



COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION

***Helping our community with caring love while enabling them to
find and follow Jesus!***

Church for people disillusioned with church, who want to make a difference!

Agenda (see news letter)

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INTRODUCTORY/ OPENING PRAYER	5 min
Gathering / Communicating Community needs	10 min
Gathering prayer needs	5 min
Prayer for community and praying for needs	15 min
Short Message/ Discussion /Helpful thoughts to remember from the bible	30 min
Gathering of the monetary contributions for the community work (tithes)	5 min
Praise and Worship Music (counting of monetary contributions, join in or get something to drink / eat at the same time)	15 min
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NEEDS LISTING SO FAR:

# Priority	CURRENT NEEDS IDENTIFIED	PLANNED DATE	# attending	Complete?
17 Critical	An elderly couple, without ability to drive, with no income, will need to get 20 cord of wood to heat their home this winter. Taylor is holding \$1062 in a Judas purse and this has been promised to pay for 17 cords. ONLY 3 cords to go!	In progress	A team is needed	No (Gathering money for wood)
16 Substantial	Elderly couple in ?Sundridge? is needing helping moving into a retirement home. Cindy will get more information so this can be planned.	TBP	TBP	No
15 Moderate	Deck Painting An elderly couple still need to have their deck painted.	25-Sep-11	TBP	No
14 low	Support Almaguin High to build their snozelen room effort http://www.access2011.com/snoezelen-room.html	Ongoing	To be planned (TBP)	No
13 Moderate	EVES Trough and Deck An elderly couple need to have help to clear their evestrough and to sand their deck.	10-Sep-11	5	Yes
3 Substantial	Woman with husband that has Alzheimer's needs some help with housework weekly	Weekly	One person	Ongoing
1 Moderate	Determine if we can help support a person that has pneumonia and a heart condition with cutting wood for winter. It was suggested they see how much they can get done and then ask if they need additional help.	Ad Hoc support	Volunteers needed	

True love and caring . . .

Romans 12:9-17

Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes. Bless those who hurt you. Bless them, and do not call down curses on them. Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. Agree with each other. Don't be proud. Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important. Don't think that you are better than others. Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can.

Prayer requests?

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Let us
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PRAYER ITEMS

- James has a tumour. Let's pray for wisdom for the doctors, compassion for those around him and that he would connect with God deeply in some way so that he will have courage to face this difficulty.
- Camp Kahquah Seniors retreat.
- Janice and Courtney going to Alberta and needing work.
- Edna to get knowledge of why she is feel ill and that the doctors would have wisdom.
- People worried about 9/11
- Elderly in our community as they prepare for winter.
- That people with needs would let us know of them

Sort message/ discussion

Acts 18:1-7

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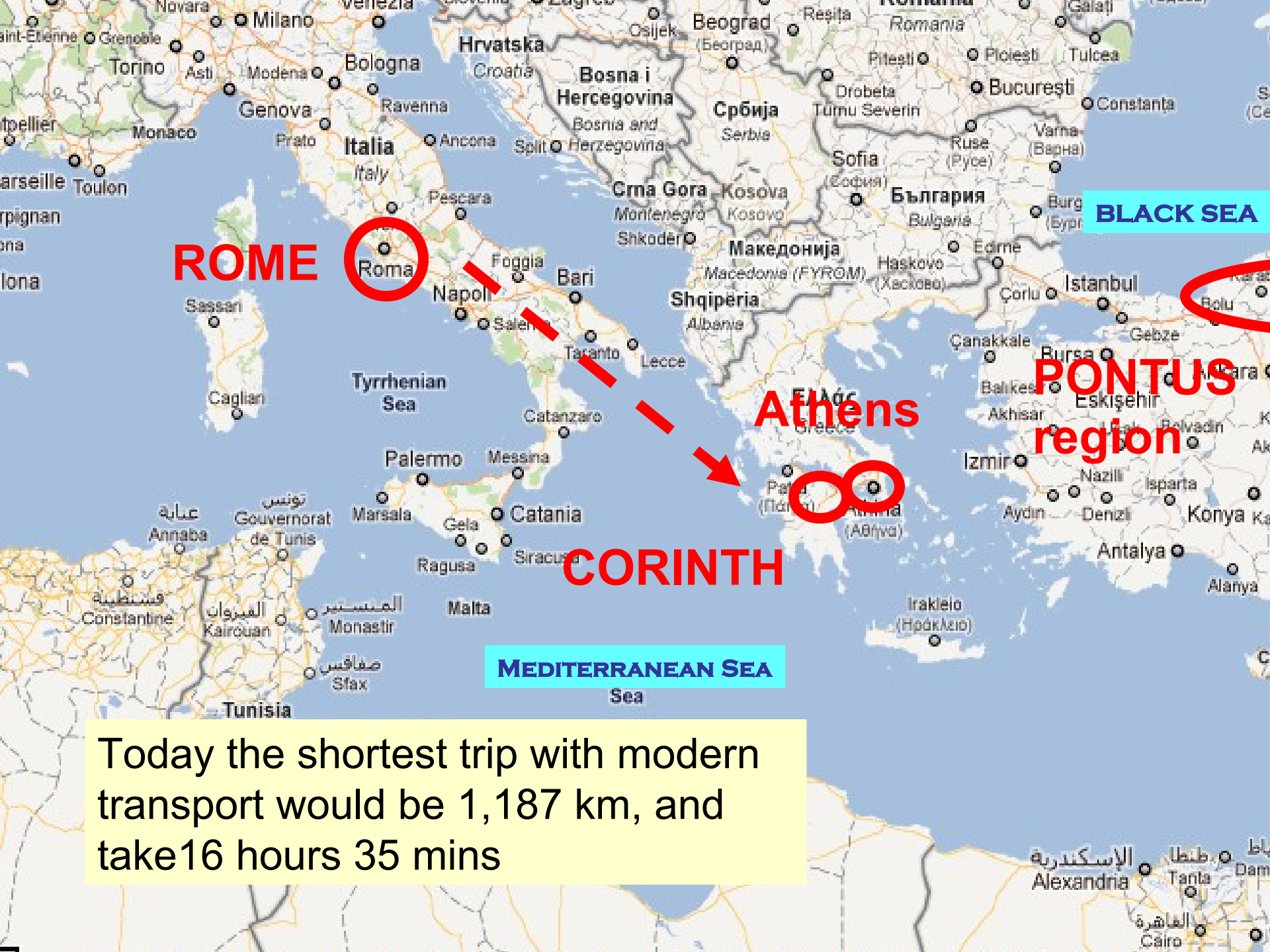


