

Keeping The Core Connected (2-1-12)

I'm excited about all the positive feedback I'm receiving from your time together in God's word! I pray you're being both challenged and changed as the result of more/deeper time spent in the word as you prepare for your time together connecting with the Core.

Again keep me in prayer as I seek to develop study guides that will enrich your walk without overwhelming your day to day routine. Some may be a little easier, some may be a little harder, let me encourage you to stick to the course, you'll never regret time spent in the word of God!

Ok, on to the business at hand. #1 For those of you who have signed up for the "FAITH FUNDAMENTALS" class. It will begin ***THIS SUNDAY***, probably about 15 minutes after second service in the sanctuary. We will sift through chapter 1 just to get our feet wet and get on the same page with what our time together will entail. (I anticipate our time together on Sunday's lasting between 30-45 minutes). Anyone available to gather about 15 chairs in a circle in the north east corner of the sanctuary (by the screen/opposite side of fellowship area) after church would be greatly appreciated.

#2 In my last letter I mentioned to you the Harvest Party. Well it's time to start acquiring candy in order to meet our goal of partially filling 1500 bags for the children who come to enjoy our event. The good news is that we're only looking to fill 750 by September or October & we'll hit the last ½ hard toward the end. I want to emphasize that this is simply an opportunity to get behind this outreach and in no way obligatory. If you feel so led to support the outreach in this way you can do so in 1 of 2 ways. A.) Simply buy a bag of candy & bring it to your core group home, your leader will be equipped with a tote to store the candy. Or, B.) if you would simply be more comfortable contributing a couple bucks to save you the leg-work that's awesome to. We will have little donation boxes around the fellowship that are exclusively for this purpose. What it means to your group is that if as a group you can supply enough candy to fill about 10 bags per month (except Russ' group, he needs 20 😊) we'll stay on target. I realize it's overwhelming to be bombarded throughout September & October so we're simply trying to get ahead of it (No chocolates, only hard candies [so there are no worries about expiration]).

#3 I mentioned to you in my last letter that you would be encouraged at various times, in various ways to aid you in your growth and development with the Lord and with one other in the body of Christ.

Here it is: Your 1st challenge, should you choose to accept it (not as a group but as individuals [or families]) is to find one person, or one couple, or one family in the fellowship. Introduce yourself over the course of a couple of Sundays and then invite them into your home for dinner. That's it. Over the course of the next few weeks extend yourself to someone in the fellowship that you don't know (or know only in a cordial fashion) and have them over for dinner.

When you've completed your task, email me at mytest@calvarychapeljoplin.com and tell me your story, who you met & how it went! Hebrews 6:10-11 states, "God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name in that you have ministered to the saints and do minister. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,"

Blessings to you!

Pastor Jeff