



The Eagle Express Newsletter



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Determination

Overcoming obstacles in order to reach my goal.

I WILL...

Set the right goals.

Get moving.

Face challenges.

Not be discouraged by failure.

Keep trying.

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.
(1 John 5:4)



This past week I had the opportunity with three other men from EFC church to attend a Christian Leaders Conference in southern California at Grace Community Church, in Panorama City. This is the church of Dr. John MacArthur. There were over three thousand men attending, and over eight-hundred and fifty church volunteers who gave a week of their time to serving us Pastors/Church Leaders. As a result of the hospitality shown to me it reminded me about what it means to be truly a servant.

The members at Dr. MacArthur's church could have said, "Why Serve" don't we have paid staff to handle all this. Am I not just supposed to come attend, put in my offering and enjoy all the benefits." That's not the way that Jesus taught His disciples to serve.

In John chapter 13, Jesus demonstrates how Christians should model servanthood. "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." (v.14)

In Matthew 20, we see the job description the Lord stated about Himself, after His disciples were arguing about who was going to be the greatest in kingdom. "He said to them, you know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give His life a ransom for many." (v. 25-28)

What would you say or do just 72 hours before being crucified? Jesus washed His disciple's feet, even the one who would betray Him. Wow! I wonder what Judas was thinking when Jesus reached down and untied his sandals, and scrubbed his dirty feet. How can one treat an enemy with such love?

Because He loved them, (John 13:1) "having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end." *(continued on back)*

What's for Hot Lunch?

Thu: Pizza

Fri: Noon Dismissal

Mon: Easter Break

Tue: Easter Break

Wed: Easter Break

Next PTPF Meeting:

Wed., Apr. 6, 2016

@ 1:45 pm, Library

(first Wednesday of every month)

Next School Board Meeting:

Thurs., Mar. 17, 2016

@ 6 pm, Library

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

(continued from front) Foot washing is a lesson in humility, and a vivid portrayal of Christ's self-humiliation to those of us He loves so much.

That is the key for us to serve one-an-other in humility. So, for four days in southern California last week, I received the benefit of being served by a group of people who exemplified and modeled the example of the Lord Jesus Christ by being servants to me and about 3,000 others.

Serving and being a servant leader is needed in today's ego-centric, self-absorbed me-centered culture. In this, me first taker mentality, people want to be waited on hand-and-foot without so much as lifting a finger to help clean-up or contribute to the group efforts of others. It doesn't have to be this way within the Christian community.

Notice that Jesus didn't differentiate, He treated everyone the same, even the son of perdition, Judas Iscariot, who would later betray Him. What a lesson in humility, the very enemy of His life, was treated with respect and dignity and given a chance to do the right thing, even up to the very last minute to repent and follow Him as the Savior of the World.

God's love for us is so great we cannot even comprehend it, and as a result of that love, we should have servant's hearts, and be willing and ready to meet the needs of others.

This could require you to wash the feet of your enemies. Are you up to the task? The Bible says, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time." (1 Peter 5:6)

I want to be more of a servant and lead by example, and my prayer is that you do too. So the next time you see a need, or are asked to help out, be a servant!

Dr. Keene

NO EDSS

On Friday, March 18 following
the noon dismissal

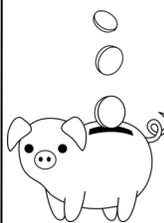
Pennies for Patients

March 9 through April 6
(Prize to class who collects the most:
Ice Cream Party)



Box Tops

April 20 through May 18
(Prize to class who collects the most:
Taco Bell)



But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen..."
(Matthew 28:5-6)

May the hope given us in Christ's resurrection fill you with rejoicing and thanksgiving. "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved son in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."(Col 1:13-14)

Happy Easter!

—From the Staff of OCS

Schedule of Upcoming Events

- Mar 18 - NOON Dismissal - NO EDSS
- Mar 21 (Mon) - Mar 28 (Mon) - EASTER BREAK
- Apr 1 - Special Chapel (TBA)
- Apr 5 - HST Meeting (6p, Rm2)
- Apr 11-22 - Terra Nova Testing
- Apr 20 - 3rd Trimester Progress Reports
- May 5 - National Day of Prayer