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WHY

By: Dorene Royal

I'm one of those people who like to know HOW it's done. I was thrilled when the Science Channel came out with the TV Show, "HOW It's Made." My need to know HOW carries right over into church. I remember sitting through countless sermons listening to pastors tell me that I needed to "win the world for Christ, invite my neighbor to church, lead a co-worker to the Lord" and inside my introverted and timid mind I was asking, "HOW? I know I should do this, but please tell me HOW!"

The HOW came to me in an unexpected way. My daughter was earning some extra money in college by reading to a blind student; this student was assigned to 'hear' a book, the *Conspiracy of Kindness*, by Steve Sjogren, and my daughter developed laryngitis. I volunteered to read. It was life changing. The premise of this book was to challenge every Christian to become an effective evangelist by using simple unassuming acts of kindness to convince people of the love of God, which is more persuasive than words. The concept stopped me in my tracks. I can do this! I am a kind person, this should be simple (but then that

pesky HOW question popped up again).

I read on, intrigued. This man grew a church from 5 people to 6000 in a few years by using this simple truth that mirrors the sentiment of Mother Teresa who said, "Small things done with great love can change the world." HOW did they grow their church using this concept? He created a business-size card that said on the front: *Just for you, just because.* On the back it had the church name and address. The challenged people to find ways to show kindness to the community and then simply hand them the card and walk away. How did they show kindness? Here's just a few of the things they did:

Took a golf umbrella to a local supermarket on a rainy day and walked people to their cars.

Went to a coffee shop and turned to the next person in line and say, "please order, it's on me."

As they met people throughout the day (receptionists, waiting rooms, gas station) handed a candy bar and said, "here's a

little sweetness to get you through the day."

Filled up a cooler with cold soda and ice and went to a local ball park on a hot day and passed out free drinks.

Mowed a neighbor's yard.
Took a pot of homemade soup to a sick co-worker's home.

I continued to read to this blind student: *Servant Evangelism wins the heart before it confronts the mind. Kindness builds the bridge for the person to receive a touch of love from God.* Tears sprung to my eyes as I read of a man who walked into church with an empty Coke can. He said to the greeters, "Someone from your church gave me a cold Coke on a hot day at a ball game. I wanted to meet the kind of people who do this." That man gave his heart to Christ, all because of a random act of kindness and a little card that said "just because" with a church address.

At the time I was reading this book, I was the leader of a women's group. I took this concept to them and challenged them to research and find a way we, as a group, could put this in action.

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We decided to have a "Queen for a Day" event. Our target was to treat 50 women (the criteria was that they had to be unchurched and in financial need) to a very special day. We collected 200 dresses (new or like-new) in every size, shoes, costume jewelry, and purses. Many of us went to our own closets first before asking local stores, friends, co-workers for their barely-used clothing. Then we asked for door-prizes. We didn't want the average give-aways; we had a pawn shops who donated a diamond necklace! Another group of ladies prepared the food – we brought in our best china and decorated each table. We had a woman speaker from Teen Challenge who was asked to speak for 15 minutes on the love of God. The day arrived...women were seated with our church

ladies who welcomed them warmly and fed them a delicious meal. We told our guests that in a few moments, after our speaker gives a short presentation, we were going to give them shopping bags and they could take home as much as they wanted! Our speaker was dynamic, tears were pouring down the women's faces as they heard, many for the first time, that someone truly cared for them. But that's not all! Sunday morning, seated in our church pews, were 35 of those ladies, dressed beautifully in the clothes we had provided. At the end of the service an opportunity was given to accept Christ. All 35 women accepted the invitation. I used a whole box of Kleenex, and I saw our other church ladies also weeping with joy. Some second hand clothes, a meal, an act of kindness,

and 35 women came to know the love of Christ.

We all know HOW to do good deeds, we just need to connect the dots...to Christ. So, here's my challenge for Christ the King in the next 30 days: Let's wake up every morning and ask God to give us one opportunity to show kindness to someone, and give them a little card, "just because" with the address of Christ the King Episcopal Church on the back. They are printed and on the table in the lobby for you to take with you. Ecclesiastes 11:1 promises that *if we cast our bread upon the waters it will soon return to us.* Let's conspire to cast out kindness to our world, once simple act at a time, and see what happens!

