

Laboring in the Lord's Vineyard

By Daniel Mark

Serving God strikes many a believer as something preserved for a special class of saints especially equipped with talents and abilities for ecclesiastic callings. Missions, pastorates, evangelisms, and the like readily come to mind. We then subconsciously latch onto the erroneous conclusion that anything unlike these cannot be service to the Lord. The notion seems to be that there has to be a halo of religiosity if a task or an enterprise would warrant the designation, "service to God." We tend to think of secular occupations as of negligible or zero spiritual worth and therefore are deemed of little significance in the world of doing God's work. Believers who are employed in fields with no discernible link to the Scriptures may suffer or endure the phony doubt of a guilt trip while others with explicit church or ministry related service may fall prey to the temptation of a mythical spiritual superiority. What then is Christian service?

Fortunately, the word of God furnishes us with a reassuringly expansive description of service to God and His church, the Body of Christ. Read this simple but amazing scripture from the inspired pen of the Apostle Paul: *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."* (Colossians 3:15) Immediately we are enlightened to see how all-encompassing God's perspective on service to Him is and that ought to mean a joyous appreciation that God has all believers to be His servants in all callings, be they full-time Christian work or one with a totally secular nature.

The New Testament demonstrates repeatedly how all believers are servants of God in noting



that God has endowed each saint with at least one gift. Each gift graciously given to us entails service to God through the Body of Christ. Considering that all true believers are thus blessed or qualified makes us all servants of the Lord potentially, and we must hone those talents in order to be servants in manifestation.

The Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, demonstrates that serving the Lord is a corporate as well as an individual engagement. For all the rigors and exactitude of the Law and the Levitical Priesthood in which the High Priest appeared before the Lord just once a year, the sins of the people as well as those of the ministering High Priest were confessed and placed before God in the Holy of Holies with a

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joint attitude of repentance and humility in genuine heartfelt confession. All the Israelites indirectly participated by anxiously waiting with bated breath to see how the Priest would fare before Yahweh.

In the New Testament, replete with exhortations and commands and examples of believers in service to God and His church, the Lord Jesus gave us the guiding motive of all our service to God and the church. In Luke 17:10 he instructed His disciples to serve with neither expectation of reward nor recognition! Instead, they and we, must consider ourselves as worthless servants who have simply obeyed and done what is required of us. What an astounding picture of service in the vineyard and Kingdom of God!

1 Samuel 30 records a beautiful story of the total body of believers contributing their service to a goal, no matter what their various roles had been. In short, when David, upon consultation with the Lord, had pursued and defeated the Amalekites and retrieved the possessions he and his men had lost, there were some who opposed sharing the spoils of war with those who had stayed behind and taken care of the property of David and His men. David overruled the dissenters by saying those who had taken care of the women and children and their possessions would be treated just like the combatants.

This principle expresses God’s wisdom and undergirds the whole business of service and servants. The missionaries who travel the world to proclaim the Good News are on equal footing with all others serving the Lord, however disparate their lines of work. The pastors, the janitors, the ushers, the worship leaders, the greeters, the secretaries, etc., etc., all do God’s will in His Kingdom, and none are esteemed of greater worth. The wonder of God’s wisdom is amazing, to say the least. As believers we’re all servants of our Heavenly

Father, and it matters not where and how He has purposed that we serve Him! Hallelujah!



Happy Birthday!

Blessings to all who celebrate a birthday this month. May you feel the love, joy and presence of the Lord as we all celebrate your special day with prayers and warmest wishes.

Kate Taylor	June 4
Bob Seiboth	June 5
Dan Fasanella	June 6
Charles MacQueen	June 6
Jess Klippert	June 14
Darrell Bernheisel	June 22

Financial Update

(Through April, 2022)

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want...”

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$60,057	\$78,515
Expense	\$80,146	\$78,515

Windsor Chapel has sent \$9,545 to our missionary partners this year. That is 16% of your giving!

Elders' Corner

By Ed MacQueen

Blessings to you in the Lord. I hope this edition of the Chapel Challenge finds you well. Please remember to pray for Tom Boote, who was recently hospitalized. Tom has persevered through so much these past couple of years, but needs our support now as much as ever. Tom, we pray for a quick recovery and safe return home.

The end of the school year is approaching, which is especially big news to our high school seniors. Congratulations graduates! The church will be arranging a time to recognize this accomplishment during a Sunday service sometime soon, so until then, well done seniors.