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Paul's emotional state on arriving

- I Corinthians 2:1-3
 - Brothers and sisters, when I came to you I **didn't come with fancy words or great wisdom**. I preached to you the truth about God's love. I made up my mind to pay attention to only one thing while I was with you. That one thing was Jesus Christ and his death on the cross.
 - When I came to you, I **was weak and afraid and trembling all over**.

Paul's treatment by locals

- 2 Corinthians 6:9-10 But people treat us as if we were pretenders. We are known, but people treat us as if we were unknown. We are dying, but we continue to live. We are beaten, but we are not killed. We are sad, but we are always full of joy. We are poor, but we make many people rich. We have nothing, but we own everything.

Situation at the time

- Paul had not been successful planting a church in Athens!
- Corinth was a Party Town
 - Commercial crossroad of Greece
 - location of Aphrodite's (goddess of love) temple with over 1000 priests/prostitutes
- Tiberius Claudius Caesar Augustus Germanicus
 - Was Roman Emperor from 41 to 54 A.D.
 - He took over from the most vicious Emperor of Rome - Caligula
 - He probably ejected Christian Jews to satisfy the Italian Jewish community

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Tent making

- Probably learned his trade in Tarsus (his home town)
- Fully self-supporting
- Not a burden on his community
- Worked alongside others providing services for those that did not know Jesus
- Allowed relationships that formed to show others Jesus.
- Let's see how he did in Corinth. . .