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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Good Morning everyone, It is always my worry that I do not have EVERYONE's name, address, phone number and email address in my system. If you are not receiving phone calls from me, or emails from me, it is most likely that I do not have your contact information. SO if you will, Please call me on Monday or any day next week and tell me what your contact information is so you don't miss out on any of the information that is sent out from the office. Again, this is only if you do not receive them now.

It is my pleasure to be the Administrator of this wonderful church!!! If I can help you in any way, please don't hesitate to call the office during the week.

Sincerely, Chris Benton

MEET YOUR VESTRY!

Written by your Vestry, coordinated by: Dorene Royal

MARTHA GRIGGS, SENIOR WARDEN

How I came to know the Lord: I was raised in the Episcopal church. At around twelve I rebelled and told my mother I wasn't going to church anymore. She didn't push me to go. So for two weeks I stayed home. On the third week I got up early and dressed and walked to church. Being young I didn't know about the time change. So I sat in church an extra hour. During that quiet time with the Lord he spoke to my heart and in that service the words that I had recited every week since childhood suddenly made sense to me. When I was in my twenties experiencing some very difficult situations I realized only the LORD could help me. Alone in my room I knelt and gave my heart to Jesus and asked him to take over my life. I felt him lift me up off my knees. I began a new walk with my Savior that day and I have continued to grow closer to him every year.

What I do for work: I am semi-retired, and work part time as an accountant for the Canterbury Retreat and Church of the Incarnation. I also assist my sister with her accounting business.

A little about my family: I am married to Wade Griggs and we have six dogs and two cats!

A favorite hobby or pastime: In my free time, I love to garden.

What I love best about Christ the King: I love the feeling of family and going to church in a loving environment with people who don't worry about pomp and circumstance but are real and genuine.

JACK DALE, JUNIOR WARDEN

What I did for work: I worked at Jewel Food Stores before joining the Navy. Returning to civilian life, I worked at Hughes Supply for twenty five years as a purchasing agent and in sales; I retired five years ago.

A little about my family: I met and married Debbie McVicar after my return from the Navy. We have two sons. Stephen, age 43, is single and lives in Los Angeles where he works as an assistant director in movies and TV. Brian is 40 years old, single, and works as an assistant manager at a Dollar General Store.

How I came to know the Lord: I was born and raised in Chicago and went to a Catholic Grammar School where I was taught by nuns and got a taste of religion. Two and a half years ago, Debbie wanted to return to church so I agreed to give it a try.

What I love best about Christ the King: We like Christ the King because the group is small and everyone seems to care about each other. It's like the old TV show "Cheers" where everyone knows your name and you're really glad you came!

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DR. JOY PARKER, TREASURER

What I did for work: I was a secretary, college professor, academic dean. I paid for my college education by unloading tractor trailers and picking wild blueberries. After I retired, I was a preschool director (King's Kids at Christ the King) and a medical transcriptionist in the LRMC Emergency Department. I have also owned two restaurants that my family and I operated, one in New York and one in Tampa.

A little about my family: I had four children, three of whom still live in Lakeland. I have three adult grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. I also helped raise my youngest siblings and a stepdaughter and am still close to them.

A favorite hobby or pastime: I love being with my family, especially the great-grandchildren. I love studying the Bible. Other hobbies include photography, scrabble, and hanging out with friends.

How I came to know the Lord: I was blessed to be born to parents who loved the Lord. My parents, especially my mom, talked to me about faith when I was young so I never had the "eureka moment" that many people describe.

What I love best about Christ the King: Christ the King has its own personality. It is loving, generous and caring. If I need comfort, I know I can always receive it here.

DORENE ROYAL, SECRETARY

What I do for work: I currently have two jobs; I manage an estate planning law firm (Wills, Trusts, Advance Directives, avoiding Probate) as a paralegal for three days a week and work as an On-call Branch Office Administrator for Edward Jones Financial the other two days of the week. I attended Bible College and have a B.A. in Theology; for twenty-five years, from 1978 to 2003, I was an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God and served as a pastor on staff of several churches in New England, Maryland and Florida.

