

PEARCE CHURCH

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EQUIP

Dear Pearce family,

I have occasionally found myself working on a “simple” project around the house that ends up taking me hours. When I am at my wits end, I may call a contractor and have them come take care of the issue. My lack of training and expertise in a specific area causes the job to last a lot longer than it should, and sometimes at greater expense than if I had just called a contractor in the first place. However, in order to get some experience and save some money, I need to try stuff, which often includes trial and error. But who wants to make a mistake when you’re installing a new electric outlet? I have also noticed that sometimes I had the right idea, but did not have the right tool. The right tools, a bit of experience, and a helpful mentor come in real handy.

The same is true in the church. Ephesians 4:12 says that there are some persons in the body of Christ who are meant to “EQUIP his people for works of service.” It’s wonderful that God has provided for the Body of Christ with guides, or mentors, to help prepare the rest of the body of Christ to fulfill their God-given role. We are all called to serve, whether we are ordained as pastors or involved as lay persons. I attended a conference recently in which one of the speakers said, “When you arise from being baptized, the Spirit hands you a shovel.” The point is that we are all supposed to work, to serve, to fulfill God’s purpose for our lives and for the church. Following Christ is an active faith. After all, he said, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

Pearce’s mission is to ENGAGE all with Jesus’ love, ENFOLD people into God’s family, and EQUIP them to serve. Our mission expects that everyone will serve and our task is help prepare people for serving. This takes some training, coaching, and trying things. Pearce will provide the help and encouragement needed to serve in the area of the Holy Spirit’s gifting for you. The end result will be spectacular. Paul goes on in Ephesians 4:12b-13 to share the results of being equipped to serve: “So that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” So grab a shovel and let’s work together for the sake of God’s Kingdom.

With Faith,

Pastor Todd