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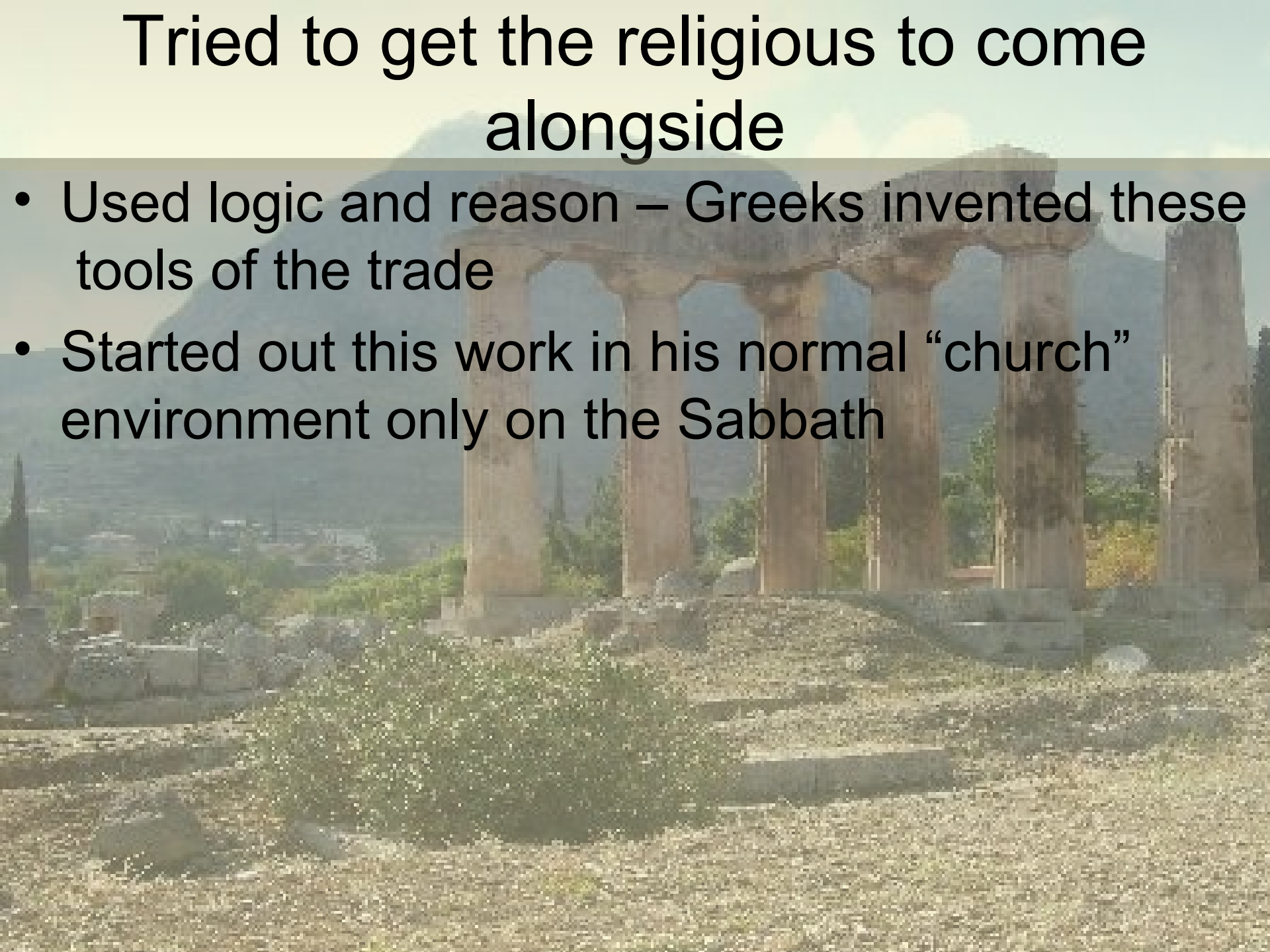
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Tried to get the religious to come alongside

- Used logic and reason – Greeks invented these tools of the trade
- Started out this work in his normal “church” environment only on the Sabbath



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When a few gathered that were like minded he extended this to weekdays

- He gave up tent making and only preached
- He must have already saved enough money at that stage, so he didn't need to earn
- He took time away from WORK to teach others about JESUS.
- He took RISK doing this. . .how did it work out?

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Shakes his clothes out...

- Note similarity to Luke 9:3-5 where Jesus said
 - "Don't take anything for the journey. Do not take a walking stick or a bag. Do not take any bread, money or extra clothes. When you are invited into a house, stay there until you leave town. Some people may not welcome you. If they don't, **shake the dust off your feet** when you leave their town. This will be a witness against the people living there."
- Symbolically he was saying he was taking nothing from them. . .shaking clothes showed he had nothing hidden!

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I am innocent of it,

- If people reject supporting Jesus and our guidance, we are not to continue bugging them.
- At a certain point, they have full responsibility for their decision.
- Provided we do not take anything from these people, we will not be found guilty for ignoring them.
- We need to realize if one path is blocked we need to look for another path in life, he turns to unbelievers who are willing to listen.

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Paul starts a house church

- Right next door in the same neighbourhood
- Similar to how we have started SGC celebrate together with Birchdale in Kearney, alongside other churches.



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Leaders that see Jesus support true Christian service in the community

- Crispis was the leader of the synagogue and he chose to join Paul.
- Perhaps he realised that truth was more important than tradition,
- Perhaps he realised that service was more important than comfort,
- Perhaps he like us understood the need is to help others less fortunate than ourselves and wanted to be part of it.



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Notification

- **September 24th**
 - First we **paint a deck in the morning** and then those that help paint the deck can join Penny and Ken who are going to have an afternoon of **outdoor rock climbing** and **hiking**.
 - **Strong outdoor shoes need to be worn!** Come in climbing/painting clothes that can get dirty and get paint on them.
 - Perhaps if you **bring a swimsuit and towel**, we can cool off in the lake when we get back or before climbing.
 - You are **welcome to stay on for youth group activities** but this Saturday activities end at 9:30pm sharp!



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