

A Special Thank You

Greetings, fellow Kingdom saints! How in the world are you today? I pray that all is well with you and that you may be found in His wonderful grace! Well, we made it to 2003! Praise God! Time flies, doesn't it? But, look at the bright side: the faster time flies, the faster the coming of the Lord draws near! As Paul puts it in Romans 13:11: "...our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." We saw many souls come to Christ in 2002 and we saw some souls go to be with the Father! We also have seen a few new babies born in 2002. May God bless all of His children and their children's children!

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank each of you for your labor of love as you serve the risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is truly a blessing to be part of a growing Body that loves the Lord! Truly the Spirit of God is among you! Thank you, Stony Brook University ministry, for fanning into flame the campus "*Life Talks*." By allowing the Spirit of the Lord to work through each of you, precious souls have come to the Lord. May God continue to bless your ministry! Thank you, "*Good News Stand*" fishermen, for your outreach at the flea market. May God continue to bless your ministry as well! And to those who did door knocking this past year, thank you for your love of souls! May God continue to enable you to speak the Truth of the Gospel with boldness and love! And to those who serve in the Children's ministry, thank you for your teaching and supervising our young! And to those who serve in the Men's Order of Service, thank you for making our services run smoothly! And to those who serve in the Women's Day ministry, thank you for allowing God to use you to serve and encourage the sisters of the Kingdom! And to those who serve on the Bulletin committee and to everyone who contributed articles to teach and encourage others, thank you for your diligence. And to all those who mentor others, may God bless you with wisdom as you teach, serve, and train disciples in the way of the Lord! And to all of you who serve, who visit the sick, who help the weak, who practice hospitality, who go the "extra mile," and who share their Faith with the lost, a big THANK YOU for allowing the love and light of Christ to shine in your lives! May God strengthen you and bless you as you serve Him and His Kingdom! And special thanks to those who serve in the leadership group: your devotion, loyalty and love for Jesus Christ and His Church truly shines forth! May God richly bless you and your families as you continue to uplift Christ in your lives and serve His Church!

As we enter this New Year--with new changes, such as, the new First Steps and Next Steps series--let us ask God to bless us as we continue to share Jesus to a lost and dying world! Let us be prayer warriors in the Kingdom, praying for each other and for the lost! May we, like the Bereans of Acts 17:11, examine and study the Scriptures every day! And may we allow the Spirit of God to strengthen and mature us as we walk in the light of God. May our lives bring glory, praise, and honor to Jesus Christ, our King! Amen!

Your fellow servant and Kingdom saint,



Robert P. Carr

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“Let your Light so shine...”

Matthew 5:16

Against All Odds

1 Samuel 14:6-7 - Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, “Come, let’s go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the LORD will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few.” 7 **“Do all that you have in mind,” his armor-bearer said. “Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul.”**

This passage recounts an inspiring victory for God’s people by an inspiring leader. Israel was facing their old nemesis, the Philistines, and Jonathan decided to go to battle by faith. It had to be by faith because he and his armor bearer were alone—or were they? By sight, they were outnumbered by at least ten to one odds, but Jonathan recognized that the Lord was with them and could give them victory no matter what the odds! His faith so inspired his armor bearer that he was with him heart and soul. He was willing to die with Jonathan, if necessary, but God had other plans—plans for victory. They overcame the odds and were victorious over a company of twenty soldiers because God was with them. Ten to one odds are nothing when God is with you!

Another amazing fact comes to light as you study this account. The faith of Jonathan and his armor bearer led to a great victory over the entire Philistine army. But, what is more amazing is that chapter 13 and verse 22 reveals that the Israelites had no weapons! There was no way they could take credit for the victory because apart from Jonathan and King Saul, not one man had a sword or spear, yet they were victorious over the enemy!

Remember this when the odds seem to be stacking up against you and you don’t feel like you have what it takes to go to battle. When God is for you, no one, nor anything, can stand against you! (Romans 8:31ff)

To Him be the glory,
Roger Wine

“The Lord added to their number...”

Acts 2:47

Baptisms

DATE	NAME	TOWN
12/03/02	Erika Shipley	Centereach
12/11/02	Keysha Hay.....	Brooklyn
12/20/02	Charles (Kevin) Howard.....	Central Islip

“They first gave themselves to the Lord...”

2 Corinthians 8:5

Weekly Budget		\$ 6,000
DATE	ATTENDANCE	CONTRIBUTION
12/01/02	347	\$ 7,820
12/08/02	327	\$ 6,182
12/15/02	314	\$ 5,537
12/22/02	334	\$ 7,496
12/29/02	315	\$ 6,062

Dear brethren,

As we continue to grow, it is the goal of the Lord’s Church to continue to support and add additional full time workers, support various missionary works, and provide benevolence to various needs and causes, in keeping with the main purpose of spreading the Gospel and bringing lost souls to Christ. It is with this in mind that the weekly budget amount is now increased to \$6,000. May the Lord continue to bless you richly as you serve Him and His Kingdom.