Summertime at Windsor Chapel means the 5-Day Club is upon us. Running from July 18-22 every night at 7:00-8:30, the 5-Day Club is a sort of abbreviated VBS led by our friends at Children's Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). CEF is an international organization whose Central New Jersey local chapter leader, Ms. Olga Hynes, has been leading the Windsor Chapel club for at least five years now. Between CEF and Pastor Andy the instructional time is in good hands, but allow me to make an urgent plea for help with what the children would say is a most critical component: SNACKS! If you are feeling brave, please volunteer to bring a snack for approximately thirty children. It can be for just one night, or more nights if you are able. The children will appreciate it! The event is for all children in the community, not just Windsor Chapel kids, so please feel free to invite neighbors, friends, etc., to join.

Finally, the church is also planning an end-of-the-summer pool party and picnic, so please stay tuned for details to come. For now, may

the peace of God be with you day by day. May we seek His kingdom before all else, trusting that God will provide all we need along the way.

Believers Baptism

A Believers Baptism will be held in June. Anyone interested in following the Lord by making this commitment should contact Pastor Andy

5-Day Club Starts Next Month!

Windsor Chapel will be hosting a Kids 5-Day Club again on July 18 – 22, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, for children ages 5 – 12, in partnership with CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship). Each evening of fun will include Bible stories, games, music, outdoor play and more!



There are many enjoyable ways for adults to serve during this important outreach. Help is especially needed in providing snacks for the children. You may volunteer to provide the snacks for just one night or for multiple nights if you wish. To learn more, please speak with Ed MacQueen on Sunday, or contact him by email at e.macqueen1@comcast.net or by phone at 609-751-6584.

Please begin to pray for the kids who will come and the families who will be impacted by the message of the Gospel. Feel free to share this exciting news with your family, friends and neighbors. All are welcome!

Further Up and Further In

*Inviting dialogue to encourage growth in
and among us*



By Cindy Bills

Grace and Peace

There are difficult and challenging times for most of us. In addition to the spiritual stresses that come with living in a world of unbelief and increasingly loud calls for tolerance and the disregard of universal truth in any form, people in all categories face physical, relational, and economic challenges. Grace and peace are rare commodities, indeed.

But these circumstances are not new. Believers in the early church lived in a world hostile to Christianity and characterized by disease and death, cruelty, and poverty. And yet the Apostle Peter, in his second epistle, strikes a decidedly positive note:

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature.... (II Peter 1:2-4a)

Peter is, of course, no stranger to struggle and hardship. The Gospels recount the calling and training of a very immature Peter to be the Apostle who establishes Christ's church on earth after Jesus' ascension and return to heaven. Life was hard for those early apostles and disciples. And a few verses later in Peter's second epistle, he acknowledges that his own death is imminent.

But Peter. Just as Peter's Master defied convention and expectation (*But Jesus*), so does Peter. Despite the challenges of the times, Peter declares with confidence that grace and peace can be experienced—and multiplied!—as we cling to Christ and the knowledge of Him. As we persevere in faith, we can experience the grace and peace of Christ not as we escape challenge but even in the midst of it. And in doing so, we encounter the opportunity to partake in the nature of Christ Himself.

This statement takes my breath away. A life of faith is not about gritting our teeth and white-knuckling it into heaven. It is about living in the knowledge that while we will have tribulation, our Lord, Savior, and Master has overcome the world. (John 16:33) We can look for "*our great High Priest who has passed through the heavens.... For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.*" We can find the core of our being in Him and know His grace and peace in the midst of trouble and sorrow. This truth does not minimize or deny suffering: our suffering is so significant to God that Jesus came to redeem it. But to borrow a phrase from the Apostle Paul, how much more will Jesus' glorious grace and peace cover us as we suffer and experience sorrow.

May we take Peter's exhortation to heart and look for the grace and peace of our Lord and encourage others with the knowledge of Christ as well.

Please feel free to contact Cindy (609-275-8557 or cynthialbills@gmail.com to continue the dialogue...

**Mercy, peace and love be yours in
abundance. Jude 1:2**



Father's Day Appreciation

To our wonderful fathers, grandfathers and all who have acted in the role of a father, we thank God for your life and service. God has placed you as spiritual leaders that model to us the person and character of Christ. We love you and appreciate all the ways God has used you to fill our lives with His goodness.

