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"Follow me and I will make you fishers of people."

THE CALL

St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Rocky Mount, NC



Whom Do We Love and Serve

By the Rev. George H Greer



"Never," Peter says to Jesus. "You shall never wash my feet."

In St. John's account of the Last Supper, in an act of Loving Service, Jesus tries to wash Peter's feet. But Peter will not have it. Washing another's feet was the duty of a slave, not a master. Here, Jesus, their Lord and Master, seeks to wash his disciples feet.

"Never," Peter says to Jesus. "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus reminds Peter that salvation depends upon trust in the Lord, saying, "At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Time and again Jesus, through his example, shows the disciples what His mission was all about. Jesus spelled out His ministry through His acts of loving service to others. Later, The Church came to call Him the "Servant Leader." But Jesus' immediate disciples didn't understand this.

When He fed the five thousand, with just a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish, the people wanted Jesus to be their king, but He refused, and they didn't understand. When He rode his rent-a-donkey into Jerusalem, the people welcomed Him as their king. But He didn't act like a king and they didn't understand. When He knelt down on the floor to wash his disciples' dusty feet; they didn't understand. They didn't want to see Jesus demean himself in such a way. And finally, on the Cross: the purest act of servant hood, the people failed to understand. And, some two thousand years later, we continue to struggle in our understanding; we find it hard to believe; we sometimes fight to accept it.

Jesus' life and ministry were misunderstood by His own people, not to mention his own family, because they expected God to send them a great king to set them free from their Roman rulers. They remembered the Golden Age of King David. How great it was to live as a free nation. How great it was to have armies; to have power!

Though David's reign was far from perfect, the people dreamed of a day when God would restore their past glory through another great military leader; a great King-Messiah! They had an obsessive, almost fanatical

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April 2022 Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rt. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Christian Ed.
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rt. II
10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel

Wednesdays

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rt. II
with healing prayer and anointing of oil

Holy Week

Palm Sunday.....April 10
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday.....April 14
7:00p.m.

Good Friday.....April 15
Noon

Stations of the Cross.....5:00 p.m.

Easter.....April 17
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt10:00 a.m.

Our Parish Family



Children Are a Gift From God

Harrison Steele Whitmer

Born 2/27/22 at 9:52 a.m.
7 lbs. 13 oz. 21 inches long

Son to Gates and Meghan Whitmer
Brother to Holly



VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
Returns June 13—17th
At
First Presbyterian Church

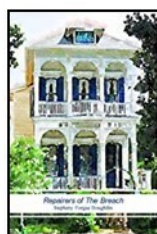
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REGISTRATION ENDS
APRIL 15TH**

Children 3 years to
completed 5th grade
\$15 per child.
Scholarships available

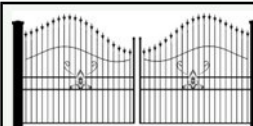
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St. A's Book Club

St. Andrew's Book Club will meet Tuesday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Joy prevails because the book selected for April belongs to St. A's own Stepheny Fogue Houghtlin! Stepheny will join the group to discuss her new book, *Repairers of the Breach*, so come ready for the inside story.



The Men's Club breakfast meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd at 8:00 a.m. in the parish hall.



GATEKEEPERS WORKCAMP
JULY 10-15
Registration fee \$125

Email the office to get your child on the list to be notified of all updated information. Registration forms are generally not available until May, but you need to be on the list to receive one. Watch this space for updates and registration information.

belief in this image. And then Jesus came.

The important thing for us to understand is that God fulfills His purposes most effectively through humble servants, through those who are willing to serve others.

To be a disciple of Christ, in today's world of push and shove, we need to refashion the life-style we have been conditioned to live. Our world teaches us to look after ourselves. You are number one, it teaches. If you help another, make sure you take care of yourself first.

Jesus' view of discipleship, takes a fair amount of rethinking about what it means to be a disciple of the Living God. Many in our world are disciples of all sorts of gods; the god of money, the god of self, the god of summer, golf, beach, or mountains; and yes, the god of winter and snow skiing.

