

Ministering God's Love



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'VOLUNTEERS VS CALLED'

Submitted by Dorene Royal

I once was 'guilted' into volunteering to "mezcla de cement" for a church building project in Chile. The team was short one man and needed someone to mix cement for the church floor. It was not my idea of fun. All the while I was shoveling sand, pouring powder, lifting buckets of water, my mind was racing for excuses to get out of there and go to the kitchen to help the ladies fix the meals (cutting up piña, luscious ripe pineapple, was much more fun), or practice some music in Spanish to lead worship for the evening service. I must confess my faults to you - I whined while I worked. I was a volunteer. Have you ever been in my shoes, recruited as a volunteer, but not truly willing?

Social clubs and non-profit organizations make it their business to recruit volunteers; without them they would not succeed. Churches have often tried to operate in this same mode. There are even seminars for church leaders on 'how to effectively cultivate volunteers.' Is this Biblical? It is interesting that nowhere in the Bible do we find 'volunteers' used by God to achieve His purpose in the world. Jesus never recruited volunteers; he *called* people to be his disciples. Actually, he called them to be servants (if you want to be great, be the servant of all - Mark 10:43). And...Jesus emulated that position. Philippians 2:7 shows His example: "He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a servant and appeared in human form."

There's a *big difference* between being a 'volunteer' and being 'called.' Last year the Worship Team read portions of a book by Rory Noland, *The Heart of the Artist*. He lists 10 characteristics specially aimed at comparing the church 'volunteer' to one that is 'called' to a specific church ministry. Number 2 nails my "mezcla de cement" experience!

1. Volunteers see their involvement at the church as community service, but people called of God see it as a ministry.
2. Volunteers whine about what it is going to cost them, but people called of God are committed to serving God, period.
3. Volunteers shrink back from resolving relational conflict, but people called of God seek to resolve relational conflict for the sake of unity in the church.
4. Volunteers look at rehearsal as another commitment they are obligated to fulfill, but people called of God look forward to another opportunity to be used by God.
5. Volunteers do little outside practicing or preparation, but people called of God come to rehearsals and worship as prepared as possible, on time and ready to serve Him.
6. Volunteers are not open to constructive criticism; they get defensive about it, but people called of God are grateful for the feedback because they want to be the best they can be for God.
7. Volunteers feel threatened by the talents of others, but people called of God praise Him for distributing

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gifts and talents as He chooses.

8. Volunteers want to quit at the first sign of adversity or discouragement, but people called of God dig in and persevere.

9. Volunteers find their main source of fulfillment in their talents and abilities, but people called of God know that being used of God is the most fulfilling thing you can do with your life.

10. Volunteers cannot handle being put into situations in which they are going to be stretched, but people called of God respond to God's call with humble dependence on Him.

(Taken from [The Heart of the Artist](#) by Rory Noland. Copyright ©1999 by Rory Noland. Used by permission of [Zondervan](#).)

You can easily see those who are 'called' in our church. One that comes to mind is Pam Sharrow when she works with our children in Children's Chapel; the joy of serving Jesus by educating our children in the things of God shows on her face.

So I ask: Are you a volunteer or are you called? If you're not sure, talk to the Lord. He WANTS you to be involved in His church. He IS calling you to be his servant! Take a look at the bulletin board in the entryway of the church; there are many opportunities to serve, where does He want you?

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that ***you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward***. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3: 23-24



On Saturday, March 12th from 9-2 we need all hands on deck. We will be weeding the memorial garden, planting plants, pressure washing, fertilizing and other little things. Please bring gloves and any yard tools you may have.

SPIRITUAL
DISCIPLINES
 THE PATH TO TRANSFORMATION

Date	Topic	Precentor(s)
March 2	Bible Study	Joy Biggers Mother Carolyn
March 9	Examinations of Conscience/ Confession/ South well Litany	Mother Carolyn/ Deacon Bob Dinnerville
March 16	Rule of Life	Deacon Ed Tatlian, Mother Carolyn

Special Days and Services

Stations of the Cross

These are depictions of 14 incidents in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' death from Pilate's house to being placed in the tomb. They are used for the service called the Way of the Cross, which visits each station in turn with a brief reading, response, collect and on some occasions, a meditation. This is particularly appropriate for Good Friday and all Fridays in Lent.



Refreshment Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Lent has long been observed as a day for completely relaxing the disciplines of Lent. It is also known as Mothering Sunday as this was the first Mother's Day and a traditional time for remembering your mother.

Palm Sunday

This Sunday before Easter is the last Sunday in Lent. The day commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with a blessing of palms and a procession in which the whole congregation carries palms. The day is also marked by reading the story of Jesus' passion (the word used to describe Jesus' death comes from .suffering, which is one old meaning of passion). Some of the Palm Sunday palms are kept and used to make the Ash Wednesday ashes for the next year.



Maundy Thursday

This is the Thursday in Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter). The day is a time for remembering The Last Supper. The name comes from the Latin word, Maundatum for commandment . as Jesus said, .I give you a new commandment; that you love one another.. At the conclusion of this service, altars are stripped of any ornamentation and crosses are removed or veiled to mark the solemnness of the occasion.



Good Friday

The Friday in Holy Week is a time for remembering Jesus' death. Traditionally there is a Good Friday service at noon as Jesus hung on the cross from noon until 3 P.M. There may also be an evening service. This is the second day of special observance for which fasting is recommended. One should use discretion in deciding how best to observe this day. There is no celebration of Communion from Maundy Thursday until the Easter Vigil on late Saturday or early Sunday. However, it is customary in many churches to give out the elements of communion blessed during the Maundy Thursday service.



