Pastor Paul Moffett ◆ October 7-8, 2023 ◆ <u>Fill-In Online Bulletin</u> Velcroed to God and One Another ◆ Acts 2:44-47; Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)

The Practice of Noticing

As Jesus went from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collec	tor's booth.	"Follow me,"	he told him,
and Matthew got up and followed him. (Matthew 9:9)			

What if our noticing of God's character in our daily lives is not only to encourage us, but also to enable us to notice others? When we do, our noticing will turn to love.

The Practice of Invitation

¹⁰While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:10-13)

Community begins with an invitation and with hospitality.

Jesus knew there was something significant about what happens around a table. Jesus used the intimacy of a shared meal to express truth and grace. He used the ordinary of the table to impart His extraordinary love and care.

Who is around your table?

⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:46-47)

What's happening with the Lighthouse family...

Because relationship with one another is at the core of being a disciple of Christ, we invite you to find community and experience spiritual transformation through LCC's groups, classes, events, and service opportunities.

Honoring Pastor Paul Moffett: After 18 years of faithfully ministering to our church family, Pastor Paul is leaving the Lighthouse staff to follow God's call into fulltime mission work. Leave notes of appreciation and encouragement for him out in the foyer. Join us for a reception in the Coffee Shop following each worship service this weekend.

SonShine Stitchers: Women's quilting group meets from 9:00am-4:00pm on Thursday, October 12. Bring your lunch and enjoy making connections with fellow quilters as you work on your project.

Middle School Game Night: Students 6th-8th grade. 6pm-8pm on Friday, October 13. Visit <u>www.lighthousehome.org/ms</u> for a link to sign up.

Worship Night: Everyone is invited to this monthly time of worship and prayer. **Please note:** For the month of October we are moving from the first Friday of the month to the second Friday. See you at 7pm on October 13.

Meet the Jorgensons: Get to know the Jorgensons, our global outreach partners serving in Cambodia with the C&MA. Reception following services on October 14-15. Come hear their stories and show your support. No registration needed.

Tribes: Discipleship groups for students 6th-12th grade kickoff on October 22. Visit <u>www.lighthousehome.org/students</u> for details and to sign up.

eNews: Sign up for LCC's weekly eNews. Get special announcements and messages from our pastors and Leadership Team, updates and emergency notices, and a first look at upcoming groups, classes, and events. Visit www.lighthousehome.org/enews to sign up.

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