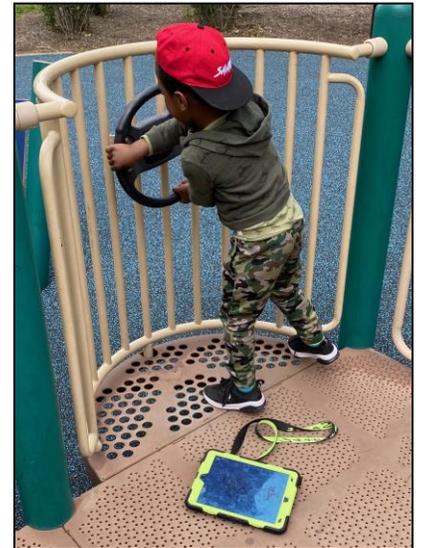
Important Prayer Chain Reminder

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our faithful prayer warriors, please remember to email it to prayer@windsorchapel.org. Clicking on "Reply" to a previous prayer request may delay your prayer request, since wcpayerchain@windsorchapel.org is mainly used for sending out prayer requests and not regularly monitored for new requests. If you would like to join the prayer chain ministry and receive prayer requests, please send an email to Dorothy at chapel@windsorchapel.org. We thank you for the privilege of praying for you and your loved ones.

Misjudging

By Janet Berrill

Recently I took my two-year-old grandson to Mercer County Park. There is a lovely playground by the lake that has a section for younger kids to play on. It was a warm Sunday afternoon, and the playground was crowded. Among the many children that were there was a boy who was six or seven years old who stood out to me. He had an iPad attached to a long strap hanging around his neck. The iPad had a heavy-duty case around it which enabled the boy to climb around on the equipment without damaging the iPad. Every so often the boy would look at the iPad and press something on the screen.



I am not a fan of video games. I think children spend too much time playing video games when they should be outside playing. Here was this boy who came to the playground with his iPad. I couldn't believe it – he brought his video games to the playground?? Were his video games so important to him that he couldn't leave them while playing outside? Wasn't it awkward for him to climb around on the equipment with an iPad around his neck? And what about the parents, why would they give him an iPad and put it in a case so he could take it with him as he played on the playground? Why were they enabling him to be addicted to video games, especially at such a young age?

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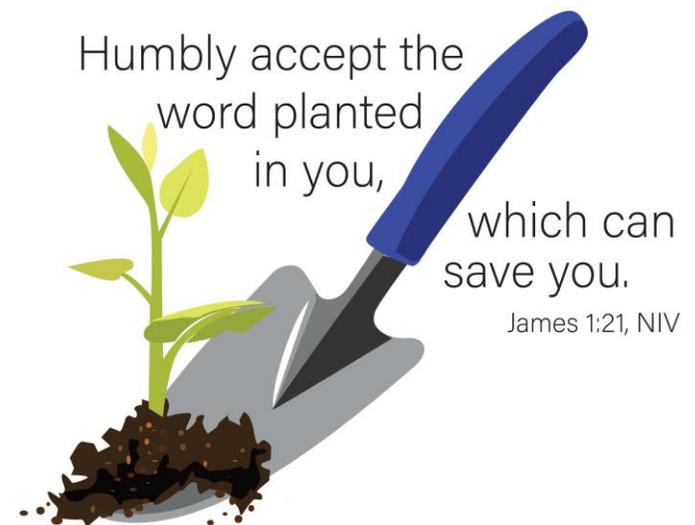
A short while later, my grandson and I were on a part of the play equipment that had steering wheels the children could turn and this boy was there as well. He had set his iPad down and was turning one of the wheels. When he finished, he turned around and said to me, “Driver, driver.” From the way he spoke I immediately realized that this boy had a mental development issue. And all of a sudden, I realized that I had completely misjudged this boy and his parents. The boy did not have video games on his iPad as I had concluded. When he picked up the iPad, I watched him and it looked to me like he would press something on the screen to indicate how he was feeling. Whatever it was, it was enabling him to safely play on the equipment with lots of other children around. I went from unfairly judging this boy and his parents to thanking God that such technology exists that would enable this boy to safely play in a crowded playground. And I thanked God that his parents loved him enough to get him the tools he needed so that he could play like other children.

John 7:24 says, “*Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.*” I had been judging by appearances, and God convicted me of my sin. I am glad He showed me a glimpse of the truth so that I did not leave believing something false about this boy and his parents. This incident made me wonder how often I judge others by mere appearances. The truth is that I don’t know the whole story about anyone, so I am always judging by appearances, at least in part. The fact is that only God is qualified to judge correctly, because He alone knows what is in a person’s heart, and He alone knows everything that is happening.

It’s so easy to judge the driver of the car behind us who is tailgating, or the rude woman in the grocery store, or the antisocial co-worker.

We judge by appearances because we don’t know what is going on in the lives of these people. The driver could be in a hurry to get to an elderly parent who just called her son to say she had fallen, the woman in the grocery store could have lost her husband and is having a hard time coping, the antisocial co-worker could be having marital problems. None of these situations is acceptable for treating another person unkindly, but they do help us extend grace to someone who needs it.

From now on, I am going to make an effort to not judge by appearances, but rather to ask God to help me judge correctly when I do need to judge, to not judge when it’s none of my business, and to enable me to be gracious in all situations.



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