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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld

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I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER, BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT

THE DISCIPLES' WORD

from

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

Melissa Snyder
Minister

Randy Cordle
Music Minister

School.....10:00 AM
Worship Service...11:00 AM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study/Prayer
Meeting.....6:00 PM

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Fall is my favorite season. I love the colder weather, the falling leaves, sweaters, and Halloween. Halloween is my favorite holiday and there is nothing more that I looked forward to than Trick-Or-Treating. I love seeing the children all dressed up and laughing, jack-o-lanterns, but most of all I love the costumes. During my childhood, and adulthood, I have dressed up as: a pumpkin, a witch, a vampire, teenybopper, hippie, Penn State Cheerleader (much to my mother's chagrin), a court jester, a gypsy, a leprechaun, and Harry Potter. It is fun to put on costumes and masks and pretend to be someone else, even if it is just for a while. While it is fun to dress up and wear a mask on Halloween night, we must never hide our identity, who we truly are, from Christ, or the church. Sometimes it seems easier to hide who we are from God, and the church. To hide behind a façade. But the truth is, none of us are perfect; all of us are sinners. Here is some good news of the Gospel: we don't always have to have it together. It is okay to admit that sometimes we need help. God loves us, accepts us for who we are, and how we are, and most importantly, God wants us to lean on him. We do not have to try and hide our true selves from God, or the church.

Mark Yaconelli in his book *Messy Spirituality* says, "For a period of time we were lucky to have a house keeper. She would come in once a week to dust, vacuum, and clean every little out of the way corner of our house. I dreaded the day she came, because my wife and I would spend all morning cleaning the house for the

housekeeper! We didn't want the house to be dirty or what would the housekeeper think??" He continues to write: "We act the same way with God. We talk our way out of the spiritual life by refusing to come to God as we are. Instead, we decide to wait until we are ready to come to God as we aren't. We decide that the way we lived yesterday, last week, or last year makes us 'damaged goods' and that until we start 'living right' we're not really the kind of material that God is looking for. Some of us actually believe that until we choose the correct way to live, we aren't choose-able, that until we clean up the mess, Jesus won't have anything to do with us. The opposite is true."

In II Timothy 2:15 we read, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." These are words for us to live by. With God, He sees us as we are and loves us as we are. In wearing costumes and masks to hid our true identity, we are only attempting to fool ourselves. We are all made different, by the hands of God, and from Him we have no reason to try and hide ourselves. We don't need to worry about what He will think of us. He has fashioned us and wants us to come to Him, just as we are. Take of the mask, take of the costume, and humble yourself before God, and the church. Be loved for who you truly are. And love others for who they truly are.

Your Sister in Christ, Pastor Melissa



Start your day with
Prayer

Prayer list Sept. 26, 2021

(C) -- Cancer patient
(H) -Hospital Patient
(S) – Surgery
(M) – Military

Gene Potter
Haiti
Glenn Wright Jr.
Global Pandemic
patients
Hurley Flood victims
Irene and Jeffery Mills
James Lane
Jamie Stanley
James Church
Janet Bays Mear (H)
Jane Hurt

Family of Brian Lacks
Family of Jane Smith
Keller
Afghanistan
Amanda Coleman
Andy Simmons
Jean Lowe
Jeff Carter
Jeremy Horn
Jessica Osborne
Jim Cronce
Jimmy Grindstaff
Jennifer Lescott (C)
Keli Groseclose
Kiser Coleman
Ken Calls (C)
Kim Fields
Larry Puckett

Anne Ratliff
Bill Duff
Bob Graf (S)
Bob Robinson
Brenda McGee (S)
Brittany Hamm
Candice Gilbert (H)
Carol Altizer

Lee Wampler
Lexi Herald (C)
Lauren Murphy
Linda McGlothlin
Lorraine Foster (C)
Loraine Johnson
Madison Hartner
Main Street School
Marvin Hankins
Max Herndon (S)
Michael Harman
Miranda Williams

Chad Barnette
College Students
Connor Vencill
Dennis McLemore
Dianna Meade
Dillon Meade
Donald Higgins
Don Rose

Pat Stilner (S)
Perry & Jan Carter
Peyton Byrd
Phyllis Matney
Sadie Mackey
Robey Raines (H)
Robert Randolph (C)
Robin Cunningham
Roy Dale Keene
Sandy Vance (C)
Scarlett Meadows
Stan Wageman

Donna Young (C)
Donna Whittington
Elizabeth Thomas (H)
Ernest Layne
Franklin Lawson
Garry Fleming
Garry Orr

TCPS
Tammy Hedricks
Tim Scott
Tom Neal (C)
Tom Scott (S)
Unspoken Requests
Wanda Lawson
Wayne Thompson
Wendell & Imadean
Childress
Will Richardson (C)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October Birthdays

2nd- Tom Miller

10th- Katie
Cronce
14th- Melissa
Snyder
26th- Kip Kirby
28th- David
Simmons
31st-Cooper
Cronce



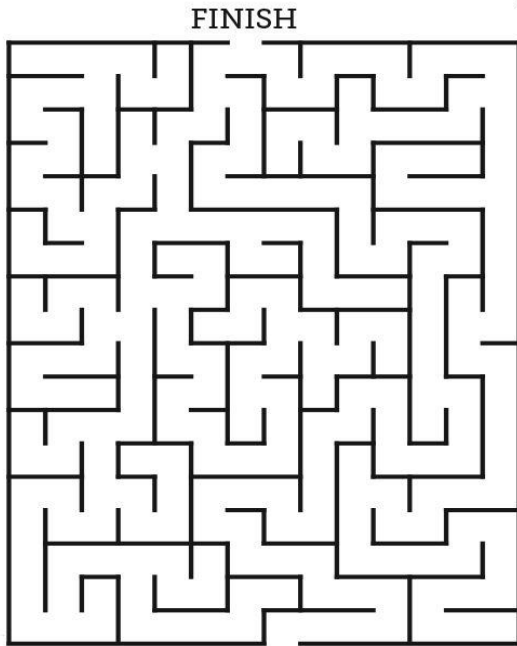
Our next board meeting will be on **Sunday, October 10, 2021** following the worship service.

JUST FOR KIDS



THE PRODIGAL SON

Lead the son to his loving father.



BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

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JESUS CHRIST
 SALVATION
 JEW
 GENTILE
 HOLY SPIRIT
 GOD THE FATHER
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 BIBLE
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 SACRIFICE
 FAITH

MIRACLE
 NAZARETH
 BETHLEHEM
 JERUSALEM
 BAPTIZE
 TEMPTATION
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