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SEEKING TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS IN THE COMMUNITY

PASTOR'S PIECE

As I write this article, many of us will be enjoying holidays and a break from the normal routine. But, it won't be long until we are back to the 'daily grind of life'. However, I believe that God doesn't want us to get stuck in a rut, and wants us individually and as a church to move forward. As we approach the start of all the various activities in the church commencing again, I would like us to think about making this a year when we put people first. When we show the love of God in such ways that those coming to the church will be amazed at how we care for one another. This won't just happen automatically. I want to share with you an article written recently by Rick Warren, which I have adapted slightly – and I pray this will help us to be practical in the ways we treat each other.

3 WAYS TO CONTINUALLY AFFIRM PEOPLE

By Rick Warren

We affirm people when we treat them with dignity, knowing that they matter to God. If you want to stand out in your Church, one secret puts you head and shoulders above everybody else – be an encourager. Encouragement is very difficult to find today. The Bible says, "Encourage each other and build each other up."

We live in a very negative culture. Most people get far more jeers than cheers, far more pokes than strokes. We live in a society where the number one form of humour is put downs. People are put down, criticised, maligned.

God calls us to do the exact opposite. God says, as believers, we are to value everybody. When you look around at people - even people who are insulting you and putting you down, you must realise that God died

for them. He sent His Son for them and they matter greatly to God. When you appreciate people, you raise their value. Appreciation means to raise in value. If you have bought or sold real estate in these last few years, you know the meaning of appreciation. Every time you appreciate somebody you raise their value.

How can you affirm people?

- By noticing them.
- By listening to them.
- By applauding their contributions.
- By being interested in more than just their work and ministry but also their life beyond church.
- By including them in events rather than excluding them.

Here are three specific ways to affirm people, right out of the Scriptures...

LISTEN TO THEM

"Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

One of the greatest gifts you can give people is an attentive ear. When

ED'S LASTWORD

The church magazine can only be as useful as YOU make it, so please pass on anything you think will be of interest to the fellowship. FINAL COPY DATE for the October/November issue is Sunday 22 September.

**So... See me on Sunday, phone me on 01732 469486
Email me at martinpalmer1@sky.com**

God bless, Martin.

FORGIVING GOD ! Extracts from Dr RT Kendall

Have you ever been disappointed by God - or felt that he let you down? Did you ever feel that you were even betrayed by God? Abraham did. All of us sooner or later discover, as Isaiah did: 'Truly you are a God who hides himself' (Isaiah 45:15). And yet God never gives us advance notice that he will hide his face. If only he would say, 'Next Tuesday about three o'clock you will notice that I will withdraw the light of my countenance from you! No. He just hides his face without any warning. Have you experienced any of these things? Congratulations! You have just been welcomed into a vast group of people who, following the great men and women of God who were commended for their faith in Hebrews Ch.11, yet none of them received what had been promised.

Why forgive God? Has he done something wrong? No. What is his crime? Nothing. He is just and perfect, being utterly without any sin or evil. Then why forgive him? I reply: we let him off the hook for the things he has allowed in our lives which we don't understand. *'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways declares the Lord'* (Isaiah 55:8).

Sadly, many people resent God when things go wrong. Some seem to give up on God, the church, prayer and Christian fellowship when severe disappointment comes. Some even feel betrayed. But there is a reward for those who refuse to question God - but rather press on and break the betrayal barrier, as I have put it.

Perhaps you - as you read these lines - are in the greatest trial of your life. Everything seems to have gone wrong, nothing has gone right. You feel deserted. Lonely. The sense of God's presence is not felt. When the Apostle Paul was in his greatest trial he observed it was given to him so he would rely on God (2 Corinthians 1:9). Was he not relying on God before then? He would answer: Yes, but not as much as he should. The huge disappointments of life are what improve our character but also increase our anointing. Trials make the difference. They are more precious than gold. When you are tempted to accuse God, pause a moment. If you let him totally off the hook, the reward is worth waiting for. I guarantee it.

CARE (Christian Action, Research & Education), present a biblical perspective at the cutting edge of politics in Westminster, the Scottish and Welsh Assemblies and Brussels. You can get more information about them from their web site www.care.org.uk.

Redefinition of marriage

CARE has been privileged to host regular meetings of the Coalition for Marriage (C4M) with our colleagues from the Christian Institute, Christian Concern, Christian Medical Fellowship, the Evangelical Alliance and the Family Education Trust.

