



Confirmation Sunday: We have four students who will be confirmed this morning. We pray for God's blessings as they receive they make this commitment to Christ.

Last Day of Sunday School: Today is the last day of Sunday School. We will resume again in September.

Work Projects: There are several work projects that need to be completed around the Good Shepherd property. They can be completed based on your availability. The list of projects is available in the church lobby.

Good Shepherd Children's Center: There are several positions available. Call 732-679-8883 to inquire.

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Verse of the Month

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:8–10, ESV)

Ephesians 2:11-22

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

(Ephesians 2:11–22, ESV)

Reflection

1. What is one take-a-way from this message that stood out for me?
2. What is one action I can take in response to this message?
3. Who will I share my learnings with?
4. Any additional thoughts?

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