



LWCC OCTOBER

Monthly Newsletter



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THE YOUTH MINISTRY HAS THEIR OWN SOCIAL PAGE. FOLLOW TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE UP TO!

Mark your calendars!

OCTOBER 9- THANKSGIVING AND 20TH ANNIVERSARY

POTLUCK LUNCH AT 1PM FOLLOWED BY SUNDAY SERVICE AT 2:30PM

OCTOBER 10- HAPPY THANKSGIVING CHURCH FAMILY!

OCTOBER 28- YOUTH EVENT (PUMPKIN CARVING)

GET IN TOUCH WITH ONE OF THE YOUTH LEADERS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!

OCTOBER 31- HALLELUJAH NIGHT

DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED. INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF IT? CONTACT ELMER C.



Pastor's Corner



SUPERPOWER BY PASTOR BRAD

IN 2 PETER 1.3 WE READ THAT GOD'S "DIVINE POWER HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR LIFE AND GODLINESS." HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND THIS VERSE? I HOPE WE UNDERSTAND THAT AS CHRISTIANS WE HAVE SUPERPOWER TO HELP US LIVE GODLY LIVES EVERY DAY OF OUR LIVES. THE WORD "POWER" INDICATES A MIGHTY FORCE AND IT IS "DIVINE" BECAUSE IT COMES FROM GOD. TO SAY IT IS "GIVEN" DOES NOT MEAN ONLY ONCE OR OCCASIONALLY, BUT THIS POWER IS GIVEN CONTINUALLY. GOD HAS CONNECTED US TO HIS MIGHTY FORCE, HIS DIVINE SUPERPOWER THAT DOES NOT HAVE A SHORT LIFE SPAN OR HAVE ANY LIMITATIONS LIKE A NEW CAR WARRANTY. CHRISTIANS ARE DIVINELY EMPOWERED SO THAT THEY ARE TRULY ALIVE AND SO THAT THEY CAN LIVE GODLY LIVES ALWAYS. A GODLY LIFE IS A GOOD, MORAL, HONEST, KIND, JOYFUL, CONTENT, HELPFUL, EXEMPLARY LIFE. A GODLY LIFE HONORS AND GLORIFIES JESUS. A CHRISTIAN HAS NO EXCUSE FOR BEING UNKIND, OR DISHONEST, OR UNCARING, OR SINFUL IN ANY WAY. A CHRISTIAN LIVES WITH GOD'S SUPERPOWER.

A FEW YEARS AGO FEDEX RAN A COMMERCIAL THAT SPOOFED THE MOVIE CASTAWAY. IF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE MOVIE YOU WILL RECALL THAT TOM HANKS PLAYED A FEDEX WORKER, WHOSE COMPANY PLANE WENT DOWN, STRANDING HIM ON A DESERT ISLAND FOR YEARS. LOOKING LIKE THE BEDRAGGLED HANKS IN THE MOVIE, THE FEDEX EMPLOYEE IN THE COMMERCIAL APPROACHES A DOOR OF A SUBURBAN HOME WITH A PACKAGE IN HAND. WHEN THE LADY OF THE HOME COMES TO THE DOOR, HE EXPLAINS THAT HE SURVIVED FIVE YEARS ON A DESERTED ISLAND, AND DURING THAT WHOLE TIME HE KEPT THIS PACKAGE IN ORDER TO DELIVER IT TO HER. SHE TAKES THE PACKAGE WITH A SIMPLE, "THANK YOU."

BUT THE MAN IS OVERLY CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT IS IN THE PACKAGE THAT HE HAS BEEN PROTECTING FOR YEARS, SO HE SAYS, "IF I MAY ASK, WHAT WAS IN THAT PACKAGE AFTER ALL?" SHE OPENS IT AND SHOWS HIM THE CONTENTS, SAYING, "OH, NOTHING REALLY; JUST A SATELLITE TELEPHONE, A GLOBAL POSITIONING DEVICE, A COMPASS, A WATER PURIFIER, AND SOME SEEDS."

SOME CHRISTIANS ARE LIKE THE FEDEX WORKER WHO HAS A WEALTH OF RESOURCES AT HIS DISPOSAL, BUT HE NEVER TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THEM. GOD'S DIVINE POWER IS ALWAYS PRESENT AND EVERYTHING A CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO LIVE A GOOD AND GODLY LIFE IS "IN THE PACKAGE." JUST OPEN THE BOX. EVERYTHING YOU NEED IS WITHIN YOUR GRASP. IT'S IN THE "FEDEX BOX." IT'S ALWAYS AVAILABLE, WHETHER YOU ACCESS IT OR NOT. THE POWER DOES NOT WEAKEN OR DISAPPEAR OVER TIME. THE POWER IS NOT DEPENDENT UPON TIME, PLACE, OR CIRCUMSTANCE. IT IS ALWAYS PRESENT. OPEN THE BOX. DIVINE SUPERPOWER HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE. WHATEVER WE NEED TO SUSTAIN, PRESERVE, AND STRENGTHEN A GODLY LIFE IS AVAILABLE. WHATEVER WE NEED TO LIVE A GOOD, MORAL, ETHICAL, JOYFUL LIFE IS AVAILABLE. WHATEVER WE NEED TO SUCCESSFULLY LIVE THE LIFE THAT GOD INTENDS IS AVAILABLE TO CHRISTIANS, SO OPEN THE BOX.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO OPEN THE BOX AND HOW DO WE ACCESS SUPERPOWER? LET PETER COMPLETE HIS THOUGHT: "HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR LIFE AND GODLINESS THROUGH OUR KNOWLEDGE OF HIM WHO CALLED US BY HIS OWN GLORY AND GOODNESS. THROUGH THESE HE HAS GIVEN US HIS VERY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES" (2 PETER 1:3-4). TO BE EMPOWERED DAILY YOU WILL NEED TO GROW DAILY IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF OR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW HIS GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES OFFERED TO YOU IN THE BIBLE. SO OPEN THE BOOK AND GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP AND CLAIM HIS PROMISES AND USE GOD'S SUPERPOWER TO LIVE GODLY LIVES.