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Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Secrecy

It is no secret that most of us do not believe in secrecy. Anonymity is not our thing. Recognition, accolades, and the limelight are. We want people to know just how generous, smart, successful, and popular we are; we don't want to appear to be a braggart, so we come up with subtle and socially approved ways of promoting ourselves and our image. We give money to causes where our name gets out. We name drop about who we know. We let slip how and where we volunteer. Every good deed we do sees the light of day. And every juicy secret we know comes out in our next conversation.

The discipline of secrecy is the desire to follow the simple and often hidden way of Christ. Secrecy is practicing the spirit of Christ reflected in hiddenness, anonymity, lack of display, and the holding of confidences. Jesus valued secrecy. On more than one occasion he told people not to tell others about things concerning him (Mark 1:44; 9:9, Luke 8:56). He also told others to keep their own secrets about good things they did (Matt. 6:3-4). A deed that exists for the sake of recognition is not for God; it's for you. Deeds designed to create an image or support an appearance can certainly bring about good – but they are not free gifts. They are deeds bound to what “I can get out of it.” God knows the heart of your deeds.

Jesus was totally free. He gave gratuitously and graciously. He did not look for a return. Secrecy stems from the desire to share confidences with God – to play to an audience of One. Secrecy acknowledges that not all good deeds need public recognition, and not everything we know is for public consumption. Through secrecy we create safe spaces where people can freely be who they are without fear of dis-ease. Through secrecy we learn to give freely rather than for kickbacks.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Tim Taylor
Pam Aldrich
Dennis Rosenbaum
Crystal Emery (Gloria's mom)

Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie
Kay Kinnamon
Ryker Berens
Betty Peptone (David's Sister)

Katie Rosenbaum
Clay Mason
Miguel Devore
Carl Feril

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

We will have youth group tonight at 7 PM at the church building.

Going Away Reception [Today]

Please join us this afternoon for a going away reception for the Emery's from 2-4 PM (come and go).

Potluck [Next Sunday]

Make plans to join us for our monthly potluck fellowship meal next Sunday immediately following services.

Save the Date:

July 5-July 11 - SMC 1st Session

July 12-July 18 - SMC 2nd Session

July 12 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

July 19-July 25 - SMC 3rd Session

August 5 and 12 - VBS

August 9 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

Birthdays

Shannon Bauer - July 1



Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Darrel & Shannon Bauer

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #266 - Majesty

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Bensing

Song: #480 - Blessed Assurance

Song: #332 - Lead Me to Calvary

Communion: Carl Feril (Shawn Batten, Stan Aldrich, Joe Cornwell)

*Song: #902 - Nothing But the Blood

Lesson: Toby Levering

Song: #926 - What Will You Do with Jesus? (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: JW Like

* During the final verse of this song, children will be dismissed for Bible Hour.

