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May 27, 2013



Always Looking Ahead

*And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.
Luke 7:10*

Whom Do You Influence?

A huge part of living the Christian life circles around the way we influence other people. Leaders will tend to supervise people in a way that mostly is for the good of the organization. People are fired, let go from the team, released from the contract, etc. all for the good of the group. Inviting someone along to your group, or church, or organization for the good of the organization may not be the best first move to make. Seeing if someone wants to come along with you so that they might grow in some way could be a far better way to go. In other words, your influence on someone is meant to be for his or her benefit. It is good to be always looking ahead for the blessing of others.

Do It Like Jesus

When Jesus invited people to follow Him, one of the main results He was looking for was their growth into becoming all they were created to be. When the centurion sent some of his servants to ask Jesus to heal a servant who was sick in his home, he did it for the benefit of the sick servant. The centurion saw a servant who was healed, whole and strong. When you are ready to invite someone to church, are you doing it primarily for the benefit of the church or for the blessing of the person you are inviting? Do it for the same reason Jesus would do it.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, June 2, 2013

- Worship at 10:00am
- Relay for Life Team Meeting immediately after worship

Team members please prepare by

- completing your registration at www.relayforlife.org/goochlandva
- continuing to raise donations
- planning to be at the organizational meeting after worship(this is very important)
- directing questions to Libby Clark at lcp@libbyclarkphotography.com,
or Ann James at dunmovin@outlook.com

Friday and Saturday June 7+8, 2013

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

St. Francis will participate for the first time in the annual Goochland County Relay for Life event to help fight cancer. 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. We have now gone over \$1200! Thank you for your generosity!!! 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.

Save the Date--- October 5th Blessing of the Animals.

More summer reading books:

Let Your Life Speak by Parker Palmer

Small Faith, Great God by NT Wright

Creating A Missional Culture by JR Woodward

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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