With a heavy heart we have witnessed the Government's unerring determination to steamroll through legislation to redefine marriage. The Bill has now been approved by both Houses of Parliament and received Royal Assent. We believe this new law will have serious implications for church leaders, parents, chaplains, school governors, teachers and public service workers. We intend to hold the Government to its word that '...the belief that marriage should be between only a man and a woman is legitimate; people are free to express that view...'

We are deeply grateful for everyone who signed the C4M petition, contacted their MP wrote to members of the House of Lords, and for those who earnestly and boldly prayed that in God's mercy this Bill would be defeated.

Although the Bill has been passed, we remember and rejoice in the fact that the Lord is sovereign over all things. We are determined, with God's strength and provision, to continue to do everything we can in all the areas above - with you and on your behalf - to see His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven!

Nola Leach

Nola Leach, Chief Executive, CARE



you listen to someone it says "You matter. I value what you have to say. I value who you are. I think what you have to say is important." Every time you genuinely listen to people, you're ministering to them. By listening, I show I care. It says by doing this you obey the law of Christ, also called the great commandment... "Love your neighbour as yourself."

USE POSITIVE WORDS

"Speak only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs [not your needs, but theirs] that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

God wants us, as believers, to be people builders not people users. Most of the world is filled with people users. God says that when you speak positive words of encouragement to people and you build them up, you're ministering to people.

Would you like to know how to change somebody who doesn't want to change? Treat them the way you want them to become as if they have already become it. That's called speaking in faith. People tend to live up to our expectations of them. The other night I saw Sally Fields in an interview. She was talking about how one director in one play said, "That was brilliant!" and it gave her the confidence to become an actress. Just one little compliment can change a life.

You don't know the power of your words. If people make any effort toward the Lord, commend them on that. If they make any effort to being more mature, more productive,

whatever... when you see something good in their life, compliment it and that area will grow. What you compliment tends to grow.

PRAY FOR THEM

"You are helping us by praying for us." 2 Corinthians 1:11 (NLT)

Make a list of the people you want to pray for. Now put it in your Bible or keep it handy on your mobile device. Pray for them and watch what happens in your church. You cannot pray for people and not see them start to change. And I encourage you to tell them you're praying for them. You can even ask them, "What do you want me to pray about?" Even unbelievers appreciate people praying for them. Every time you do that you're building a bridge on which you can minister to people.

Write down a person you will, this week, encourage. You will affirm them either through positive words or listening to them or praying for them. Write down the names of a few people and encourage them, and then encourage them to encourage others.'

I think that's a great piece of advice and help from Rick. My prayer is that we will try and put this into practice in Vine Baptist Church, and then see what God can do!

Jim

VINE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

VINE BAPTIST CHURCH,
SEVENOAKS

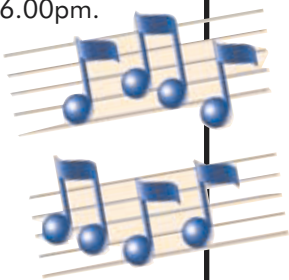
It has been a good year for the Vine Children's Choir: it has been a pleasure to hear the sound quality improve throughout the year; we have covered a huge variety of repertoire from gospel music, to Christmas carols, to ballads, to Abba!

We are very excited to announce that we have been approached by Emma Pears to become part of her group of choirs - Singingnation. This will make little difference to the leadership and the weekly running of the group but, will open up huge opportunities for performance and publicity. It will be a privilege to be part of this organisation because as many of you will know, Emma is a highly regarded local Christian singer-songwriter and musician and her input will be invaluable in the further development of the Vine Children's Choir.

Vine Children's Choir will recommence on Wednesday 18th September at 6.00pm.

We hope you will encourage any children you know aged 7+ to attend.

Sylvia Crockett and
Alison Saunders



Coins and the Bible

An Exhibition at the British Museum

In the Old Testament payment is in shekels. They were not coins but units of weight. The term shekel was used across the Middle East in biblical times. Its exact weight varied.

In that well-known story in Luke 10, the Samaritan gives the innkeeper 2 Roman denarii. These two silver coins must have provided bed and board for a minimum of three days.

The poor widow donates two lepta the equivalent to a quadrans - the lowest value coin in the Western Roman Empire.

William Tyndale in his translation of the Bible used two Dutch copper coins called mijts that she offered. Hence the widow's mite. Two were worth a farthing.

