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It takes an immense amount of humility to serve. It takes an immense amount of humility to allow yourself to be served.

In the upper room on the night of His betrayal, an argument broke out among Jesus' apostles as to which one of them was considered to be the greatest (Luke 22:24). It was such an unseemly and misguided dispute, especially in light of what was about to transpire in the hours that followed. While the cacophony of this ego-driven contest of conceit wore on, Jesus quietly arose from his reclined position at the table, took off His outer clothing, wrapped himself with a towel, filled a basin with water, washed the feet of His disciples, and dried their feet with the towel (John 13:1-5). As if the divine Son of Man had not bowed low enough in emptying Himself to become enveloped in human flesh, he stooped further still to perform the most menial of tasks for a bunch of whining, self-obsessed men who could not be bothered to extend a simple, common courtesy to one another, much less to their Lord and Master.

Jesus didn't have the modern convenience and protection of latex gloves or the aid of brushes or pedicure instruments. He used His bare hands to rub and rinse dirt and packed-on road grime from the calloused, malodorous feet of 12 adult men. As their feet grew cleaner, the water and the towel grew more dingy and dirty. This was no mere ritual or superficial ceremony; it was a legitimate and much-needed foot bath. Jesus powerfully displayed unparalleled humility in this act of selfless service. But, to be served in this way required of the apostles that they dig deeply into their reservoirs of submissiveness and poverty of spirit, neither of which was their strong suit. It was purely out of pride that Peter protested, "Lord, you'll never wash my feet!" "Dig a little deeper in the well of humility, Peter," Jesus said. "If you want to be with Me, you've got to let this happen."

In unmerited grace and unmitigated mercy, Jesus wants to cleanse us. He wants to do our spiritual laundry, removing the stains of sin that we are powerless to remove for ourselves. He wants to wash our robes, making them clean and white through the saving power of His sacrificial blood (Rev. 7:14). It takes humility to allow Him to do that.

In baptism, we humbly surrender our pride to Jesus' divine will and submissively accept His promise to wash away our sins (Acts 22:16); not a physical cleansing, but an appeal to God for a clean heart and conscience (1 Peter 3:21). Far from a human work that somehow invalidates salvation by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-10), baptism is a humble expression of faith and confidence in the power and working of God to save us (Colossians 2:12). Baptism is a dramatization, a reenactment, of our faith in Jesus' death, burial and resurrection and a pledge of our trust that God will, through that same resurrection power, quick-

SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am

Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am

Evening Worship & Classes 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

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en us to new spiritual life (Romans 6:1-7). Baptism is complete surrender. It is wholly submissive on our part, just as it was for the apostles as they allowed Jesus to wash their feet. Baptism is a bold proclamation of the depth of our faith in Jesus Christ; enough faith to trust Him; enough faith to obey Him; enough faith to submit to His instruction; enough confidence in Him to simply comply with His request.

My 21-year-old son, Coleman, is developmentally disabled and unable to bathe himself. He is simply incapable of doing it; it is impossible for him. Our morning routine each day involves me getting him into the tub, lathering him up, scrubbing him down, shampooing and rinsing his hair, drying him off, drying his hair, shaving him, brushing his teeth, and getting him dressed. All the power and the “work” that makes his cleansing a reality lie totally outside of himself. The only thing he contributes to the process is beautiful, humble trust and acceptance. He just receives the gift and the blessing of grace without pride or protest.

People spend far too much time debating what baptism is for, rather than just accepting where baptism is from. It is from Jesus. Just humbly accept it and submissively receive it!

by Tim Pyles (edited for length)

HOPE HARBOR

- The change cans for Hope Harbor are due back by Sunday, August 31st. You can leave them on the counter in the fellowship room. If you would like another change can to fill up see Bruce Rothell.
- If you would like to ride the van to the Hope Harbor Open House and Fish Fry on Saturday, Sept 27th, please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

There will be a young adult class this fall (starting Sept 7th). If you plan on attending this class please sign your name on the sheet posted on the bulletin board (when you leave the auditorium turn right and the bulletin board is on the wall to the right). We need to know how many books to order for the class - one book for each couple please (no charge). If you have any questions see Jack Lierly.

STAFFORD NORTH'S BOOK

If you would like a copy of Stafford North's book “Evangelizing Your Community” please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board. This is the book that Ben has been teaching from on Wednesday evenings. The cost is \$10.00 per book, please give the funds to Karen Brown.

