



*October 2019*

Looking back at September: We started the new Sunday school year off with our open house for our War Room a.k.a. our prayer room. "Power in prayer," bracelets were passed out to those who came to the open house. The youth group was asked to help serve refreshments at the War Room movie that was shown that evening for Rally day. If anyone was unable to be at the open house and is interested in seeing our War Room please let me or any of the youth know.

A fall kickoff was held to welcome the new freshman and the youth group back to a new year at Peace. The theme was "Team Jesus." The evening was filled with prayer, devotions, team building games, a meal and lots of laughter. We talked about what it takes to be a team player and what teamwork is and how we'll always have a victory being a player on Team Jesus. We talked about the 5 requirements to be on Team Jesus. 1) Jesus needs to be our first love above everyone and everything else. 2) To let the Holy Spirit live in us and to not allow all the other stuff to consume or control us and to give of ourselves to God daily. 3) Just as the disciples did, we also need to follow Jesus and keep our eyes on Him and follow His lead. 4) We can't follow Jesus and the world's way at the same time. If we have not counted the cost of being His child, we will turn away at the threat of sacrifice and find something else to satisfy our selfish desires. 5) We must sacrifice everything willingly-being on any team is a personal choice and requires a lot from you. Being on Team Jesus is also a personal choice and is the only real victory you will need to win.

The youth have been studying prayer; why prayer is important, what the Bible says about prayer and different ways to pray using the A.C.T.S. prayer and what I call the whole hearted hand prayer. To be a growing Christian, we have to have a prayer life. Colossians 4:2 says, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." We have also talked about the prayer that our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to pray. We refer to it as the Lord's Prayer but in all actuality it's the disciples' prayer. The true Lord's Prayer is found in John 17. The Battle Plan for Prayer is the curriculum book we'll be using this fall. May we all be reminded that there is POWER in PRAYER!

The youth ended the month with attending "See You at the Pole", which is a prayer rally where students meet at the school flagpole before school to pray.

Looking ahead at October: I'm working on a day to take the youth to the People's City Mission, trying to coordinate schedules is a bit challenging.

Youth group activities coming up:

Wednesday, October 2nd to go get supplies to fill Operation Christmas boxes and for our service project for the homeless.

Sunday, October 13, youth meeting after church, we'll grab some food from the potluck and take over to the YOP house.

A big thanks to the property committee for all their help in the YOP house. Special thanks to Earl Hillman for laying the carpet in the War Room and any other extra jobs he did. Another special thanks to Rich Koch, owner of Hebron Plumbing, for his generous donation of the new water heater, new water lines, the labor of putting in the water heater and water lines along with repairing the broken sewer lines. Thanks be to God for the kindness of these men!

I will ask our church family for their continued support, I said to Pastor Dennis a few weeks ago, the youth are the future of our church and if we don't support them and guide them in a Godly way, what will we have in years to come? Please pray for the youth and myself as we begin another year in God's Word.

So the 12 team players that Jesus had on His team were committed, dedicated, and willing to give up everything to follow Jesus anywhere. Are you on Team Jesus?

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