The 30 pieces of silver paid to Judas, silver shekels of Tyre, were used for the annual Temple Tax. The High Priest Caiaphas would have had access to this type of coin.

The coins used to pay the Jewish Temple Tax seem an odd choice as they had the image of a pagan god, Melkart that appeared to contradict the first two Commandments. They were used because their silver content was high.

The earliest appearance of Jesus on a coin is on a gold solidus AD 450. The coin shows the marriage of the Roman Emperor Marcian and Empress Pulcheria with Jesus in the centre embracing them. He is shown beardless and has a cross within His halo.

Helen Ellis

Dear Child of Mine

I am the Lord your God. Today I will be handling all your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle DO NOT attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFJTD (Something for Jesus to do) box. It will be addressed in my time, not yours.

Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it or attempt to remove it. Holding on to it or removal will delay the resolution of your problem. If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure it is the correct resolution.

Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber nor do I go offline there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest, my child.

If you need to contact Me, remember, I am only a prayer away.

Love eternally
Yahweh

Your God



RIDE AND STRIDE

The Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 13 September this year. 50% of sponsorship money raised goes to the church and the remaining 50% goes into a fund administered by the Friends of Kent Churches. The fund is distributed in grants to Kentish churches of any denomination for maintaining church fabric.

Last year 740 churches in Kent were involved and £133,580 was raised. Colin has taken up the challenge over several years for VBC perhaps there are some keen followers of the Tour De France who feel they would like to pedal the roads of Kent and raise money for our church.

You can also help by being a recorder at our church to welcome those taking part. Sponsorship forms and a list for volunteer recorders are available from 11 August.

Helen Ellis

Hiya

Thought the Vine might like to see a photo of our family at Debbie and Sam's wedding last month. It was a lovely day. Sam is the Youth Worker at our church, and Deb is the Young Adults Worker.

Paul is doing well in his Product Design course at Leeds Uni, and is president of the CU this year. Julia has adjusted to her new school here in Sutton Coldfield. Mike and I still have no idea what next. The church in Trapia appears to be doing well, so that is confirmation to us that it indeed was time for us to leave. Love to you all, and thanks to Monica for sending us the magazine, which I enjoy reading.

Love from Daveen & Mike Wilson



**Happy
Birthday
to you!**

**BMS Birthday Scheme sends greetings
for a very Happy Birthday to:**

4 Aug	Barbara Bates	29 Sept	Barry Worsell
18 Sept	Helen Ellis		

YouVersion™

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details on how to
download this App

The Bible App in the News

This July, the YouVersion community helped the Bible App reach 100 million installs on mobile devices around the globe. God is truly doing something remarkable, and media outlets worldwide are covering this historic milestone - including a story on the front page of the New York Times!

The New York Times

The Faithful Embrace YouVersion, a Bible App by Amy O'Leary

More than 500 years after Gutenberg, the Bible is having its i-moment. For millions of readers around the world, a wildly successful free Bible App, YouVersion, is changing how, where and when they read the Bible.

Built by LifeChurch.tv, one of the USA's largest and most technologically advanced evangelical churches, YouVersion is part of what the church calls its "digital missions". They include a platform for online church services and prepackaged worship videos that the church distributes free.

It's all part of the church's aspiration to be a kind of I.T. department for churches everywhere. The App is nondenominational, with over 600 Bible translations in more than 400 languages, and is by far the church's biggest success.

"They have defined what it means to access God's word on a mobile device," said Geoff Dennis, an executive vice president of Crossway, one of many Bible publishers (from small presses to global Bible societies) that have licensed their translations, free, to the church.



MISSIONARY UPDATE



**VINE MISSION TO
KOSOVA WITH SMILE
INTERNATIONAL**
29 OCT – 5 NOV 2013
(TRIP CONTRIBUTION £399, PLUS FLIGHTS)

After the successful Vine mission trip last October, we would like to encourage all Church members to prayerfully consider joining another Church mission to Kosova which is being led by Clive and Ruth.

This will be a great opportunity to help repair widows' homes, distribute humanitarian aid, work with children and support widows and Smile in their Palliative Care

work based at the Smile Centre in Gjakovë, Kosova.

