

TRUMPET

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Seek the lost, equip the saints, send the sowers

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MONDAY MORNING MUSING (863)

Let's do good things for the kingdom this year.

Christian service is not about me (you); it is about serving others even when it seems to be an inconvenience.

Last month a Brother in Christ asked if I would meet him in Cincinnati for supper. He was a fellow student when I attended Cincinnati Christian University Seminary. I checked my calendar and found I had a few hours empty Tuesday night the following week. So, I suggested we meet at a group of restaurants at exit 29 on I-75 and told him to pick one. Now, I didn't want to drive an hour to Cincinnati to spend an hour and a half eating and talking and make the hour drive back.

I showed up 10 minutes early, and when he was 20 minutes late, I called. He apologized and said he overslept and asked if I would mind waiting. So I stayed in the car and read, and he showed up 40 minutes later. We ate at the Chinese buffet he selected and talked about this, that, and the other thing. He wanted some advice and to report on his life. He thanked me for my friendship and mentorship. Then, the "fortune cookies" arrived, and he chose first and read his to me. I opened mine and read it. "Will you read it to me?" He asked. "No," I replied, "it is personal." He does not receive the TRUMPET, so I share it with you.

"Being where you do not want to be is a job of a friend."

Every week, a lady from a parachurch organization called me, left a text on my phone and a voice mail on the church phone. She calls at least every other week and reads pretty much the same five points about the ministry. I listen politely and tell her that I agree with how important the ministry is. And it is a vital international ministry! This week we concluded with her asking if we could pray together. She asked what I wanted her to pray for, and I told her. She asked me to open the prayer. I sincerely prayed for her ministry and her heart condition, and the persecuted church in the east. She prayed a beautiful prayer for The Grove, our ministry, and then for me. No details about her words for me, but they touched issues and things on my heart I had not shared with her. I had gooseflesh and a feeling of peace and gratitude. I thanked her and shared my true feelings on personal prayer.

"The four sweetest words under heaven are, I prayed for you."

What I thought would be a tedious but polite conversation turned into a blessing for the preacher. But, though I was blessed, I felt as shallow as a saucer for my feelings when I returned her call. Lord, forgive me when I think my time is so important.

As poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. 2 Cor 6.10

Let us evaluate how we can spend time making others rich by sharing time in fellowship and prayer. Being with them—even when we do not think we have the time.

Preacher Bill

2 Timothy 3.16

Church Servants

September 5, 2021

Serving the Table:

Meditation and Prayers: J Kattine

Serving South Charleston: T Geake

Communion Preparation:

Worship Team: R Bennington/P Corbet/ W Lott/P Tidd

Musicians: L Burkholder/C Graf/J Dwyer/D Hays/

B Long/P Long/D Ritenour

Attendance

S.S.-

Worship

Offering

08/22/21

50

\$2,005.00

Our Prayers Are With. . .

September Birthdays:

04 – K Gorman

11 – C Hackley

15 – D Hays

17 – N Smith

18 – A Eakle, T Geake

28 – Je Goodbar

30 – P Wilson

September Anniversaries:

14 – R & D Barger

Serving the table for September:

05 – J Kattine

12 – J Michael

19 – J Corbet

26 – B Lott

Needs for the Jamestown Food Pantry (unopened products): Toilet paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Bar Soap, Flour, Sugar, Potato Flakes, Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, Canned Vegetables, Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruits, Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken), Cans of Soup, Boxes of Cereal, Dry Rice, and Dry Beans. These items can be dropped off at Jamestown United Methodist Church, 22 East Washington Street, Monday thru Friday, 9am – 11am. You can make other arrangements by calling (937)760-3581. For more information, please see the share board in the foyer.

Up & Coming Activities In Our Family. . .

August 30 Zoom Prayer Meeting, 7 pm

August 29 Youth Sunday School, 10 am

Adult Bible Study, 10 am

Morning Worship, 11 am

September 4 Men's Breakfast, 8 am

Kairos

September 6 Zoom Prayer meeting, 7 pm

Kairos from August 21st is now on Facebook and YouTube. Next Kairos will be on September 4th.

If you would like to join in on the Zoom Prayer Meeting, email the church and Bill will send you an invitation.

Zoom Bible Study will resume after Labor Day.



LADIES @ THE GROVE! Here are the next dates for our fellowships:

Tuesday, August 24: lunch at Studebakers's 11:30 am. 2800 West First St, Springfield (where Collier's was).

