

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



Uncommonly Committed

By Joe Barnett

For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. (John 13:15)

When Jesus stated his reasons for coming to earth he reduced them to two: to serve and to give. “For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mk. 10:45).

That’s vastly different from the mindset of our “me-first” world.

Because he wants the best for you, he wants you to embody his priorities: “But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:” (Mk. 10:43).

The eternal payoff? “But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.” (Mk. 10:31). You don’t have to be uncommonly gifted to serve and give, but you do have to be uncommonly committed.

People that do things that count usually don’t spend time counting them.

SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
Transformed
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Book of Acts
7:00 PM



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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I Didn't Authorize That

By Edd Sterchi

I took Ben's car to the shop the other day to be inspected for renewing the license. I dropped the car off and received a call from the mechanic a few hours later. All the car needed was a new serpentine belt to pass inspection. I gave permission to replace the belt – a relatively minor cost which I was happy to pay to get Ben's car up to speed.

Now suppose when I went to settle up with the mechanic, he presented me with an \$800 bill instead of the \$80 I was expecting. When I inquire as to the reason for the massive bill, the mechanic replies, "Well, even though it didn't need it and even though you didn't authorize it, I decided to overhaul the engine, as well."

Do you know what I'd do in a situation like that? Well, I can tell you this: I would not be happy, would not pay the bill, and he probably would get a letter from my lawyer.

We understand the concept of "doing only what is authorized" in the business world and in our personal lives. It is a common sense principle that we use every day. If I go to the dentist for a checkup, he is not authorized to sedate me and do a root canal. If a carpenter is hired to build some kitchen cabinets out of oak, he is not authorized to build the cabinets using whatever wood he has handy. If I employ someone to remove an old carpet and put down a new one, they are not authorized to install the new one over the old one simply because he didn't think the old one needed taken out.

Of course you see where I am headed with this, I'm sure. If we so readily accept this precept in all matters of life, then why do so many apparently have such trouble applying this to religion? God has clearly stated in the Bible that He just wants us doing exactly as He has commanded – no more, no less. In Moses' day, the Israelites were commanded "Therefore you shall be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left." This basic principle is repeated in the New Testament in Rev. 22:18-19.

In Col. 3:17 we are told, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord..." The phrase "in the name of" means "by the authority of." So everything we do – secularly and spiritually – we are to make sure we have specific authorization and approval from Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures He inspired. It will be a sad day indeed for those who thought they were doing things to honor God and He will say to them "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" only because they did not do what God had authorized (Matt. 7:21- 23).

Announcements

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Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments

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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2022 is in foyer

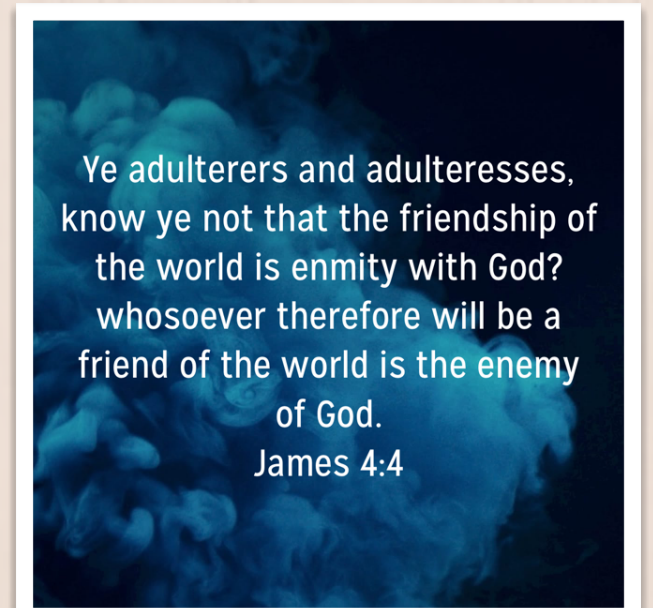
December Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Connie Montgomery - 3rd • Crimson Rowell - 31st
- Rick Carlberg - 7th

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts
 Scripture Reading - Galatians 3:26 - 29
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
 Head of Lord's Table - Rick Carlberg
 Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson
 Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 29
 Closing Prayer - Dwight Callens

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