

## Upcoming Events

10/31	Women's Retreat Deadline
11/11-13	High School Retreat
12/2-3	Women's Retreat

## Challenges

**Challenge 1 (Activists):** Answer the following questions in your journal: what one problem do you see in the world that you wish you could do something about? What is it that makes your blood boil? If you had unlimited resources, what would you do to resolve it? Is there anything that you can do about it given your current resources?

**Challenge 2 (Caregivers):** Design a caregiving opportunity this week that is all about worship-loving God by loving others. Record your thoughts about the situation and your sense of God's presence as you were caring for God's child.

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## Welcome to The Well



### COFFEE'S ON US

Enjoy a hot cup of coffee and snacks.



### WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU

Stop by the Connection Table so we can get to know each other.



### FILL YOUR BUCKET

We'll start soon with a time of praise followed by an inspiring message.

## Finding Your Flavor



## Activists and Caregivers

October 30, 2016

***“But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.”  
Show me your faith without your works,  
and I will show you my faith by my works.” James 2:18***

### *The Activist*

#### LOVING GOD THROUGH CONFRONTATION

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” Luke 4:18-19

“What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” James 2:14-17

*\_\_\_\_\_ you confront is as just important as \_\_\_\_\_ you confront*

“There is only one kind of man who can fight the Lord’s battles in anywhere near a proper way, and that is the man who by nature is unbelligerent. A belligerent man tends to it because he is belligerent; at least it looks that way... We do it not because we love the smell of blood, the smell of the arena, the smell of the bullfight, but because WE MUST for God’s sake.” Francis Schaeffer, The Mark of a Christian

*Everyone doesn’t have to care about everything;  
but everyone has to care about something.*

### *The Caregiver*

#### LOVING GOD THROUGH CARING FOR OTHERS

“But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?” 1 John 3:17

“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” James 1:27

“Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy.” Ezekiel 16:49

*Christianity is not about what you \_\_\_\_\_, but about what you \_\_\_\_\_*

“Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.” James 4:17

#### **Pitfalls for Activists and Caregivers**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ others
- 2) Serving \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Burning out

*“Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ’s compassion for the world is to look out; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.”*

*St. Teresa of Avila*