UPCOMING

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)
- Ora Barrett
- Scott Williams (passed away)
- David Cradic
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Communion Preparation

2025 preparation list is in foyer

Birthday / Anniversary

Axel Murphy - 2nd Cathy Reeves - 25th Lennon Joiner - 27th

John & Cathy Reeves - 15th

Men to Serve

Announcements - Dwight Callens

Scripture Reading - John 19:25 - 30

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery

Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts

Scripture Reading - Matthew 28:11 - 20

Closing Prayer - Don Potts



W E L C O M E

We are a body of believers whose soul intention is to glorify and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of His church. Our desire is to reflect that of our God--that all be saved. Anyone who is willing to humble himself before the mighty hand of God can be saved.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Psalms Bible Class // 9:30 am Worship Service // 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Singing Night // 7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

Make Me A Servant By Bubba Garner

I like to browse through the used book to." Service ought to be viewed as the stores. There's one on Spencer Highway that I particularly frequent called "The Dusty Cover." Unfortunately, that also describes about half of the library in my office.

a few years back entitled Difficult Passages in the Bible. It was good for me to see that more important than yourselves; do not because I used to think that the preacher was supposed to have every single Scripture interests, but also for the interests of figured out. Whether it was some obscure vision of the Old Testament or some revelation in the last book of the New Testament, nothing was supposed to be fortunes; He didn't even have a place to lay difficult for him to understand or explain. But even the Apostle Peter commented on Paul's writings, "in which are some things hard to understand" (2 Peter 3:16). I just know he had the book of Romans in mind. And yet there is a different kind of difficult In a world that is so often racing to be first passage in the Bible. These are challenging, not just with respect to information but with regard to application. One such our attitude in our service to one another. Scripture is found in Philippians 2:5: "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in another in brotherly love," giving Christ Jesus." That's hard for me.

Peter gave instruction to follow "in His to dispose of self. It's where the footsteps of steps" (1 Peter 2:21), and Paul invited the Corinthians to "be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). But walking in those steps includes an imitation the "form of a bond-servant" (Philippians of Jesus' summation of His whole life's work when He said, "For even the Son of becoming obedient to the point of death, Man did not come to be served, but to even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). He serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). If you want to follow Jesus, you're going to have to become a just humbly submitted Himself to be the servant.

Just how is a servant made? What are the ingredients needed for such a One reason I love the hymn Make Me A Servant, transformation?

A voluntary spirit. Jesus was not forced into His role as a servant. He "emptied Himself" (Philippians 2:7). "He humbled Himself" (Philippians 2:8). No one did that for Him. No one coerced or forced Him in this regard. He did it Himself. Just as He said in the Good Shepherd passage, "I lay down my life for the sheep...no one has taken it from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative" (John 10:15,18). Such is the spirit of a the throne of God; and they serve Him day servant.

Yet, we sometimes look like waiters in a destiny there. It is what we're made for.

restaurant who are serving only because we are under obligation and feel like we "have privilege of those who were shown favor by the greatest servant of all, Jesus Christ. Without Him, our spirits would be without hope.

A selfless disposition. "Do nothing from I found a book in the religious section there selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as merely look out for your own personal others" (Philippians 2:3-4). Jesus certainly showed us the way in this regard. He was not concerned with worldly goods or His head. He put no stock in popularity or praise; He sought the glory of His Father. Even on the cross. His focus was not on selfish ambitions but on the very people for whom He was crucified.

at the finish line, God's servants must place themselves last. Especially ought this to be Christians are to "be devoted to one "preference to one another in honor" The call to be like Christ is no easy task. (Romans 12:10). The best way to do that is our Lord lead.

> A humble demeanor. Jesus existed in the "form of God" (Philippians 2:6) yet took on 2:7). Further, "He humbled Himself by did not consider Himself too important, too high, or too mighty to stoop and serve. He sacrifice and the greatest example of service for all men.

> written by Tim Jennings and Matt Bassford, is the opening of the second verse: "Make me a servant, take all my pride." Jesus never said of the task before Him, "isn't there an angel who could take care of this?" Neither is there any work of service in God's kingdom that is beneath your humble submission. Those who do so are promised an exaltation from God at the proper time (James 4:10).

One of the pictures of the redeemed in the book of Revelation is that they are "before and night in His temple" (Revelation 7:15). God's army must be made up of volunteers. Servant-hood is our privilege here and our