A little about my family: I am married to the love of my life, Jim Royal. He is the kindest man I have ever known and we are having the time of our life! I have one daughter, Julianna, who is married to Jeremiah, one of the pastors at Fuel church in North Lakeland. Julianna currently works for the State of Florida assisting in job placement for the unemployed. I have three beautiful grandchildren, age 8, 6 and 4, and I love to play with them.

A favorite hobby or pastime: I like to cook, play brain-games and paint (I usually produce one painting a year because it takes me so long to 'get it right' - sigh!).

How I came to know the Lord: I walked into my daddy's study one Sunday morning and he was praying before going to the pulpit (he was a preacher and pioneered a church in Old Orchard Beach, Maine). I was 2 years old. I knelt down beside him and asked if I could pray to Jesus, too. He led me in a prayer and I asked Jesus to forgive me and come into my heart, it was the first 'memory' of my childhood, never forgotten or forsaken.

What I love best about Christ the King: I felt at home the moment I walked through the doors seven years ago. It was not only the friendliness and feeling of family that drew me to stay, but it was the sense that I was in a group of people who genuinely loved God, valued His presence, desired to truly worship Him and was willing to reach out to the community with open arms.

Thank You

John and I want to personally extend a thank you to everyone who participated in this years Scouting for Food drive for Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts. I am always blown away at how everyone in our congregation comes together to support causes that benefit our community and this is no exception. Each year, the Boy Scouts of America and Cub Scouts run their Scouting for Food program as a service to their local communities. Scout packs across the nation participate to reach out to their scouts, friends and neighbors to collect non-perishable food items that can be donated. This is the second year that John and I have brought this great program to Christ the King. As of this article Christ the King collected over 230 pounds of non-perishable food items that will be donated to help the area's needy seniors through VISTE on behalf of Cub Scout Pack 711. This will be added to collections taken from surrounding community, other local churches and our cubs themselves.

Thanks,

John Beck ~ Bear Scout and

Josh Beck ~ Bear Scout Den Leader

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JOSH BECK

What I do for work: I am a Network Manager for Cologix. I maintain the networks for a high tech datacenter here in Lakeland. Before that, I worked as an IT Director for USF in Lakeland handling all help desk operations, server systems, and software services for staff and students. I have also worked heavily in the corporate audio visual industry and entertainment industry including a period of touring with Ringling Brother and Barnum and Bailey Circus throughout the US.

A little about my family: I met Jessica back in the mid 90's and we were married in a small Episcopal church in Baltimore, MD in 1999. We became members at Christ the King in 2001. In 2006 we were blessed with the birth of our first child John which was followed by Joseph in 2010. As a family we enjoy serving in Cub Scouts, visiting Legoland and Lowery Park zoo.

A favorite hobby or pastime: My first love has always been working with sound, video and lighting. I "play" DJ every now and then for different groups and the church. I also love working with computers and networking and dabble in architecture and wood working.

How I came to know the Lord: I came to the Lord as a young child. My parents were heavily involved in the church and regularly lead worship at a number of churches. Through middle school and high school, we were not very involved with the church, however I came back after meeting Jessica and joined the Episcopal church. I felt a welcoming home to the Lord after joining Christ the King and soon after was baptized and later confirmed by Bishop Pena-Lopez.

What I love best about Christ the King: I love Christ the King because of its love. Not only the love we share with each other, but also the great love of Christ in the church. I truly feel that we are all in touch with God and Jesus Christ and live in it every week once we step through the doors of the church. I feel that this is the cornerstone of what makes this such a wonderful place to worship and look forward to being there each week and sharing that experience with both my family and everyone else at the church.

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MARK SCHRADER

What I do for work: I have worked as a Residential Appraiser for the Polk County Property Appraiser since 2006.

A little about my family: I am 50 years old and have been married to Pam since 1987. We are foster parents of two sisters, Baby A. is 2 years old and Teen L. is 17 years old. Fostering is one of the most frustrating, but rewarding, thing we have ever done.

How I came to know the Lord: I received an invitation to CTK and heard a message from Rick, afterwards he asked if anyone wanted to accept the Lord, just raise your hand. We all closed our eyes and I raised my hand and repeated the prayer. Suddenly a calm warm sensation came over me, and I knew it was the Lord, and it just felt right. That was about 7 years ago.

What I love best about Christ the King: CTK is a loving church. It feels like a large (but small) family. You will never meet a stranger here. Pam and I would like to say we love each and every one of you and thank you for the love and generosity you have shown us and our family.