Arthur Shlesinger, Minister of Finance.

2 Corinthians 8:1-3 – “...*Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity...they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability...*”

Christ-like Service

By Cynthia Camberis

In John 13, Jesus teaches His disciples about humility and service. After sharing an evening meal with His most intimate followers (including the one who was ready to betray Him), Jesus gets up, takes off His outer clothing, wraps a towel around His waist, and prepares a basin. He then begins to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel wrapped around Him. I am sure the disciples were confused, maybe even a little amused at first, wondering what He was doing. When He came to Peter, Peter said, “*No, You shall never wash my feet!*” Peter thought it was inappropriate for his Lord and Savior to wash his feet. He thought that job was beneath Jesus, but Jesus insisted. In verses 13-15, Jesus explains to them what He was doing. He says, “*You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord’, and rightly so for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*”

Jesus took the time to demonstrate the kind of serving He desires from us. He chose a job that required great humility. In the world, we are taught that serving is a lowly job, that the higher up the ladder you climb, the more important your position is. The more talented or “successful” you are, the less you serve and the more you are served. Jesus, the awesome Son of God, **chose** a lowly job; washing someone else’s dirty feet! Then, He challenges us to do the same! In Mark 10:43-45, Jesus summarizes His teaching in this way, “*Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.*”

If we want to be great in the Kingdom, as disciples of Christ, we must choose to imitate this attitude and this type of service. It starts first with those closest to us; the very people that for some reason we often do not put our best efforts forth for. In our roles as wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and friends, we need to seek to serve as Christ did.

Serving like Christ means choosing to serve our families and friends in unpopular, unglamorous, sacrificial ways, just as Christ did. It means being the one who is willing to wash the dishes (even when it’s not your turn). It means being the one to change the diaper, clean up after others or run the errands. It means rearranging your schedule to be at activities to encourage someone else. It means listening when you feel like talking, talking and instructing when you feel like sleeping, and encouraging others when they need it. It means overlooking insults, being patient with others, and always being willing to forgive. Jesus challenges us to be humble enough to serve in even the lowliest of tasks. Sometimes, we think the seemingly little deeds we do have little or no impact, but in Matthew 5:16 Jesus says, “*Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*” **When we serve others, we help them to see the goodness of God.** We need to trust Jesus’ Word that our sacrifices are accomplishing this and use it to motivate us in serving.

Jesus set the example first. He did not serve only strangers and acquaintances; He made it a point to also serve those with whom He was most intimate. He reminds us that greatness in the Lord takes an opposite mindset to greatness in the world. He challenges us to imitate His humility in serving and, as always, He promises to bless us when we make the commitment to obey.

“For the building up of the Body...”

Ephesians 4:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 📖 We will not meet for Wednesday night class on January 1st, 2003.
- 📖 For those in the City Ministry, please note that beginning on January 8th, Wednesday Night Bible Class will be held at the “*Plattduetsche Park Restaurant*”, located at 1132 Hempstead Turnpike in Franklin Square, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.
- 📖 If you would like to order a cassette tape of a past sermon or seminar, please see Rob Dixon.
- 📖 If you would like to send a Church bulletin or a Bible study to an interested relative/friend on a regular basis, please contact our brother Jack Peisel.
- 📖 All announcements and address/telephone changes should be submitted to Carole Mathews.

ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES

- ☎ Promod & Preethi Abraham: 175-11 67th Ave., Fresh Meadows, N.Y. 11365. Their new number is: 718-461-8175.
- ☎ Sharone Brown: 572 B Greenwich St. Hempstead, N.Y. 11550. Her new number is: 516-564-1167

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

- ✝ Good News Stand.....Sayville, New York
- ✝ Paolo Di Luca.....Italy
- ✝ Apologetics PressInternational
- ✝ We Care Ministries.....West Monroe, Louisiana
- ✝ Ron Clayton.....India

“Your faith toward God has gone forth...”

1 Thessalonians 1:8

COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS MINISTRIES

Long Island Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Robert Carr.....(631) 348-7322
New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, NY

City Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Pedro Gelabert(646) 226-2361
Plattduetsche Restaurant, 1132 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square, NY

UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

For anyone wanting to use his/her vacation in a fruitful way, take a vacation to help bring souls to Jesus. :) Join a “We Care Ministry” soul winning team and help bring people to the Lord. Learn the techniques of the “We Care Ministry” team leaders: Larry West, Bob Danklefsen, and Joe Barker. Room and board will be provided. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Bob Carr.

We Care Campaign Itinerary

2003	Location
January 17 - 19	St. Joseph, MO (Seminar only)
January 24 - 26	Hutchinson, KS (Seminar only)
February 7 - 9	Paris, TX (Seminar only)
February 14 - 16	Mt. Vernon, MO (Seminar only)
Feb. 28 - Mar. 2	Rome, GA (Seminar only)