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Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Submission

Submission is an unpopular repugnant concept these days. The notion of giving away power conjures up images of becoming a doormat, a weak-willed nonentity or a brainwashed cult follower, but this perception is miles away from the biblical model of submission. True biblical submission begins in the very center of the Trinity where the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit all mutually honor and defer to each other. Christ's submission to the Father did not make him less than the Father. It was a way the Son gave glory to the Father (Philippians 2:6-11 wonderfully depicts the nature of biblical submission).

Submission is the desire to have Jesus as the Master of my life in absolutely every way. Submission leads to growth means aligning my will and freedom with God's will and freedom. God's will for us includes freely submitting to each other out of love and reverence for Christ. God's submission is rooted in God's good and loving intentions for each one of us. Submission is not something God forces down our throats – because forcing people to submit is oppression. Therefore, biblical submission does not trap people in abusive relationships that rob them of their freedom. Submission is a way we allow God's kingdom agenda to shape our choices, relationships and vocations; it always works in conjunction with our personal freedom.

When Christians are instructed to submit to one another (Eph. 5:21) they are called into relationships that reflect the Trinity. Each member of the body of Christ contributes to every other. Each part serves every other. Each one has a lead part that no other part can play. Together Christians freely choose to enter the divine dance of love. Submission can mean giving or receiving – leading or following – but in each case there is an element of self-giving, like the example of Jesus (from Phil. 2).

In Our Prayers

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

Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie
Betty Peptone (David's Sister)
Katie Rosenbaum
Clay Mason

Miguel Devore
Carl Feril
Kyler Dickson
Juanita Barnett (Marisa's Mom)

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

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

Potluck [Next Sunday]

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

Baptism

This past week Jayce Feril gave his life to Christ and was baptized on Sunday July 19! Welcome him to the family!

Baby Sprinkle for Kate Batten [August 2]

Let's honor Shawn and Glora during potluck dinner on Sunday, August 2nd, on the recent birth of baby Kate. Gift ideas include baby girl clothes (sizes 3 months+), baby toys, teething, links or baby wipes. No disposable diapers, please.

VBS [August 5 and 12]

Our VBS will be on August 5 and 12 from 5:30-8 PM this year. There is a sign up sheet to volunteer in the foyer. **Our first work session will be this afternoon at 3 PM. We also have a work session on Wednesday at 6 PM.**

Save the Date:

August 3 - VBS Work Time (6 PM - if needed)
August 5 - 12 - VBS
August 9 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
September 13 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
October 11 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

Birthdays

Maxx Gunter - August 1

Worship Order

Welcome Table: Orrin & Meagan Feril

Greeters: Zeborah and Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich

Sound System: Jayce Feril

Gathering: #4 - To God Be the Glory

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Chris Mansel (Zechariah 8:20-23)

Song: #121 - Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

Song: #359 - I Love the Lord

Communion: Richard Brensing (James Harmon, Orrin Feril, Chris Mansel)

*Song: #234 - Worthy is the Lamb

Lesson #1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #266 - Majesty

Lesson #2: Zeb Carter

Song: All Things are Ready (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: JW Like

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

