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Ministry WITH the Poor Is “Relational” at Its Heart

In my last Indy article I promised to explore in future publications what it means to offer ministry that is “relational, sustainable, and dignity affirming” in meeting needs of people in the community. It is the difference between doing ministry WITH people rather than to/for people. Today I focus on how such ministry is “relational.”

At its essence, being relational is simply a matter of seeing the humanity in the people we serve. It is not labeling them as poor, needy, indigent, down on their luck, or any other such description. It is simply to see them as the persons they are. It is not being “task oriented” in our ministry – trying to be efficient in the help we offer so we can “process” people through as quickly and effectively as possible. Rather, it is taking time to learn names, stories, and real needs.

It has been my experience that when one practices doing ministry WITH people, you come to see them not as needy, helpless people, but rather discover hard-working, passionate, creative, faithful people who don't need someone to do for them. What they need is someone to walk alongside them, offering support, resources, or a hand-up (not a handout).

When we understand and practice ministry in such a way, when we go into places of brokenness, places of poverty, places of acute suffering and need, we realize that God was there long before we arrived, working in the lives of the people. When you do ministry WITH people, you soon learn you receive as much or more than you give.

- Pastor Frank

Thoughts & Prayers

Health Issues:

Martha Etheridge, Marilyn Henegen, Doreta Terry, Margarita Santiago, Lauren Harding



Prayers have been asked for:

Jerry & Sue Meyers, Patty Dennison, Brian Slowinski, Aaron Cepeda, Bruce Burgdoff, Ariel Horne, Rob Ammerman, Nicole Leslie, David Allen, Nick Senior, Troy Slagle, Debbie Hatley, Delores Mullinix, Dan Hartley, Carson Baker, Doyle Kimmel, Diana Samples, Evan Emrick, Chanin Russell, Sheila Thomas, Lisa Sharp, Tiffany McMannis, Fred Fowler, Darlene Seals, Oscar Borge Sr., Jackie Gorton, Nikki Dean, George Whirley, Tobby Parson, Ellie Kropp, Kendal Nagy, George Farrell, Louise Carter

We join with God's loving concerns for those facing life's difficult times:

Ron Cripe, Lynette Shewmaker, Tish Emrick, Karen Raub, Tessa & Marc Schneidkraut, David & Chris Gorton, Tiffany Tuttle, Kendall & Jackie Robbins

We offer prayers of Joy for: Zach Martin who was ordained August 26th at Central Christian Church in Decatur, Illinois; John Jones who just found out that he will become a first-time great-grandpa next March; Rich & Jan Sharp have a new grandnephew, Parker Gorton Schneidkraut, born September 3rd, 2 months early and weighing in at 4 lbs 9 oz; Margarita Santiago, Linda Wrench, and Pete Steitz are all recovering and doing well.

We offer prayers of Condolences for the family and friends of: Diane Adams' aunt, Norma Haines on her passing August 2nd, Bill Hendley passed on August 5th, Michael List's brother-in-law, Bill Schaub, passed away August 27th, Taylor Sutter passed on August 28th, Quinton Murphy's cousin, Rudy Golden, on his passing August 31st, Tiffany Tuttle whose mother, Cathy Thoman passed away September 10th, and for our dear, faithful friend in Christ, Donna Metzger, who passed away September 14th.



The Book Nook

Why not FALL into a good read this September? The books listed below are on the east wall of the library and shelved in alphabetical order by author or contributor. *The Signature of God* and *The Handwriting of God* by Grant Jeffery tell about Biblical discoveries and Bible codes. He shows us that the Scriptures are the Word of God and give us information about the second coming.

The Art of Serenity by T. Byram Karasie is about facing adversity. He says the key to happiness is loving others, loving your work, loving your community, and loving and believing in God.

The Gospel of Judas edited by Randolphe Kasser, Marvin Meyer, and Gregar Wurst is the gospel told from the perspective of Judas Iscariot. It was considered heresy by the Church leaders. It was lost for millennia and resurfaced in the 1970's.

Happy Reading!

Joan Woodruff
Church Librarian



Sunday School is continuing its study of Paul's letters to Timothy. We are continuing into II Timothy which will probably be completed in early October.

We meet for 30 minutes on Sunday mornings at 9:25 in the Library. Stop by the parlor and bring your coffee and snack along to class.

RAFFLE A SUCCESS !

The China Raffle that we had these past few weeks turned out to be a success and a fun time, too! We sold raffle tickets for three weeks and made a total of \$107.00 that will go toward the FP and the RR ministries, each receiving half of the total sales. We had the drawing at the Heritage Dinner on Sunday, September 10. Pastor Frank drew the winning ticket that was purchased by Diane Merriman. To add to the fun of the day when presented with the china, Diane responded that she really didn't need nor want the china but she enjoyed buying a ticket to see if she would win which, of course, she did! She then offered to have another name drawn and Mary Clouse was the lucky "second" winner. We appreciate everyone who participated in the raffle and for everyone who bought tickets.

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