

A Message from The Pastor



Our culture tends to make a big deal about all holidays. I have been seeing Halloween decorations and candy in the stores since late summer. At the time of this writing in mid-September, the pressure to be prepared for Halloween is building. Halloween is a fun holiday: dressing up, trick-or-treating with the children, parties, and lots of candy! We have shifted the original meaning of this holiday, as we have so many other holidays, and added meanings to suit our time and place. It was originally a time of fear and full of superstition and ritual to keep away evil spirits. Christianity doesn't really enter into Halloween much at all; we have no need to fear evil spirits or evil of any kind. Jesus has defeated evil, and we have confidence in God's protection. We enjoy the fun of Halloween as we do every celebration, living as Christ followers with kindness, love and self-control. While our culture may think that Halloween is what this time of year is all about, we know that the true holiday (holy day) is the day after Halloween. All Saints Day is a day to honor and remember those Christ followers who have gone home to God, especially in the past year. To me, while candy and costumes are fun, the real meaning of the last weekend in this month is to remember the lives of those who have meant so much. I am inspired by what I have received from them, and I strive to be like them in their best moments. Am I being the kind of person who will inspire others? Will I be remembered for being kind, for admitting my mistakes, for forgiving others, for striving to learn and grow every day, for trying to follow Christ in all I do? In the midst of all the light-hearted fun of October 31st, let's remember to be the kind of person who will be remembered well on November 1st.

Blessings,
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