Subject: Take One For The Team

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If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete:be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Philippians 2:1+2

What's A Team?

There is a huge difference between a team and a group. A group will be a collection of individuals who are working to complete a task or reach a goal. The important matter is that they reach the goal. The individuals offer a contribution to reach the goal. A team is a collection of people who are mututally committed to reach a goal or complete a task, and support each other's growth and improvement along the way. The members of a team are invested in each other's growth and success. The members of a group are focused solely on reaching the goal. Personal growth of the members would be coincidental. A band, like the one pictured above with Brenton Brown, will relate like a team. The members are invested in each other's ability to perform, to master thier instrument, and to play together. They help and supprt each other to grow musically while producing great music. Musicians who come together for a one time only performance would relate to each other as a group- the success of the perormance is the only thing that matters.

Teams Say "Yes" to Jesus

A team that truely is committed to a goal as well as the success and growth of each other is a team that can say "yes" to Jesus. Encouraging each other to do what Jesus has asked them to do will open up doors of growth and fruitfulness that would otherwise remain closed. Growing as a Christian happens in the deepest way when you are part of a team that is committed to each others' success and growth as well as reaching the goal Jesus asked you to reach. It will call for humility, compromise, intercession, and time. It is worth every bit of the cost to "take one for the team." What team are you with? Who is as committed to your growth and success as a Christian as well as reaching a goal together with you and the others on your team?

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 4:00pm vestry committee; 6:15pm Family On Mission Learning Community

Saturday, September 12, 2015 9:00am-3:00pm Work Day

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

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

Bishop Goff will be visiting St. Francis the afternoon of October 25, 2015. If you are desiring to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church please contact John at <u>vicar@stfrancisva.org</u>.

Our Missional Communities

The Parke will meet on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 5:00pm at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker for worship and pot luck. Contact Richared Walker at <u>richardandhedy@yahoo.com</u>

Symphony will meet on SEptember 27, 2015 at 9:00am to lead worship at Syphony Assisted Living. Contact Bobbie Leviness at

bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Please bring nonperishable food to worship for the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Broadview Mini Storage; Elliot Cooke, manager. The presence of God in the community and a strong business community

Diocese of Virginia

For the clergy and people of Cople Church, Hague; St. Martin's Richmond; St. Paul's, Montross that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Metropolitan Richmond

For all public shools; for students, teachers and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers; for all private and religious schools, pre-schools and day-care centers, and for children in homeschools

Grace and Peace,

John Maher



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