

The Caravan

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Which One Will You Choose? Thinking About Church Life

A letter from Pastor Charlie

We have an Inquirer's Class starting on October 8 for people curious about being a Christian and about church membership. Our Presbyterian constitution (the Book of Order) tells us that membership is a joy but it also involves the responsibility to live in a new way. According to the BOO that involvement includes many things:

- proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,
- caring for God's creation,
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church,
- and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

October is a good month for us to think about our responsibilities to each other within our church community. Our Building Blocks series continues, focusing on this list, with the hope that we could all find ways to evaluating and enhance our Christian living, for the sake of the church and to help us be more fully alive as people and as Christians.

So which one of these do you need to focus on? Pick one, or maybe two, and pray about it.

May God help us all build strong foundations for faithful living.

On the journey together,
Charlie

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