

<u>CAMPTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</u> NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2017



PASTORS' CORNER -

Dear friends,

With no "introduction" from the Pastor, please read these words: "What a joy to know that Christ is Lord of all things – That, in all things, He is fulfilling his purposes – That He empowers us for every situation – That, in all things we do, we can serve Him – and That in all things and in every place, He is with us." Now, please read them once more, slowly, … and consider how they might relate to you.

These are the opening words from a book titled "<u>The Whole of Life for Christ</u>," and subtitled "<u>Enriching Everyday Discipleship</u>." Both of these titles caught my eye, and the book ended up recently in my library. In seven brief chapters, the author shares thoughts about how all-encompassing "being a Christian" should be. Being "related" to God by our Faith in Jesus, His Son, our Saviour and Lord, opens the door to a life-encompassing connection.

To me, the idea is a reminder related to what I have said so often, that "being a Christian" is much more than your name on a church membership list, or your "going to Church," [even regularly], or any of that. "in all things, in every situation, in everything we do or say, in every place, every situation, Christ stands there with us! This is a challenging and humbling concept.

A poster on the wall in my fifth grade Sunday School room reminded us as we sat in that room: "<u>Do nothing</u> ... that you would not want to be doing, when Jesus returns. <u>Say nothing</u> ... that you would not want to be saying, when Jesus returns. <u>Be nowhere</u> that you would not want to be, when Jesus returns."

The risen Jesus is our companion! He seems not to steer us around like puppets, but to walk at our side, to encourage and to guide, to assist us step by step IF we let Him! As the hymn writer says: "When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey." May we be reminded daily that we are the channel of God's Love to others, as we make our way through life. And may God bless each of us, as we "walk with the Lord!"

May God continue to richly bless you,

Pastors Russ

Dear Friends,



You are a blessing to us and to everyone in our Church Community and beyond. Your delightful and thoughtful gifts for us are always heartwarming affirmations of your caring, thank you.

Thank you also for stepping out into the world and touching the hearts and minds of people for Jesus Christ. You do this through your words and deeds. Our Missions Projects have been strengthened by your generosity. Your gift of almost \$2,000.00 collected in 10 days for hurricane relief was astounding. To know that this is just one of the many ways you continue to share in God's World is a blessing to all. Again, thank you, you are appreciated as you continue to show Christ's Love.

In Christian Love, Pastors Cindy and Russ