The gospel writers beg a couple of questions; Whom do you serve? Who will you serve? What master do you pattern your life after?

Your presence here on Sunday and Wednesday morning, proclaims the God you and I serve. We are telling the world as well as reminding ourselves that we worship and serve the Living God. We worship and follow the God who came to save his children through acts of loving service.

Jesus comes and kneels before us. He brings with him a washbasin and towel; he seeks to wash your feet. Pray that you accept our Lord's invitation to enter into a loving relationship with him. Pray that you accept our Lord's challenge to love others as he loves you. Amen.



What a difference a little paint and sweat equity make. Our vestibule between the kitchen and parish hall is getting a much needed facelift. Tommy Parker and John Schacht have invested many hours to help make this transformation.

In the coming weeks, we will be installing recessed lighting in the ceiling and a new floor will replace the carpet. We have chosen to go with the vinyl flooring to match that of the parish hall.

Thank you Tommy and John!



"The Church is a family that expects guests."

Andy Stanley



Join us each Wednesday at Noon during Lent for worship, brief reflection, and a bag lunch.

Series ends on April 6



After a long COVID 19 break, we are finally back to two services each Sunday!



Thank you M.H. and Diana and Mike and Terry Pitt for purchasing and packaging all 60 bags of food for our Backpack Food Program helping feed the children of Winstead Elementary.

Did you know that each month, we provide 1680 meals for the kids at Winstead Elementary each month? That's a lot of food!

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

This year, Tony Inscore and his crew gave out 98 pancake suppers to parish family and friends.



Thank you St. Andrew's Men's Club for a great pancake supper!



St. Andrew's Book Club met at Books and Beans on Tuesday, March 8. The Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10a.m. Contact Mary Ruth and enjoy a good book with friends.



Celebrating Dr. Seuss Week on Whacky Wednesday
4-year-old class

Saints Alive

William Law April 10

"If we are to follow Christ, it must be in our common way of spending every day. If we are to live unto God at any time or in any place, we are to live unto him in all times and in all places. If we are to use anything as the gift of God, we are to use everything as his gift." So wrote William Law in 1728 in *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*.

This quiet schoolmaster of Putney, England, could hardly be considered a revolutionary, yet his book had near-revolutionary repercussions. His challenge to take Christian living very seriously received more enthusiastic response than he could ever have imagined, especially in the lives of Henry Venn, George Whitefield, and John Wesley, all of whom he strongly influenced. More than any other man, William Law laid the foundation for the religious revival of the eighteenth century, the Evangelical Movement in England, and the Great Awakening in America.

Law came to typify the devout parson in the eyes of many. His life was characterized by simplicity, devotion, and works of charity. Because he was a Non-juror, who refused to swear allegiance to the House of Hanover, he was deprived of the usual means of making a living as a clergyman in the Church of England. He therefore worked as a tutor to the father of Edward Gibbon, the historian, from 1727 to 1737. He organized schools and homes for the poor. He stoutly defended the Sacraments and Scriptures against attacks of the Deists. He spoke out eloquently against the warfare of his day. His richly inspired sermons and writings have gained him a permanent place in Christian literature.



On March 1, the Diocese allowed us to refill our Holy Water fonts. On Sunday, March 6, we blessed water during the 10:30 service and refilled our fonts.

"And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also- not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." I Peter 3:21



Come and worship the Lord for we are his people, the flock that he shepherds.



UCM mission. Last month, St. Andrew's gave a little over \$800.00 worth of supplies to the folks at the shelter. They are in desperate need of trashcan liners, cleaning supplies, paper towels, napkins, and plastic ware.

During the season of Lent, we are collecting these items for UCM and will deliver them during Holy Week.

Thank you for helping our local folks in need.

"Generous person will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25



8 a.m. Service resumes after a very long COVID break.

Welcome back to the Kingdom!



Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Come, let us adore Him.



