

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

First let me say that it has been an exciting July. I cannot begin to tell you how much the trip to Bolivia meant; and then, when I returned, our Vacation Bible School was simply the best. I thank God for allowing me to be a part of both experiences.

However, if I simply allow them to be only experiences, that is all they will be; and over time, the experience will fade and be forgotten. But if I take what I have experienced and, by the grace of God, apply it for God's glory in Caldwell County, the community of Dudley, and in Ebenezer United Methodist, then the experiences will continue to grow and will live on day after day.

The youth had the opportunity to travel to New York City and to witness the ministry that is taking place at the Bowery. The challenge now is to return home and apply what they experienced there to the world in which they live here.

Right in the midst of our own congregation there are those who are standing in need of help. How will we respond?

What we do, who we are, and how we react to others around us, reveals to the world who Christ is.

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.” (1Corinthians 13: 1-2).

Do we have the love in our hearts that will move us to reach out to those in need, right in our own midst? Are we willing to share the love that God shared with us through his Son, Jesus? Are we willing to answer the call and say, “Here I am Lord, send me?”

Peace be with you

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