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Turning the hearts of youth and families to God and each other.

PILGRIMAGE TO TOME: We had a stunningly beautiful day on Good Friday to walk the Tome Hill and join thousands of like-minded believers in Jesus Christ. There were 7 youth members and 4 adults, totaling 11 of us who made the pilgrimage, leaving the church parking lot at 6:30 am. The youth stayed the night participating in a lock-in overnight, where we had pizza, sodas, goodies, and played lots of games. Volleyball, basketball, and one of the youth favorites, hide-and-seek in the dark. Early in the morning, Friday, we set out from the church and followed Grant Irwin who led us down the ditch banks all the way to the hill. We saw the beauty of God’s creation in the animals along the way. Ducks, White Egrets, muskrats, possibly even a beaver hole in the side of the ditch. Dogs and horses greeted us along the way as we took turns walking and talking to different participants along the way. We reached the top of the hill by 9 am which is a record especially considering that we usually leave by 6 not 6:30. The youth and of course Zabrinia, decided to climb up the steep embankment, while us older guys and Wyatt, went around to the longer but more gentle sloped side. It is always as a miracle to sit before the Lord on the top and take in the views of our beautiful valley. We discussed where each of us had seen God that morning, and we received many answers, from nature, animals, each other, but one of the best was in how thousands of us come together with one purpose of remembering Jesus and what he has done for us. Tom Blaine led the devotional time with a great lesson on how we follow a leader to the hill, and how that leader must be trusted, and how that same principal relates to our every day walk as individuals, and as Christ followers.

 After the devotional time and some time to talk with God in prayer, we all made our way down the hill to meet Bob Caswell and take the bus ride back to the church. Bernice, and Deborah had made us a fantastic brunch meal with plenty for everyone to eat. Kelly came to support as well as Don and we all had a blessed event to remember and share with others. We are thankful for the many years that Tinka Platt has hosted us for brunch at her home, and missed that time, but always grateful to the Lord making everything happen. We pray that more of you will take the journey with us next year. HE IS RISEN!!!!!