



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Discovery 101** – We are excited to hold our next Discovery 101 class on Sunday, April 28 from 3-7 pm. If you are interested in learning more about Southwinds and want to become a member of our church, join us to be introduced to the beliefs, strategy, structure and vision that serve as the foundation of Southwinds.
- **Bingo de Mayo** – It's happening Wednesday, **May, 1st from 6:30-8:30 pm**. Bring the family and participate in an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Of course, there will be prizes and a **live Mariachi Band**. This is a **family event** so **CHILDCARE WILL NOT BE PROVIDED**. For questions contact Talanna Williams: (209) 765-1122; twilliams@southwinds.org.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION: Closes: April 29th.

* **Cost:** \$15 per person -OR- \$80 for a family of 5 or more. (**MUST** live in the same household)

AT THE DOOR REGISTRATION: * **Cost:** \$20 per person - **Credit/Debit** payments ONLY.

- **LEAD Class** – You are invited to sign up for our brand new Southwinds Specific Leadership course called LEAD This class is for everyone interested in leadership...all high school aged Students and Adults can attend. You will be studying Dr. Iorg's book, The Character of Leadership, along with the Southwinds Application.

Pre-registration is required, and you must attend the Class Orientation on April 14 from 3-5pm.

There is no commitment after the class, nor are there any promises. You can sign up in the lobby or online. Questions? Speak to one of the Pastors or Elders or call the church office at 209.835.4673.

MY STORY

Discuss some ways or techniques that you have used to connect or introduce yourself to others?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Have a Volunteer Read: Hebrews 10:23

Point #1: We ENDURE TOGETHER.

"He says that endurance is possible because of the faithfulness of God and the support of other believers. Endurance is possible first, because of God's faithfulness. He tells them... He who promised is faithful. In other words, our faithfulness to God is grounded in his faithfulness to us. So if you're weak right now, cling to God's strength. If you're anxious right now, cling to God's peace. If you're afraid right now, cling to God's power. You

can endure because of God's faithfulness. But endurance is also possible because of the support of other believers. - **Michael Nolen**

Share a time when someone's support helped you endure.

Talk together as a group: Is there someone you know who needs our support right now?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Hebrews 10:24

Point #2: We LOVE AND SERVE TOGETHER.

"As the church, we have a lot of different ingredients. We have many different gift sets and personalities and experiences and backgrounds. We have all that. But as we come together, and as we do life together, we are called to stir up one another to love and good works. Something happens when we come together and do life with each other, when we're integrated in community. Something glorious happens where the whole is greater than the parts. Because when we interact with one another, when we follow Jesus together, it catalyzes love and good deeds in the body of Christ. And the lie that many of you are tempted to believe is that your role doesn't matter. That your ingredient doesn't matter, that it doesn't need to be mixed in. But God's word says that the church is the Body of Christ. There are many parts, or many members of the body and they are all important. We forget this reality." – **Michael Nolen**

"All of us are members of the body of Christ. Every part of the body matters. Everyone has an important role. We need your gifts. We need your experiences, your background, your personality. We need all that you bring in yourself to the church." – **Michael Nolen**

How has someone loved and served you through a church family?

"We have the love of God in us. The church is meant to be a catalyzing agent that activates the love of God in one another for one another. As we come together and do life together, it should bring out that love more and more. It should motivate us to serve others more and more. We need each other for this, you cannot do this alone." – **Michael Nolen**

How might you do that for someone else?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Hebrews 10:24; Ephesians 5:25

Point #3: We GATHER TOGETHER.

"I wonder... if you're someone who attends here and there... sometimes you are part of God's people gathered, sometimes you're not... have you ever considered what that might say about where your relationship to God truly is? In America today, a lot of people say, "I love Jesus. But I don't need the church." – **Michael Nolen**

Why do you think gathering together is essential for spiritual life and growth?

APPLICATION

This week pray on ways that you can get more connected to the church and discuss with someone else.

PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS