

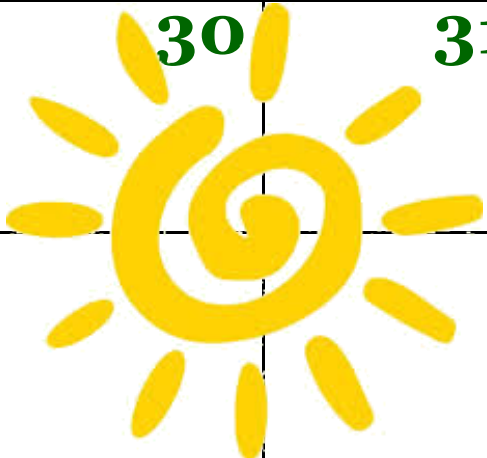


August 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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Communion 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Potluck after Worship Service	Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm	Men's Group 6:30 pm		Young in Spirit Fellowship 1:30 p.m.		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Youth Group 11:45 am		Men's Group 6:30 pm	Dinner and a Movie 6:00 pm			Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Women's Breakfast 8:30 am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Youth Group 11:45 am P.S.R.M. 11:45 am	Ministry Council 6:30 pm	Men's Group 6:30 pm		Young in Spirit Fellowship 1:30 p.m.		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Youth Group 11:45 am		Men's Group 6:30 pm				

The God Who Calls

Thought for Today: “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” *Matthew 28:20b*

I felt the Holy Spirit urging me to make changes in my life. There were about four plausible directions that I could discern: social work, pastoral ministry, farming, and directing a church camp. I loved all of them and had experience, education, and training in each. I prayed, as I had prayed before, “God, show me the way you want me to go. Open this door or close it. I want to do what pleases you.” Silence ensued; there was no answer. I prayed the same prayer regarding the next possibility, and the next, and the next, but still no answer.

Finally, I heard these words: “You choose and I will go with you.”

“But which way shall I go?” I asked. “Show me the way.”

God’s response was the same, “you choose and I will go with you.” And then I heard more. “I am the God who calls. All whom I call have choices to make. You choose and I will go with you. It is I who call and equip.”

We expect our children to grow and become responsible for their decisions about what they should be and do. We stand beside them and support them in whatever they choose. There comes a time to grow up, mature, and stop asking parents to make decisions for us. God expects the same from us. There comes a time to stop asking the Almighty to open or close a door. Instead, we can simply ask for help in making a choice.

Trembling, I said, “Okay, God, I choose to serve you by answering the call to his church.” True to the divine promise, God’s presence, blessing, and counsel were with me. That pastorate turned out to be one of the richest I have ever had. I have never regretted or second guessed that moment of decision.

**Prayer: God who calls, help me grow in you and be responsible to your call. Thank you for your promise to be with me every day.
Amen.**

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