

The Tidings

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Power and Authority

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[b] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

We do not lead out of power, but out of calling and responsibility. Therefore, it is not by power, but under his authority we are called and given responsibility and are equipped to act upon that responsibility by God through the Spirit and by His agency, the church.

Don't try to lead from a position of power. Instead lead from the responsibility of the call and under the authority of God. Jesus had power but chose to excise that power with great restraint. This is what we understand meekness to be. Meekness is not the lack of power, but power under restraint.

Jesus' Kingdom did not look like the power of the world. This Kingdom would not come the same way other kingdoms did by both seeking and wielding power. Jesus tells Pilate my Kingdom is not of this world, if it were so we would be fighting just like the other earthly kingdoms.

Often when Jesus teaches in public the scripture makes note that Jesus spoke, "as one with authority." The questions about Jesus' teachings are to do with his authority rather than power. The religious elite and power brokers want to know under what authority did Jesus have the right to speak these things and interpret the scriptures this way? It was not under the authority of tradition that many of them taught and understood God, but under the authority of His Father.

In seeking to live and lead like Jesus we must not pursue a posture of power but a walk of servanthood. We should not grasp for power that we do not have, but work under the one with true authority, God. Giving God glory, demonstrating His power not our own, and responding to God's authority. Our actions then are not a power play, but a powerful display of God's dominion and power in the world today.

It is our freedom to respond under God's authority. Not our need to promote or perpetuate power. When we move under God's authority the world becomes different, because we are different.

We are powerless in our own right, rather we demonstrate God's power and as we live under God's authority. Let's make a difference in the world by how we serve not by what or who we believe we have power over. We are all under the authority of God, to make disciples and change with world.

Blessings,
Greg Soult

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ANTIOCH

June 6 – Beginning of Sundaes on Wednesday at 7:15pm after Bible Study

June 11 – Senior's Lunch at Golden Corral

June 12 - Church Reserved for Primary Election

June 17 – Father's Day Celebration

June 21 – First Day of Summer

Every Sunday: 9:15am Fellowship Breakfast

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6:30pm

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship w/Pastor Greg Soult

Vacation Bible School – August 13-17, 2018 (evenings)

Mission Trip – July 23-27, 2018

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Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating in the month of JUNE: Andy Foote(1), Carolyn D. Wakefield(2), Charlie Bradley, Jr.(3), Debbie Bendle(8), Christopher Boggs(8), Lucas Mitchell(8), Linda Ledford(11), Maggie Weller(11), Kevin O'Brien(11), Doswell Lawson(11), Jackie Smith(13), Teresa Stillion(14), Catherine Harris(15), Virginia Burton(16), Annie Wade(18), Kim Hepler(22), Susan Spicer(23), Danny Gouldin(24), James Zahn(24), Esther Johns(25), Leon Mann(26), Virginia Blaska(27), Nancy Hardee(28), Jonathan Foote(29)

(If your birthday has been inadvertently left off the birthday list or entered incorrectly, please contact the Church Office.)

WMU – WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

OUR MISSION: ... TO INFORM AND INSPIRE Christians to influence their world for Christ.

WATCHWORD: "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings".

(1 Cor. 9:22b-23 NIV)

Almost everyone loves to eavesdrop on conversations about the characters of Lady Mary in Downton Abbey and Scarlett O'Hara in Gone With the Wind. The drama, the characters, the intrigue, the costumes, the story! So, what's your story? Your life's journey may be the catalyst to encourage someone to find God's purpose and plan for his or her life.

This month choose a Bible Character and try to answer the questions. Use scripture, Bible commentaries and concordances, and history books about the time period and place. Here is a list of some Bible characters who might have something in common with your life experience. EVE, SARAH, NAOMI, RUTH, HANNAH ESTER, GOMER, MARY AND MARTHA.

Prepare to share your Bible character story with a non-Christian or new believer and tell her about your own "drama" and how God is shaping you to become a leading lady in His plan. Storytime – Tell YOUR Story.

"Prayer is not a duty or a habit, but pouring forth of the heart in gratitude for very breath, every moment of life, every experience" – By Sue Sikking

Joyce Adams, Reporting for WMU

SENIOR ADULT GROUP

As we wind down for the summer, let's look back at what you've missed in 2018 if you aren't attending our SENIORS GROUP on the 2nd Monday of each month!

January: *snow*snow*snow*

February: A birthday celebration and interview with Abraham Lincoln (Jeff Adams) and a presentation by Jelisa Turner, Henrico County's Advocate for the Aging

March: A presentation and hymn sing featuring Fannie Crosby (Jenny Nelson), who penned over 10,000 hymns in her lifetime. Thank you to Arlene Gordon for accompanying us and Jeff Adams for leading us!

April: Gospel Artist, Willis Canada, performed a show of classic and original music.

May: Nancy and Jim Hardee won the "Couples Battle" and EVERYONE won at BINGO! Thanks Chuck and Helen Wilmore for being good sports!

June 11: Luncheon meeting at Golden Corral on West Broad Street. Meet at the church at 10:45 to carpool. Those who have paid their dues for 2018 will be treated to the buffet. Anyone else is welcome to join us and pay their own way! FUN AND SURPRISES!

Here's what you can look forward to in the fall:

September 10 - Ronnie Harris (Lil Ronnie), gospel musician

October 8 - Penny Social

November 12 - Richmond Times-Dispatch Columnist and Historian, Bill Lohmann

December 10 - Celebrate the birth of Jesus with fun, fellowship and special music!

JOIN US!