If you would like further details or a trip application form, then please see Clive and Ruth, contact the Smile office on 01689 870932 or: trips@smileinternational.org or visit our website www.smileinternational.org

Clive Doubleday

PLEASE PRAY

Smile Step-Out trip to Uganda Maggie and Martin's Itinerary

Day	Date	
Thursday	1.8.13	Depart from Heathrow, 9pm
Friday	2.8.13	Arrive at Entebbe Airport, 7.30am. Orientation meeting am, meet Ugandan team pm.
Saturday	3.8.13	Spending the day at the Farm project
Sunday	4.8.13	Worship at Kampala Baptist Church am, free afternoon, evangelistic meeting at Pastor Davidson's church in the evening
Monday	5.8.13	Spending the day at Pastor Davidson's church – bricklaying!
Tuesday	6.8.13	Bricklaying – Day 2!
Wednesday	7.8.13	Helping at Chosen Primary School, Nansana
Thursday	8.8.13	Helping at Chosen Primary School
Friday	9.8.13	Day 1 of Safari at Murchison Falls
Saturday	10.8.13	Safari Day 2
Sunday	11.8.13	Final day of Safari - returning to Smile House in the evening
Monday	12.8.13	Helping at Goshem School – very rural!
Tuesday	13.8.13	Helping at Goshem School
Wednesday	14.8.13	Widows' Day at Smile House
Thursday	15.8.13	Visiting Smile widows, and the local hospital
Friday	16.8.13	Depart for airport at 5am! Arrive back at Heathrow at 4.10pm.

TRACKS IN (& OUT OF) TANZANIA

Elizabeth Broomhall spent a week in Kenya with other Wycliffe missionaries at their annual conference; then flew home to the UK for three weeks. It has been good to catch up with her.

A matter not raised previously is security. This has worsened, especially in Northern Tanzania, in recent days. Elizabeth's bungalow is on the Baptist compound in Mbeya so they have the advantage of a gardener around by day and guards by night. Pray for safety.

Progress is being made on Bena Luke but there is still some way to go - pray that it may be published next year so that they have the Christmas story in their own language in 2014. Work has now started on Matthew and Acts; also on Philippians and Paul's letters to Timothy, Titus and Philemon. The translators were looking for a word for 'hell' - and now have 'the place of eternal punishment'. The recordings of Ruth and Jonah will soon be ready on tape and CD so that non-readers may be able to listen too.

It may be 2015 before we see Elizabeth again - pray for continued good health and real progress in translating the whole of the New Testament into Bena. May our perseverance in prayer match that needed by Elizabeth and the translators.

Alaric has been re-elected onto the Regional & the Field Councils in Japan. "Sometimes these things can create a lot of work over and above the Language Advisor's job. Please continue to pray for a good balance between the various roles I have."

Tearfund's Prayer Co-ordinator writes: "I have never cried so many tears of joy and sadness as in the last few years. Tearfund works in 40 of the poorest countries and it's tough. I meet with people doing incredible things for God and hear their stories of hope and pain. Pray for our staff and partners to have patience and endurance."

The Leprosy Mission. The stigma of leprosy is an issue we long to see eradicated. When Mohana in Mozambique developed skin patches on his face his family, afraid of leprosy and stigma, pushed him away. He was left to travel alone to the healthpost - a long, tiring and traumatic experience, made worse by the insults and mockery from passers by. He was diagnosed, given multi-drug therapy and is now completely cured of leprosy. His life has been totally transformed.

Digital Distibution There are 7000 languages used world-wide. About 2500 of them have part of a Bible translation. 250 of these are online. But 25,134 people read the Bible on YouVersion every minute! **Bible Society** - See also the article on page 5

London City Mission has a new Chief Executive - Rev. Graham Miller. Pray for him and his family as they prepare for the many changes that lie ahead as he takes up his new post.

SUNDAY SERVICES

August

4	Morning Communion	Colin King
11	Morning Worship	Rick Woodward
18	Morning Communion	Rev Jim Crockett
25	Morning Worship	Rev Jim Crockett

September

1	Morning Communion	Rev Jim Crockett
8	Morning Worship	Rev Jim Crockett
15	Morning Communion	Rev Jim Crockett
22	Morning Worship	Michael Richardson (Gideons)
29	Morning Worship	Rev Jim Crockett

October

6	Harvest Family Service	Maxine & Chris Reeder
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LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Wed 14 August - Ministry Leaders Meeting in Lounge

Wed 11 September - Ministry Leaders Meeting in Lounge

HOME GROUPS

Usually meet after the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month (Sunday Communion), but please consult leaders listed below for actual meeting days.

