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Follow Me

Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary, use words.

St. Francis of Assisi

In light of our mission focus this year, this quote seemed like a great way to start. The reality is that we are all being sent into our families, our neighborhoods, and work places. As a recent Sunday School teacher pointed out, we need to examine our “spheres of influence.” This includes the grocery store, Starbucks and the mall. How we interact with too-busy-to-be-bothered-with store clerk reflects who is on the throne of our heart. Are you conscious of those around you? Can you wait the extra few seconds to hold open a door?

The other side to this is that there are a lot of really nice non-believers out there. If we continually hide behind our actions, then we become the center of glory, not God. We need to be bold in sharing Jesus with others. That can look like a lot of different things. One person’s blessing as they hang up the phone may be a seed planted. Sharing your story with a friend who is struggling may lead to the birth of a new believer.

“I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.” - John 4:35—38

What we need to realize, is that when we asked Jesus to be the king of our hearts, we forfeited our right to ourselves. All we say and do can be used by Him to further His kingdom. Will you give Him your day to day, minute by minute life?

With joy,

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Monthly Mentions

Something special for moms! Please join us on March 26th for our annual Women's Retreat here at church. The speaker is Lara Williams, a mother of young children, who will speak on *Renewed Hearts*. Check out her website at www.LaraWilliams.org. Music will be provided by Abby Sutton. The retreat will be from 9:30 to 2:30 and includes lunch. You can download a registration form on the church website or pick one up in the narthex or parish hall. Hope to see you there! Questions: Call Debbye Silva @ 747-0022.

The Gamers—will meet March 6 at 12:30—1:15. Please RSVP to Andrew Thompson at 741-7162.

Nursery Help is still needed. We have some holes this month. If you are willing to pull an extra duty, please call Jill Rich at 288-1911 to volunteer.

Don't forget—the volunteer schedules are now on the website, stmatthewsrichmond.org. The password is rockycat.

Mite Boxes have been sent home. If you need one, please see a supervisor or Jill. They are also available in the Narthex and Main Office.

Nursery Schedule

Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.

If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.

Date	Infants	Toddlers	Preschoolers
March 6	Lynda Jenkins Kathryn Bailey	Gail Ridgeway Barry Ridgeway	Katie Musick Bert Musick
13	Alison Barnes Matt Barnes	Heather Creswick Tom Veech	Stacy Relyea Bob Relyea
20	January Britt Jeff Britt	Laura Allin Danny Cox	Linda Wilson Wendell Wilson
27	Alison Barnes Matt Barnes	???	Gretchen DeFrancesca Todd De Francesca