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governance is greatest. Others profess that their idea of justice is greatest. Still others profess that they are greatest because their brand of morality is superior to those around them. What's lacking in all of these folks? The Christ-like characteristics of humility and service. It's lacking in the country, and it's lacking in the modern expression of Christ's Church.

We can do better. Jesus modeled an attitude of humility – a modest view of one's own importance. I read recently that one way we can demonstrate humility in our own lives is to talk less and listen more. Another is choosing peace over being right. Both of these communicate that we value others over ourselves. Jesus communicated the same thing when he chose to sacrifice himself for our benefit.

Jesus not only modeled humility, but his humble attitude allowed him to be able to serve those around him. Nobody with an inflated sense of self-importance would ever stoop to washing anybody's feet, much less sacrifice himself on a cross. And it's only as we arrive at a sense of humility in our own life that we are able to truly serve other people in the spirit of Christ.

Humility and service. These aren't only characteristics that we should seek to have the Holy Spirit cultivate in us. They should be characteristics we look for in our leaders. (But that's another article, entirely.) So I leave each of us with a couple of questions. Whose feet are you being called to wash? And, how open are you to having humility and a servant's heart cultivated in you so you can engage in that act of service, in the name of Jesus the Christ?

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HUMILITY AND SERVICE John 13:1-17

The passage from John 13 tells about Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. That passage always amazes me. The Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, gets down on the floor and debases himself as he attempts (once more) to demonstrate humility and service toward his followers. Humility and service to others are some of the characteristics that Jesus has been modeling for them over the three years they've been together. But they just don't get it.

How do I know they don't get the message? Because if we look into the Gospel of Luke at what follows the foot washing, we hear the disciples arguing about who will be the greatest among them. They missed it again. And we still tend to miss Jesus' message today.

There are those who profess that we live in a Christian society, in a country founded on Christian principles. Yet, we still engage in the same argument the disciples engaged in – who is the greatest among us? The argument takes many forms as we seek to elevate ourselves, and denigrate those around us. Some profess their philosophy of

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A LOOK AHEAD:

SHARING CHRIST

2020 CROP WALK

Yes, folks, we are going to have a 2020 CROP Walk, which will be a Honor Walk done individually, due to virus constraints on group gatherings. Participants can walk any time and distance up to walk day, **October 3**, when recruiters will turn in completed donation envelopes. The Walk will be called the "Alamance County Hunger Honor Walk", and will honor first responders to the virus pandemic, who will be featured on our new CROP T-shirts! Front Street was the leading church in monies raised in 2019 with \$6,200 and our goal for 2020 is \$6,500. For more information and to obtain walker donation envelopes call Jenna Johnson at 336-584-1120 or Phil Young at 336-584-2090.



KENYAN WELL PROJECT

The Genesis Sunday School Class invites you to join them in raising funds for a water well in Kenya! A well cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$30,000 to drill and set up. We can be a part of something bigger than ourselves by supporting a well. If you would like to be part of a life-changing project for thousands of people for generations to come, please send your contribution into the church office by **October 31, 2020**. Make the checks payable to Front Street UMC and write Kenyan Well Project on the memo line! For more information on this project, visit the church website.



CEREAL & CANNED GOODS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

We continue to collect cereal and canned/dry goods for the Salvation Army. Please feel free to drop off these

items any time during the month. You may deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center or call Betty Huneycutt (336-212-0704) for porch pick up. Thank you for your continued support of stocking the food pantry at the Salvation Army.



Giving Hope Today

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blood Drive on **Saturday, November 7** from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall.



American Red Cross

Annual Charge Conference on **Sunday, November 15** at 2:30 p.m. by Zoom.



Our high school students and MYF leaders have been meeting outdoors for "Supper Club" this summer. Friends and good food make for an enjoyable evening!"

Prayers

- **Sandy Elliott** recovering from a recent hospital stay due to low sodium levels
- **Sally Fox** in rehab at Alamance Health Care Center
- **Nancy Freeman** upon the death of her brother, Steve Rivers, on 8/29
- **Stephanie Gable** recovering from surgery for torn cartilage in her shoulder
- **Charles Hawks** recovering from a hospital stay due to heart issues
- **Chris Huneycutt** recovering from shoulder surgery

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our Backpack Ministry Food Drive in August. We collected over 425 pounds of food. This food provides meals for Eastlawn students and their families for the weekend every Friday. These meal bags contain between 6-8 lbs. of non-perishable food; enough food items for two meals for a family of four.

Marcy McAdams

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE AS OF 9/11/2020

YTD Actual Giving – \$764,876.01
YTD Budgeted Giving - \$948,017.07

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