Tuesday	Jenny Marchant	01732 457795
Wednesday	Helen Ellis	01732 883250
Thursday	Nick Ellis	01732 351774
	Tony & Lizzie Bourne	01732 453263
Friday	Monica Wain	01732 455356

CHURCH DIARY

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PULL-OUT
to keep in
your Bible

August

Wed 7	10.15 am	Solos
Wed 14	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club

September

Wed 4	10.15 am	Solos
	7.30 pm	Church Prayer Meeting
Wed 11	10.00 am	Rascals
	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
	6.00 pm	Children's Choir Practice
Fri 13	7.30 pm	WMAG Meeting, 9 Watercress Drive
Wed 18	10.00 am	Rascals
	6.00 pm	Children's Choir Practice
Wed 25	10.00 am	Rascals
	6.00 pm	Children's Choir Practice
	8.00 pm	Church Members' Meeting

October

Wed 2	9.15 am	Rascals Breakfast
	10.15 am	Solos
	6.00 pm	Children's Choir Practice
Sat 5	6.30 pm	Quiz & Curry Night



I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

KIDS XTRA

Miss Industrious

I hope you like learning new words. I wonder if you know what the word 'industrious' means? If anyone says you are industrious, it means that you work well and always do your best. It is a way of praising or congratulating you.

Miss Industrious lived in a small harbour town called Joppa on the coast of Israel. Its modern name is Jaffa, and it is just north of the city of Tel Aviv, which you will easily find on a map of Israel. Her real name was Dorcas, a Greek word meaning 'gazelle' which is a wild animal found in parts of Africa and Asia, and it looks like a deer.

The Bible tells us two important things about Dorcas: she was a follower of the Lord Jesus, and she was

always helping others. Dorcas heard the good news about the Lord Jesus' death for us, and how He rose again to be the Saviour and Lord of all who trust in Him. She trusted in Him as her Saviour, and she wanted to live to please



Him. True disciples like Dorcas listen to what the Lord Jesus says, and obey Him.

The Lord Jesus taught that if we love Him, we will love one another. The way we behave and care for others shows whether or not we belong to Him. The way Dorcas lived showed that she belonged to the Lord Jesus. I do not know if she had much money, but she was always doing good and helping the poor. We do not have to be rich to help others, because there are things we may do to help people with our time and energy.

One of the things Dorcas loved doing was making clothes for those

who could not afford to buy them. If she heard of a widow, or a boy or girl who did not have a father, she got out her needle and thread, and made shirts and coats to fit them exactly. As soon as she finished one thing for one person, she would find something else to do for another. Everyone who knew Dorcas loved her. She was so kind and thoughtful.

What about us? Are we industrious or lazy? It is easy to belazy at school, and not to work hard. It is also easy not to be bothered about helping other people, especially the lonely and those who are ill. When we believe in the Lord Jesus, and receive Him as our Saviour, something happens deep inside us. The Lord Jesus comes to live within us by His Spirit, and He teaches and helps us to be kind and thoughtful to others, and to work hard at it - to be industrious.

The Bible says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men". We cannot all be clever, and we cannot all be rich, but we can all work hard at helping others.

Acts 9:32-43; Colossians 3:23. Based on stories from Gofors&Grumps, Day One Publications.



Mark 6 v 35-44



Thousands of people have followed Jesus and His disciples down to Lake Galilee.

Jesus was too loving to turn them away, so He spent ages teaching them.

Fishy feast

Read Mark 6 v 35-36

The disciples had to do some quick maths.

1000s of people

+ no food

+ a long way from the shops

= A HUGE PROBLEM!

Actually, they did manage to find a tiny bit of food.

Read verses 37-38

What did they find?

_____ loaves of bread

+ _____ fish

5 loaves

+ 2 fish

= enough for a family picnic

but

5 loaves

+ 2 fish

÷ divided between 1000s of people

= NO CHANCE!

But all this doesn't add up to a problem for Jesus — God's Son!

Read verses 39-44

How many men ate? _____

Plus thousands of women and children too!



Because of His great love and compassion for these people, Jesus worked this incredible miracle. There were even 12 baskets of scraps left over!

wow!

NOTHING is impossible for God's Son! That means that even our biggest problems are no problem for Jesus.

think!

What problems do you have?

pray!

Take your problems to Jesus right now and ask Him to help you with them.

