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April 24, 2013

We Do What Jesus Did

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another:
just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.
John 13:35*

What Does Jesus Want Us To Do?

What Jesus says here is very, very challenging. There are some people I may not want to love the way Jesus loves. They annoy me too much, or are just too different from me. But Jesus says to do what He does. So, it strikes me to do what Jesus does is to what He wants us to do. Doing what He does is a very different lifestyle from trying to "follow the rules."

How Do You Do That?

We can do what Jesus did for two reasons: We can imitate Him, and He gives us the power to do it. We can imitate Him because everything Jesus did in ministry He did as a human. He never "cheated", went over to His divine side and then performed miracles. He performed all ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit- the same way we would do it. For us to love someone the way He does, or minister to them the way He does is to do it like He did. It was always done by Him in the power of the Holy Spirit. Now that He has ascended to heaven and sent the Holy Spirit He gives us the same power He used to do what He did. Take a few steps closer to Him today to receive more of that power.

Coming Attractions

April 28, 2013 Worship at 10:00am

Sundays at St. Francis at 10:00am April 7-May 12

WHO IS THIS?

Taking A Close Look At Jesus
Sermons for Easter Season at St. Francis.

April 7 John 20:21-31 Jesus is the Whole Point

April 14 John 21:1-19 Jesus Opens Up Our Lives

April 21 John 10: 22-30 Jesus Speaks Deep Within Your Spirit and Your Soul

April 28 John 13:31-35 We Can Do What He Did

May 5 John 5:1-9 Jesus Breaks the Law to Heal the Sick

May 12 John 17:20-26 Jesus Chooses To Show Who He Is To The World

Through Us

Is there someone you know you would like to have take a closer look at Jesus? Invite them to come with you.

May 5, 2013 St. Francis Sponsoring Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing Haiti Mission Trip

The Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing (BSMCON) is planning a mission trip to Haiti on May 8-15, 2013. Their mission team is composed of 6 nursing students from their school, 3 faculty, and one alumni. They are offering the people of Haiti a chance to receive health care for their families that we may often take for granted. The Bon Secours team will serve thousands of individuals and families in one week's time!! Their team will care for a variety of individuals, including those who need a simple wellness check up to people who have life-altering diseases. Right now, they are looking for monetary donations to be put toward the medical mission trip expenses including housing, translators, travel fees, meals, and community donations (to be given to organizations in the community for food and clothing). They are very excited about this opportunity to serve the people of Haiti and make a small difference in their world.

One of our members at St. Francis, Jenna Nelson, is a nursing student with BSMCON and will be on this trip! St. Francis has agreed to support this humanitarian effort. You may make a donation by sending a check made out to "BSMCON--Mission Fund" with Jenna's name on the bottom memo line for reference. They appreciate all donations and prayers as they prepare for this medical mission trip!

June 7 & 8, 2013 St. Francis to Participate in the Goochland Relay for Life Goochland Elementary School Track 3150 River Road West Goochland, VA 23063

Each year Goochland County sponsors a Relay for Life event to help fight cancer. For the very first time, St. Francis will participate in this event to be held on the Goochland Elementary School track on June 7-8. Besides giving everyone an opportunity to fight cancer and help save more lives with donations, it gives St. Francis an opportunity to serve the community.

St. Francis' goal is \$1000. For every \$100 raised by May 13, the team receives a tee-shirt. Luminary candles are also available for \$10 to remember those afflicted by cancer.

Registration forms are in the vestibule of the church, or you may register online at www.relayforlife.org/goochlandva.

Check our website www.stfrancisva.org

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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