

From the Pastor. . .

Bring a Friend (and Yourself!) Sunday is this Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. So, why are we doing this?

Here are some reasons:

1) Sometimes folks find themselves so overwhelmed with so many things to do, that Sunday School and worship fall by the wayside. An invitation could be just what they need to come back.

2) Some folks just aren't sure what church and Sunday School are all about. It seems strange to say, but it's true. Other folks have had experiences in church that have not been positive. An invitation (and a promise to sit with them when they come) can help alleviate these anxieties.

3) We live in a world that is increasingly secular. Our kids are getting messages every day that are contrary to our values. At Sunday School and worship and Children's Church, children and adults alike hear those values once again.

4) There is strength in numbers. Sometimes we feel like Lone Rangers, that no one else cares about God and Christ and values and morality. When we see a big crowd in Sunday School and worship, we are reminded that we are not alone. Just by showing up and being kind and friendly, you are an incredible witness!

So, how about it? Do you know someone who needs an invitation? Be bold. Make the call!

– Eric