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St Francis



September 2, 2015

Fresh Ponds

*Neither can a salt pond produce fresh water.
James 3:12*

Better Techniques?

If you went fishing in a certain pond, and only that pond, and all you caught were tiny fish that could not be eaten or used for anything what would you do? What if you got better bait and still only caught tiny fish that were of no use? What if you got a better pole and tried again only to have the same result? If you went to a different spot on the pond and the

same thing happened what you do? It is most likely better equipment and techniques will not improve the situation. The strongest possibility is that the pond is filled with poor water, maybe even toxic water. The fact is no amount of improvement on the equipment or techniques will help because the problem is the quality of the water.

Our Hearts

It is essential to pay the same kind of attention to our hearts as it is to the quality of water in a fishing pond. No amount of prayer techniques, new worship songs, better preaching, improved liturgy, or facility remodeling will improve things when our hearts are wounded, broken, or just plain dark. The most important step to be repeated day in and day out is to invite the Spirit of God to deal with the condition of our hearts. It is the continual action of the merciful, healing Spirit of God that will change the condition of our hearts. Inviting the Spirit of God to do just that is essential. Without the healing of God in our hearts we will not be able to follow Jesus. The ongoing work of God to renew our hearts makes us able to take on methods of prayer, new songs of worship, different styles of liturgy, and many other aspects of living a Christian life in a very fruitful and effective way. Why not ask Jesus what He would like to deal with right now within your own heart? Share what happens with a trusted friend who will encourage you. Step out in faith with whatever God asks of you as that healing takes place.

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 Family on Mission Learning
Community 6:15pm

Sunday, September 6, 2015 worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 Vestry Committee at 4:00pm; Family on Mission Learning Community 6:15pm

Saturday, September 12, 2015 work day 9:00am to 3:00pm

Sunday, September 13, 2015 worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck.

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 Family on Mission Learning
Community 6:15pm

Please bring non perishable food with you to worship to donate to the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services

Our Missional Communities

The Parke will meet on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 5:00pm for worship and Pot Luck at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

Symphony will meet at Symphony Assisted Living for worship on September 27, 2015 at 9:00am. Please contact Bobbie Leviness to join in bobbiedrew@yahoo.com.

Bishop Goff will be at St. Francis on October 25th. If you would like to be confirmed or received that day please contact john at vicar@stfrancisva.org

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Rate Pro Mortgages, that business would increase and more people would be able to own homes and businesses in Goochland County

The Diocese of Virginia

For all the baptized in their daily life and work that all would be empowered to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.

Metropolitan Richmond

For all Superintendents, School Boards, School Administrators, PTS's, teachers, and staff that all would be well educated in our region.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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