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Who's On First?

Have this mind among you, which is yours in Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5

Questions

All to often the question comes up among church members, "How can we increase attendance, or our income, or our programs, etc?" Those questions are not to be ignored, but are not the first priority. The most important question to be answered in any local church or ministry is this: Who among us is ready to be equipped or released for the work of ministry to which they are called (illustrated by the photo of Dodger infielder Chin-Lung Hu after singling onSeptember 23, 2007 in a game against the Arizona Diamondbacks)?

Gifts

The gifts Jesus sends to equip all of His people for the work of ministry are, in fact, people. He gives to each a measure of His ministry. When we learn from others how to work in the ministry they have but we do not. Then we are equipped for what Jesus would have us do. We are to be a community that encourages and equips each other. Such a community will go a long way to bring the gospel of grace to those who have yet to experience it.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, April 13, 2014 Palm Sunday worship at 10:00am followed by Pot Luck

Thursday, April 17, Maundy Thursday service at 6:00pm

Friday, April 18, 2014 Good Friday service at 6:00pm

Sunday, April 20, 2014 Easter Sunday service at 10:00am

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Centerville Imports that the business would grow, vehicles would be repaired expertly, and people would travel safely in our community, let us pray to the Lord: Hear our prayer.

Metropolitan Richmond

For the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a sprit of hope, of possibility, of eternal life, and of commitment to the redeeming power of God who brings new life out of death to people and communities, let us pray to The Lord: Hear our prayer.

Diocese of Virginia

For the congregations and clergy of St. George's, Stanley and St. Paul's, Shenandoah that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to The Lord: Hear our prayer.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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