

“Time to Git Ur Done”

As we pass through the dog days of summer and on into the beginning of fall, our minds kick into our prior conditioning that goes all the way back to our time in school. Even further back, during the time our country was agrarian rather than manufacturing and technological, summer was time off from school to take care of the farm. Now, summer for most of us means vacation time even if we don't vacation.

How that translates as it concerns organized religion of the denominational type is we do much of nothing during the summer and somehow jingle it as “you deserve a break today.” While that way of thinking helps us regroup in this fast pace North American society, each year the church takes a “hit.”

Fall is really the beginning of the church year activity-wise just as January is fiscally. While our numbers have been down as usual during summer and our activities put on slow mo a change of seasons is just around the corner. Here are some opportunities for you to consider participating in either as a worker bee, in leadership or to lift up in prayer:

- Board chairperson—we don't have one yet. Pray and ask the Lord if you are the one or that the “chosen one” will come forth in response to the nudge of the Holy Spirit.
- Participation in the CCC Community Lunch program on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month in conjunction with the community breakfast on the last Sunday of the month. This is to increase our outreach into the Marion community to help those in need of a nutritious meal and lacking finances. Contact Bruce Seckel.
- Attendance and participation in the Wednesday Bible Study titled Dialogue with the Truth (Jesus Is) from 7-8:15 p.m. If it is true what Disciples say, “Where the Bible speaks we speak; and, where the Bible is silent we are silent,” then engaging the Bible in a more than a personal devotional way is important. Our focus is shifting to featuring DVDs from Joseph Prince Ministries coupled with dialogue.
- Prayer and support of the Grace on Fire youth music event to be held in the sanctuary of CCC, Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is a “spearhead” effort to engage area youth in such a way that they will find salvation and direction for their lives. Also, it is intended to “jump start” a new venue to youth for our church.
- Prayer and support of our children's ministry so that proper care and instruction will be available on a weekly basis for the children of those attending Sunday morning worship. Contact Brenda Reish or Rev. Merlyn Winters.

- Ideas and envisioning for what the Lord would have us do to provide outdoor facilities for children and youth attending our church. At present we are calling this “backyard evangelism.” We would like to develop a “game plan” that could include basketball, tether ball, playground equipment that would be uniquely different and attractive to youth. We have a gold mine out back as it concerns location to Grant Middle School and the surrounding neighborhood to make contact with youth with the hope of “drawing” them into not only our church but into a relationship with the Lord.

I could go on but I won't. Just know fall is just around the corner and the slow days of summer are over. It's time to engage and “git ur done.”

Pastor Bud