WADE GRIGGS

How I came to know the Lord: My grandfather was a Baptist minister and I always believed in the Lord. I'm still alive, and that is proof that there is a Supreme Being. In no way would I be alive without intervention from more than myself. I have seen evil and know that God is the opposite and I consciously chose to follow Jesus when I was very young.

What I did for work: I am fully retired from Oakley Transport; I drove tanker trucks, supervised drivers and was the supervisor of over-the-road maintenance.

A little about my family: I am married to my wonderful wife, Martha.

A favorite hobby or pastime: (Written by Martha): Wade loves to tinker on machines and fix things. Wade will climb a tree with a chain saw and his prosthetic leg, which gets him in trouble with his wife. He has a special way with animals (Martha calls him the 'animal whisperer.')

What I love best about Christ the King: I love feeling part of a family, the love of Christ is shown here. I believe with each other we can make a difference in the world and in people's lives.

MIKE GREEN

What I do for work: I am a Associate Programmer Analyst for FedEx.

A little about my family: I am married to Rose. We became grandparents for the first time in 2014 and are loving it.

A favorite hobby or pastime: I've always had music running in my veins. My hobbies are reading, art, and music. I didn't know I loved art until I took humanities and was exposed to Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko, Jacques Louise David. I love how their colors come to life.

How I came to know the Lord: I was raised in the church, Sunday school, children's church, even a Baptist high school, but I didn't personally find the Lord until I had turned completely away from all the teachings of my youth and opened my heart to God.

What I love best about Christ the King: I love the friendly congregation.



March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am B – Josh Beck			Lenten Series Continues 7PM With Rev, Becky Toalster Dinner @ 6:00pm			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am			Lenten Series Continues 7PM With Rev, Becky Toalster Dinner @ 6:00 B – Moises Zamora			A – Colleen & Kevin Parrish B – John Constantino
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am			Lenten Series Continues 7PM With Rev, Becky Toalster Dinner @ 6:00pm			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am B – Clive Borden			Lenten Series Continues 7PM With Rev, Becky Toalster Dinner @ 6:00pm			
29	30	31				
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am Palm Sunday Service 10am						

The new flower chart will be here next week

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**MINISTRY
 SCHEDULE**

Ministry area	March 1, 2015	March 8, 2015	March 15, 2015	March 22, 2015	March 29, 2015
Celebrant	Father Roger Phillips	Father Roger Phillips	Father Roger Phillips	Father Roger Phillips	Rev Carolyn Biggs
Deacon	Kate Yotter	Kate Yotter	Kate Yotter	Kate Yotter	Kate Yotter
LEM2	Paige Sharrow	Martha Griggs	Sharon Rogers	Don Williams	Isabel Detringo
Acolyte - Server	Neila Heist	Sydney Sharrow	Elvon Hospedales	Elizabeth Hospedales	All
Acolyte - Cross/bells	Liam Borden	Mitchell Parrish	Clive Borden	Jacob Heist	Acolytes
Acolyte-Collection	Joey Beck	Alexander Parrish	Nathaniel Heist	Joey Beck	Palm Sunday
Old Testament	Veda Dwyer	Stacey May	June Raymond	Marilyn Springthorpe	Paige Sharrow
New Testament	Jim Royal	Martha Griggs	Sharon Rogers	Bob Springthorpe	Isabel Detringo
Prayers of the people	Kate Yotter	Kate Yotter	Kate Yotter	Kate Yotter	Kate Yotter
Greeters./ ushers	Betty & Claire	Jack & Debbie	Susan & Ed	Jack & Debbie	Susan & Ed
Pre k SS (paid)	Debbie	Colleen	Debbie	Colleen	Debbie
Elementary SS	Pam Sharrow	Andrea Borden	Pam Sharrow	Andrea Borden	Pam Sharrow
Prayer Team	Isabel & Wade	Lisa & Stacey	Kathy & Isabel	Meghan & Marilyn	Jim R. & Wade
Altar Guild	Claire	Claire	Diane & Carolyn	Diane & Carolyn	Lisa
Vestry Counters	Jack & Mark	Jack & Mark	Jack & Mark	Jack & Mark	Jack & Mark

Please sign up for coffee hour and altar flowers