounds of negativity waste away.

Taste and see...

In Christ,
Isaiah



This is an older movie starring Jimmy Stewart. Adults will probably enjoy it more than children but it is acceptable for all ages to view. A movie reminder of the necessity of integrity and character that is needed in our representatives in Washington. May we continue to be in prayer for the upcoming elections.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28) Music: C 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Ladies Retreat</p>	<p>29) 7pm Life of Christ at DesEnfants</p>	<p>30) 7pm Men's LTG</p>	<p>1) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>2) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Home Group @ Smith's 7pm Circle of Friends group</p>	<p>3) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> 	<p>4)</p>
<p>5) Music: A Text: Acts 9:1-31 9am S.S. 10am Worship 5pm Middle School YG</p> 	<p>6)</p>	<p>7)</p> 	<p>8) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>9) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Home Group @ Smith's 7pm Circle of Friends group</p>	<p>10) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Elder's Meeting</p>	<p>11)</p>
<p>12) Music: B Text: Acts 9:32-12:25 9am S.S. 10am Worship 5pm Middle School YG</p>	<p>13)</p>	<p>14) 2pm Homestead Services 7pm Men's LTG 7pm CWF</p>	<p>15) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>16) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Home Group @ Smith's 7pm Circle of Friends group</p>	<p>17) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Elder's Meeting</p>	<p>18)</p> 
<p>19) Music: C Text: Acts 13-14 9am S.S. 10am Worship Board Meeting following 5pm Middle School YG</p>	<p>20)</p>	<p>21) 7pm Men's LTG</p>	<p>22) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>23) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Home Group @ Smith's 7pm Circle of Friends group</p>	<p>24) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast</p>	<p>25)</p>
<p>26) Music: A Text: Acts 15:1-35 9am S.S. 10am Worship Carry-in dinner following 5pm Middle School YG</p> 	<p>27)</p>	<p>28) 2pm Homestead Services 7pm Men's LTG</p>	<p>29) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>30) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Home Group @ Smith's 7pm Circle of Friends group</p>	<p>31) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast TBA: Main St. Trick or Treat @ Traveling Computers, Inc.</p>	<p>1)</p>
<p>Birthdays in October</p> <p>October 3rd: Becky Stelzner October 5th: Barney Himes October 7th: Randy Stelzner October 18th: Rod DesEnfants October 26th: Barbara Campbell</p>						

Date	Meditations	Prayer	Nursery	Children's Church	Music
10/5	Archie Tank	D. VonKrosigk	Autumn Vick	Michelle DesEnfants	B
10/12	Thomas Smith	Rod DesEnfants	Charleen VonKrosigk	Melissa Smith	A
10/19	Barney Himes	Michelle DesEnfants	Lori Santee	Carol Stelzner	B
10/26	Rod DesEnfants	Retha Reinke	Sara Henni	Henni's	C
11/2	Randy Stelzner	D. VonKrosigk	Autumn Vick	Michelle DesEnfants	D

Men's Prayer Breakfast Chefs:

Date	Chef	Date	Chef	Date	Chef
10/3	Isaiah	10/10	Thomas	10/17	Barney
10/24	Dean	10/31	Todd	11/8	Rod

If you would like to do meditations, prayer, CC or Nursery, please see Todd, or Isaiah, respectively.



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