



*Don't forget to stay
**connected during
the week!***

Would you like to serve and see what God can do IN you and
THROUGH you? We would like to talk to you. Let us know
through your connection card or in person with one of our
leaders..

A big part of our church's DNA is going out to serve to those
in need, so we want to invite you to link arms with us as we
serve our community. Stay tune for our next community
service events.

Remember that the Wednesday WOW service and the
Tuesday youth group will be on pause for the rest of the year.

Hello!

Glad to see you!



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1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 (NIV)

Three ways believers live in the last days:

- We **TURN**.
- We **SERVE**.
- We **WAIT**.

1. We turn from idols that **DECEIVE** us to the God who **SAVES** us.

"They tell how you turned to God from idols..."

1 Thessalonians 1:9 (NIV)

- An idol is **ANYTHING** you put in God's **PLACE**.

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2 Timothy 3:1-5 NIV

2. We serve the **LIVING** God, not **DEAD** idols.

"They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God..."

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"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith— and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

3. We wait **ACTIVELY, PREPARING** for the return of Christ.

"...and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath."

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Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

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