



Williamstown Assembly of God

Sunday: September 18, 2022



An excerpt from *7 Steps to Start Becoming a Church People Want to Commit To* by Karl Vaters (www.christianitytoday.com)

1. Give Them a Cause: The only thing that will get them out of their house and into our churches is if we give them a cause worth living (and dying) for. Namely, an authentic presentation of the gospel of Jesus through our words and our lives.

2. Emphasize Relationships Over Spectacle or Tradition: For small churches especially, being a church that people want to commit to starts and ends with relationships. We need to help people make connections to Jesus and each other. Then work together to build bridges with those outside the church walls.

Long after our traditions have grown stale and the spectacle has been replaced by a bigger show somewhere else, genuine relationships with Jesus and people will last.

3. Be Genuine: People are far less naïve than they used to be. A teenager can spot bad CGI in a movie that would have blown their minds a few years ago. And they can spot phoniness in people even quicker.

4. Discover Your Calling – Then Be Good at It: Every pastor and church needs to discover who you are and what you're called to do. Then, *do* that and *be* that! Giving people something worth committing to isn't a matter of competing with the big church down the street. It's not about offering nicer facilities, bigger events or even better preaching. It's about discovering what God has called you and your church to be great at, then being great at that.

Excellence isn't limited to churches with big budgets. There's no excuse for shoddiness. It costs no more time or money to do it right. It just takes a full commitment.

5. Don't Just Talk – Hang Out and Listen: No one wants a relationship in which one side does all the talking. We have TV and movies for that. People want to engage with others, not just sit passively while someone else talks. Sadly, the church does not have a reputation of being open to dialog – or to hard questions. And definitely *not* to criticism.

No, you don't have to turn every sermon into a discussion group, but there needs to be an easy and obvious way for people to engage, dialog, chat, hang out and feel like their life and their opinion matters.

6. Keep Learning and Getting Better: I communicate, minister and lead much differently today than I when I started in pastoral ministry 35 years ago. In fact I do it differently than I did just ten years ago. And I expect to change at least as much in the next five years. I now have over 30 years of ministry experience in addition to my formal ministry training. But that experience matters less today than it ever has. If we, as a church, are not constantly learning, listening and growing, we will fall behind very quickly.

Calendar

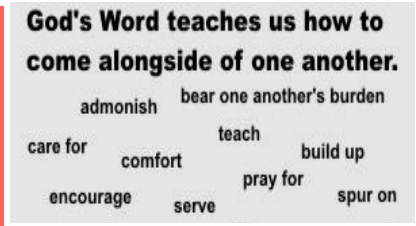
FOOD MINISTRY FOR SEPT 2022: The Harvesters Food Distribution will take place at WAG on Mon, Sept 19, 2 pm. (Volunteers should be at the church by 1:30 pm. Please be prepared for hot weather!)

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| 18 | Sunday Service, 10:30 am |
| 19 | Harvester's Food Distribution, 2 pm |
| 20 | WM's Monthly Meeting, Noon |
| 25 | Sunday Communion Service, 10:30 am Tail Gating Fellowship Event, noon |
| 26 | CCC Food Distribution, 1 pm |



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When times are hard to bear
We thank you for the comfort
That comes from those who share.

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7. Offer People a Challenge Worthy of Their Time and Talents: Jesus never made discipleship easy. He always inspired people to a bigger commitment by calling them to a greater challenge.

Too many pastors limit the expectations they have for their members to sitting in a pew and filling gaps in existing ministries. We think we can't ask more of them because ... well ... they're not even doing *that!*

But a lot of uncooperative church members and recently unchurched people aren't as disinterested as we think. Like some of the rowdy kids in school, they're not ditching class because we're asking too much of them. They're acting out because they're not being challenged.



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Women's Ministries: September 2022 Meeting

Every Christian should see encouraging others as an essential part of their discipleship.

Ladies, you are invited to join us at WAG for the next WM Meeting on Sept 20th (Tue) at noon. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to share with the group.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda.

Reading *Not my Will* by Brenda Poinsett, Chapter 9
Word Encouragement
Location Church Office



Chiefs Tailgate Party



DATE Sept 25 (Sunday)
TIME Church Service, 10:30 am
Barbecue Lunch & Chiefs Game, noon
PLACE WAG

Everyone is invited to this fellowship event. Please bring a friend, a side dish/dessert, and your favorite board game! There will be games and fun throughout the football telecast.

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah 2022 begins on Sun, Sept 25 at sunset, and ends in the evening of Tue, Sept 27. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish new year, the beginning of the month of Tishrei. (Aish.com)

On this holiday God reviews the behavior of all His subjects and decrees their fate for the coming year. We blow the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah, declaring that God is our King and we are His devoted subjects. Rosh Hashanah is a time of judgment, tempered with the great love God has for His people. On Rosh Hashanah, we eat foods that symbolize good things we hope for in the coming year.

- After eating LEEK or CABBAGE, say: *May it be Your will, God, that our enemies be CUT OFF*
- After eating BEETS, say: *May it be Your will, God, that our adversaries be REMOVED.*
- After eating DATES, say: *May it be Your will, God, that our enemies be FINISHED.*
- After eating GOURD, say: *May it be Your will, God, that the decree of our sentence should be TORN apart, and may our merits be PROCLAIMED before You.*
- After eating POMEGRANATE, say: *May it be Your will, God, that our merits increase as the seeds of a POMEGRANATE.*
- After eating the HEAD of a sheep or fish, say: *May it be Your will, God, that we be as the HEAD and not as the tail.*

Fall Bazaar

St. Theresa Catholic Church, 209 3rd St. in Perry, will host its annual fall bazaar from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sun, Oct. 2. A turkey and ham dinner with homemade pie will be served, with take-out meals available.

Bazaar includes kids' games, silent auction, bingo, a cake walk, baked goods and a country store. Meal cost: \$12 for adults, \$7 for kids age 10 and under.



Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief.

Ephesians 5:19-21 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

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