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fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss."

We get the same message in 1 Corinthians 13, too. "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal."

To-do lists are great! But I'd like to challenge you to take a moment before you write yours for the day and consider what you need to *be* first. Need guidance? Ask God. He will help you know!

***WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR OCTOBER*:**

Each and every Wednesday night (except Wednesdays in June and July), First Christian Church offers inexpensive, great-tasting meals. Join us on Wednesday evenings in October for some home-cooked food, great fellowship, and Christ-centered Bible study! See you there!

NO TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY ON OCTOBER 9.

ANNUAL BELK CHARITY SALE!

Tickets are $5 and all proceeds of every $5 ticket go to **Family Promise of Greater Houston County**!!

This sale is **Saturday, November 3**.

Contact Twyla South (952-2065) to buy the tickets.

Weekly at FCC:

Sundays

8:00 a.m., Worship Team rehearsal *(sanctuary)*
9:00 a.m., Sunday School
10:00 a.m., Worship Service & nursery
10:25 a.m., Junior Church, 1st - 3rd Graders *
(- Junior Church meets right outside the main entrance to the sanctuary, when directed)*

Tuesdays

7:00 p.m., Ladies Bible Study *(Connection Café)*
(NO LADIES BIBLE STUDY ON OCTOBER 9)

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m., Fellowship Meal *(Fellowship Hall)*
6:30 p.m., Worship Team rehearsal *(sanctuary)*
6:45 p.m., Youth classes
7:00 p.m., Adult Bible study

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First Christian Highlights
OCTOBER 2012

"Connect to God, Grow in Christ, Serve Others"

Bible 101: What are we all about?

Pastor Ron will be concluding a two-Sunday study on what First Christian Church (FCC) is all about on Sunday, October 7, and you are invited! This is a Cliff Note course to answer some of the most important questions about FCC. This class will be held in FCC's Fellowship Hall and will start at 9:00 a.m. See you there!

Things Jesus Taught Us – Starts October 7

We are starting a brand new sermon series, beginning October 7! The Bible is full of things that Jesus taught us and we are going to look at some of those things in October.

Leadership Seminar – October 6

This is a reminder to all FCC leaders and their spouses. On October 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to pray together, plan, discuss, brainstorm, look ahead…

F.I.T. Get-Together
October 14
11:15 a.m.
In FCC's Fellowship Hall
(LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED)

First Christian Church would like to thank you for serving on the First Impressions Ministry, and want to do something for YOU! Please let us know if you are going to be able to attend by calling the church office, at 987-5428, or by simply sending an email to: ***kevin@firstchristian.net***.

Literature & Latte

Monday, October 22
7:00 p.m.
in FCC's Connection Café

The book for discussion will be When Crickets Cry, by Charles Martin. *For more information, contact Tonya Hipps, at 987-2626.*

The Refuge Church is inviting all churches to come to the following:

On Saturday, October 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, *The Refuge Church* will be sponsoring a "Will & Planned Giving Seminar with Church Extension Plan of Salem Oregon. This seminar will discuss wills and financial planning for retirement and the future.

The cost of the seminar is free and refreshments will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

10/7 - Larry, Michael, Amanda, Allan, Kendall, Carolyn, Ken, and Cheryl

10/14 - Charles, Susan, Margaret, Krystal, Kayleigh, Kastina, Allen, and Jeanne

10/21 - Charles, Robin, Virginia, Susan, Veronica, Kelly, Lee, and Linda

10/28 - Lynn, Jen, Ann, Jimmy, Elizabeth, Pat, Johnny, and Tara

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NURSERY SCHEDULE:

10/3 - Lisa A.

10/7 - Diane B., Jessica J., Leigh

10/10 - Melinda L.

10/14 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER

10/17 - Brandy

10/21 - Brandy, Kathryn, Cheryl

10/24 - VOLUNTEER

10/28 - Linda, Angela B., VOLUNTEER

CONNECTION CAFÉ SCHEDULE:

10/7 - Sh1: Pat P and Jessica J; Sh2: Pat P and Isa L; Sh3: Pat P and Virginia S

10/14 - Sh1: Steven K and Brain A; Sh2: Amanda L and Allan L; Sh3: Robert and Belinda M

10/21 - Sh1: Steven K and Leigh S; Sh2: Ann V and Pat P; Sh3: Bryan and Twyla S

10/28 - Sh1: Steven K and Elizabeth C; Sh2:; Mike and Mary K; Sh3: Cameron S and Tonya H

"Doing" and "Being" *by Jennifer Pierce*

Pop quiz!

Name the three most important items on your to-do list.

Name the three most important character traits you need to display today.

Which was easier to answer?

What we are is so much more important than what we do. You may already know this, but sometimes it can be hard to remember in day-to-day life. So, let me remind you. You can do everything a Proverbs 31 woman does, but if you aren't 1 Corinthians 13 on the inside, it doesn't matter! It's the difference, I believe, between Mary and Martha. We might say, "Well, I'm a person who likes to get things done. I am like Martha." It's not a bad thing to accomplish, but it's incomplete. Martha accomplished. She prepared a meal (which I'm sure was gourmet) for Jesus, but she got so busy doing that she forgot to *be*.

If you are a doer (I'm one, too), you probably love lists! You love to make them, do them, and check the items off. But at the end of a day when you cross the last thing off your list, think about how you acted, what you thought, how your heart was as you were doing those things. Were you humble, patient, kind, gentle? If so, good for you! If not, you might as well burn that page because that great checked-off list is basically pointless.

Jesus told Martha, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and concerned about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

1 Corinthians 3 says the same thing in a different way. "But each one should be careful how he builds. If any man builds…his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the

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