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As of a few days ago, I have 430 Facebook “friends.” To some people, that number is impressive. And to others, it’s laughable. I honestly don’t care about that number or put any worth in it. Would you like to know why? Because out of those 430 people, I don’t actually KNOW all of them. Oh sure, they’re all acquaintances (I don’t accept friend requests from strangers). Some of them are people I went to high school with, people I met at a conference, or people who are in the same line of ministry that I’m in. I’ve met every single one of them. But when it comes to Facebook, you can know an awful lot ABOUT someone without actually KNOWING them.

For example, if you look at my Facebook page, you’ll quickly learn that I have two kids and post lots of pictures of them. You’ll learn where my husband and I went on our last date. You’ll know that I post the occasional Bible verse or song lyric to communicate my thoughts and emotions of the day. You’ll even find a link to my blog. But knowing ABOUT me doesn’t equate to KNOWING me. They’re two different things. Surfing my Facebook page doesn’t allow you to experience the “first-hand” me with all my quirks, tendencies, habits, and preferences. It doesn’t allow you to ask questions and hear my intentional responses. It doesn’t allow you to see the aspects of my heart that are hidden from the general population. Knowing about me isn’t the same as knowing me.

Along that same line of thinking, knowing ABOUT God isn’t the same as KNOWING Him. A lot of us have spent some time in the Bible, picking up pieces of info about God here and there. We could quote the Lord’s Prayer if asked, we know some of the important details of the Bible, and we might even be able to name some specific things He has done. But those are all things you can know without actually interacting with Him or engaging with Him.

Do you know ABOUT God, or do you KNOW Him? Can you rattle off a list of information, or have you invested the time and energy it takes to become intimately familiar with Him? When we take the time to know God and His character, it will change who we are and how we think about Him.

Terra Penninga, adapted from Matt Chandler/The Village Church

Coming Up

- Friday and Saturday, February 9-10: Ladies' February Fling
- Sunday, February 11: Community Dinner at the Saranac Housing Commission - **East Bldg.**
- Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday (service details TBD)

Announcements

- If you are considering the **Weekend to Remember Conference**, the deal just got better! Registrations are 1/2 off until January 29th with our group code "PathwayWesleyanChurch" (no spaces). The dates are Feb. 23-25 at the Amway Grand Hotel and the cost is now \$149 per couple! Let Danyelle Tuthill or Christi Pett know if you have questions or need help registering.
- Over the next several weeks, the **Trustees will be assisting the Yakes** as they prepare their home for move-in! The trustees have invited any interested persons to help with this project. There is a need for both skilled and unskilled labor. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Jordan or Andy Penninga.
- The **Ladies' Spring Fling Weekend** will be held on February 9th and 10th. This is a weekend for women who scrapbook, quilt, paint or just want a time to get away for a day or two. Cost is \$10 for Friday, \$20 for Saturday, or \$30 for the entire weekend. Cost covers a table for the event, dinner on Friday, and brunch and dinner on Saturday. For more details, contact Bonnie Jackson.
- Sunday, February 11 will be our next **Community Dinner at the Saranac Housing Commission**. We'll be in the East Building this month, and dinner will start at 6:00. A menu sign up will be available via Facebook. If you would like to contribute to the meal or have any questions, contact Terra Penninga.

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Global Partners : Goal - \$6,750 Received - \$5,020 (74%)
WKFM: Goal - \$300 Received - \$76 (25%)
Parsonage Kitchen Remodel: Goal - \$15,000 Received - \$7,050 (47%)