AUDIO / VIDEO BOOTH

If you are interested in helping in the audio / video booth after we move into the new auditorium please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board. This will be on a rotation, and if you have any questions see Keith Riggs.

upcoming
work dinners
events fellowship
retreats picnics games parties
meetings

Sunday, August 31st

5th Sunday fellowship meal - group Path

Sunday, Sept 14th

Elder's and Deacon's meeting, 3:30

Ladies meeting, 3:30

Sunday, Sept 28th

Fellowship meal after evening services - group Hill

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Becky Byer's father, Larry Isaacs, began chemo treatments last week. We hope the chemo does its job and all will be well.
- Cindy Khoury's mother, Nancy Bentley, has gone home after her heart surgery and rehab. We hope things continue to improve.
- Debbie Whitchurch's husband, Eddie, was admitted to St Francis Thursday evening. He keeps falling asleep and they have no explanation of why. Update: Eddie was diagnosed with sleep apnea and very dehydrated; his confusion went away when he received fluids, and he should have gone home Friday evening.
- Debbie Whitchurch's relative, Paul Selsor, has been diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer and will undergo chemo treatments to slow its progress.
- Beverly Wooley will have Hiatal Hernia surgery in the near future.
- Our sympathy goes out to the family of Clay Webb; he was a minister at the Drumright congregation at one time. His services were last week.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear

COLLEGE STUDENTS

We are looking for names and addresses (at school) of our young people who are going off to college – especially for the first time. The idea has been brought up to send them encouragement / care packages. For example at the beginning of school when things are so different and can be overwhelming – just a card saying *hey, we are thinking of you...* can make a difference. Please email these addresses to Ben along with ideas that can be done to encourage our college kids. Maybe you have a grandchild or a niece or nephew that fits into this area, pass those names along too. This is a work that is not in the budget, so any funds would be appreciated. (Give to Ben).

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Reeve, Aug 24	Jennifer Wetzel, Sept 7	Meghan Causby, Sept 11
Jerry & Janice O'Shields, Aug 25	Tracy Patterson, Sept 8	Peyton McCafferty, Sept 12
Wes & Marisa Wadkins, Aug 25	Meagan Russell, Sept 9	Daniel Marquez, Sept 12
Andrea Hallsted, Aug 30	Jeanne Thomas, Sept 10	Bob Simmons, Sept 12
Ralph Causby, Aug 30	Sloan Bains, Sept 10	Jeff Bullinger, Sept 13
Tyler Whitchurch, Aug 31	Spencer & Steph Yeager, Sept 10	Bob & Betty Simmons, Sept 16



The youth will have an outing after this morning's services and return in time for services this evening. They will eat pizza and play mini golf. If you have any questions see Matt Caldwell.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST

- We will have our Fellowship meal after morning services with an early 1:00 service instead of the 5:00 pm service. Group Path is responsible for setting up and cleaning up.
- We will also have our Special Contribution for the building fund.

TONI O'NEAL

Toni O'Neal is looking for a part time job, information has been posted on the bulletin board. Please contact her if you have any questions.

- **Our friends and family:** Suzanne Stamps; Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Jeannene Thomas (cancer); Barbara Vaughan; Eric Vaughan (heart); Sylvia Paddubny (rehab); the Mulkey family; Ann Isom (Bert's sister) & others.

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes
Sunday AM Worship
Sunday PM Worship
Wednesday Bible Classes

112
154
91
86

Contribution

Sunday Contribution
Budget
Over Budget
Building Fund

\$4,994.05
\$4,185.00
\$1,355.06
\$1,932.11

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer Jack Lierly
Scripture Reading Michael Brown
Closing Prayer Matt Caldwell
Lord's Table Jerry Morgan
Carl Burrus
Topper Causby
Hayden Bullinger

Ushers

Johnny Riggs
Darrell Burcham

Greeter

Ryan McCafferty

Lock Building

Bruce Rothell and Bobby Hill

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer Jesse Byers
Closing Prayer Harry Reeve
Lord's Table Jerry Morgan
Carl Burrus

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer Bill Hamrick
Closing Prayer Larry Potter

Communion Preparation

8/3 Edwards Ladies
8/10 Autumn Caldwell
8/17 Tonya Davidson
8/24 Causby Ladies
8/31 Rita Risely
9/7 Marcia Riggs
9/14 Shirley Hood
9/21 Earline Lierly
9/28 Cathy Burcham

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, Sept 14th
3:30 pm



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Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB
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Search Programs:

Aug 24 - The Judgment
Aug 31 - Heaven
Sept 7 - Called by the Gospel
Sept 14 - Thy will be Done
Sept 21 - God's Ways

Sunday Morning Sermon

Four Views of Sinai (3)
Benjamin Williams
Exodus 32:7-10

Sunday Evening Adult Class

The Pastoral Epistles
Benjamin Williams