

CONNECT - SERVE – GIVE – INVITE

First - We must Connect to God (last week)

Second - We must Connect to His family – finding your place in a Church Community because we “need” each other.

*“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... Instead, let us encourage one another.” **Hebrews 10:25a (TEV)***

*“Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.” **Romans 12:5b (NLT)***

*“Every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.” **Galatians 6:10 (Mes)***

*“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” **John 13:35 (NLT)***

Ways to Connect at Faith Community:

- **Join MyFC**
- **Wednesday Nights** – dinners, classes, Bibles studies
- **Small groups** – attend, open your home, start one
- **Bible studies** – Men’s Herd, Women’s Bible studies, Route 66
- **Serving** – greeters, ushers, hospitality, choir, concerts, events, services, optics, children, youth.

Get to know someone new:

1. Meet the people that sit near you each week. Ask their name.
2. Come to a Wednesday night dinner.

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*“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” **Romans 12:10-11***

Why is Serving important?

1. We are CREATED to do good works.

*“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” **Ephesians 2:10***

2. We are GIFTED to help and serve others.

*“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other...” **1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)***

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10

3. Serving gives my life MEANING and PURPOSE.

*Jesus said it like this, “If you try to keep your life for yourself, you’re going to lose it but if you give up your life for My sake, and for the sake of the good news, you will find true life.” **Mark 8:35***

4. It is an EXPRESSION of our faithfulness.

*“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness.” **Matthew 25:23***

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

Colossians 3:23-24

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:9-18, 21