The Easter Vigil

This service is appropriate from after sunset on Holy Saturday until sunrise Easter morning. This was the traditional time of baptism in the early centuries of Christianity. This service begins in darkness and a new fire is lit, from which the Christ candle is lighted. It signifies the light of Christ coming into the world anew at the resurrection. This service ends the season of Lent and begins the joy of the Easter season.



	Notes from the office	
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By now everyone should have received their 2015 contribution statement. If you have not, please look on the table in the hall. If you still do not see it, call me and I will send one out to you. If you need giving envelopes or a name badge, please call me for those as well.

I am proud to announce that my mom FINALLY retired at the age of 85. She is one amazing woman.

Chris Leiva

Deacon's Corner

We are going to have the opportunity to include the Florida Baptist Children's Home (FBCH) as one of the ministries we will be supporting here at Christ the King. The ones who will benefit are the abandoned, neglected, and abused children who could be hungry, lonely, ill, without adequate clothing to include items for babies, and more.

How can we help? First and foremost is to include them in our daily prayers. Individuals could make a financial gift, donate gently used clothing items, or even volunteer time. Currently we collect food for Hope House and Kid's Pace; we will add FBCH to the list of those to whom we contribute. It is hopeful that everyone will participate in bringing in some non-perishable food each week to support these ministries.

In order to help in the collection of food, clothing and personal items, we are looking for a portable, folding playpen. Especially when we periodically ask for clothing items, the playpen will make it easy to put in a convenient location. The gently used clothing will include items for men and women as well as boys and girls, and items for babies to include diapers and other essential baby products. Finally we will take up collections for soap, shampoos, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. in travel size containers.

In the past, I have let friends and neighbors know that when they have these kind of items available, to let me know and I will ensure they are used by people who are needy. In the future, I will continue to let friends and neighbors know, but will let them know they will be going to those in real need and if they will give the items to me, I'll take them to church for collection. If you would be interested in participating in the collecting, sorting and delivering these items, please contact Deacon Bob.

One last way in which we can help is to provide an occasional meal. At FBCH, children live in cottages of approximately 10 children with live-in adult caretakers. The cottages are grouped in a pod consisting of 10 cottages. It was suggested that some CTK families may wish to work together to prepare a meal for one of the cottages, or even a group of families would consider preparing a meal, or a picnic, for all of the cottages for a special time of the year. We'll keep you informed of what is happening with all of our ministries through the Outreach Mission Committee. But if you have any questions or suggestions, please see Deacon Bob or Ed.

INCOME

December 6	\$3622.02
December 13	\$2201.00
December 20	\$2082.00
December 24	\$511.00
December 27	\$1053.00
TOTAL	\$9,669.02

Financials for December 2015

EXPENSES

TOTAL	\$7,148.00
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M I N I S T R Y S C H E D U L E

Ministry area	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Celebrant	Mother Carolyn	Mother Carolyn	Mother Carolyn	Father Roger
Deacon	Ed Tatlian	Bob Dinnerville	Ed Tatlian	Bob Dinnerville
LEM2	Martha griggs	David Biggs	Paige Sharrow	Bob Springthorpe
Acolyte - Server	Mitchell Parrish	Elizabeth Hospedales	Liam Borden	Elvon Hospedales
Acolyte - Cross/bells	Jacob Heist	Clive Borden	Madyson Dawson	Mitchell Parrish
Acolyte-Collection	Nathanial Heist	Joey Beck	Ayden Dawson	Alexander Parrish
Acolyte -Gospel	John Beck	Peyton Dawson	Joh Beck	Grace Fernburg
Old Testament	Martha Griggs	Jim Royal	David Biggs	Jan Dinnerville
New Testament	Veda Dwyer	Sharon Rogers	Stacey May	Wade Griggs
Prayers of the people	Jan Dinnerville	Ed Tatlian	Paige Sharrow	Bob Dinnerville
Greeters./ushers	Betty & Claire	Jack & Wade	Terry & Cherryl	Debbie & Jack
Pre k (paid)	Debbie	Colleen	Debbie	Colleen
Children's Chapel	Andrea Borden Dorene Royal	Pam Sharrow Bob Dinnerville	Jessica Beck Ed Tatlian	Andrea Borden Dorene Royal
Prayer Team	Wade & Stacey	Jim & Joy	Wade & Jim	Marilyn & Joy
Altar Guild	Diane & Carolyn	Diane & Carolyn	Christina & Jo Ann	Christina & Jo Ann
Vestry Counters	Josh & Marilyn	Josh & Marilyn	Josh & Marilyn	Josh & Marilyn
Kitchen	Joy & Ines	Cathy & Claire	Marty & Jean	Betty & Susan

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		B – Joey Beck				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am Children's Chapel 10am *WORLD MISSION DAY		Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5p.m.-7p.m.	Ash Wednesday Services 12:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. B – Jim Royal			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am Children's Chapel 10am 1 st Sunday in Lent		B – Ray Sharrow	Spiritual Disciplines 7:00 p.m. B – Liam Borden	Vestry Meeting 6:30 P.M.		A – Jan & Bob Dinnerville
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am Children's Chapel 10am S.S. Meeting after service		B – Janine Erlenbaugh B – Chris Leiva				
28	29					
Christian Ed & Adult class 9am Holy Communion 10am Children's Chapel 10am A – Debbie & Jack Dale						