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"My strong love for your house completely controls me." John 2:17

The Least of These Brothers of Mine

In the song "Jesus Let us Come to Know You" there is a line in it that sings, "Jesus let us come to know you, let us see you to face to face." This song is not just a song but a prayer to be prayed as we sing. But if we sincerely prayed to see Jesus face to face, would we recognize him?

All of us have preconceived notions of what Jesus looks like don't we? We picture him with long, flowing brown hair, a beard and blue eyes. We see him as someone who is either really muscular, or scrawny and thin, who wears a robe with a sash. Perhaps we get these images of him because of the art work and movies that have tried to portray what Jesus would look like. But those are images that the artists and filmmakers make Jesus look like back when he was walking the earth.

But what do you think Jesus would like today? Maybe the question is all wrong. Perhaps instead of focusing on what Jesus would look like, we should be asking who Jesus would look like. After all the song above isn't praying to know the material things of Jesus, rather, it's a prayer to know the person of Jesus. In scripture, the idea of knowing God or knowing Jesus has to do with being in a personal, intimate relationship with Him. And so, if we are going to pray to know Jesus, we are praying to know a who, not a what.

In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus tells a story of two kinds of people. The first group are the ones who fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, invited in strangers, clothed the naked, looked after the sick, and visited the prisoners, while the second group did none of this. To the former, Jesus blesses them with eternal salvation while the latter are sent to eternal punishment.

Now both of these groups had no idea who they were helping or not helping when it came to the hungry, thirsty, naked, strangers, sick, and imprisoned and they especially didn't realize that they would see Jesus in people like this as they both ask, "When did we see you?" However, the fate of these groups was determined by what they did for them because as Jesus said, "Whatever you did (or did not do) for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

I believe that for our prayer to know Jesus we must be able to see Jesus in the "least of these" fully realizing that when we look into the eyes of these people, we are looking into the eyes of Jesus. He may be the person holding the "will work for food" sign on the side of the road or the family who needs a bag of groceries or a tank of gas. Whoever it is or whatever the circumstance may be, let's not allow our preconceived notions of what Jesus would look like, keep us from seeing him in the "least of these" because, after all," whatever we do or don't do for "these brothers" we are doing for Jesus.

So may we pray to know Jesus but realize that we may find him in people we would least expect.

~ Brian

Considering Foster Care?

Check out these upcoming seminars by the expert Dr. John DeGarmo (see bulletin board for flyers)

- The Church & Foster Care 3/31/19 6p-8p
- Annual Trauma, Neglect, and Separation Training (3 sessions), 4/1/19
 8:30am 5pm

Today's Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Harvey Cundiff

SONG LEADER – Monty Cundiff

OPENING PRAYER – Tyler Whitt

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Table Talk – Ed Harris **Servers** – Ed Harris, Henry Cundiff, Joe Layton, Kevin Killough

GIVING

SERMON "Conversion and Cleansing"

Brian Williams

INVITATION SONG

CLOSING PRAYER – Lincoln Williams

Devotion – Harvey Cundiff **Song Leader** – Brian Williams

<u>Upcomina</u>

(Details on back under Events)

- Goodie Boxes 2/12/19
- Tom's Tours 3/9/19
- Montrose Ladies Day 3/16/19 "The Woman Behind the Mask"
- Bayfield Ladies Day 4/27/19

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Local family of 7, lost their home and all their belongings to a fire (employee of Stroheckers)

Travelers – Huffmyer's and Killough's

Allen Killough (Kevin's uncle) – passed away, prayers for his children & family, and Kevin & Lana

Catherine Cundiff – recovering from surgery for skin cancer that was removed from her nose

Frank & Ginger's granddaughter – fell at work and broke her leg in 4 places, lives in California

Betty Weibe – fell and is in pain

Amy Davlin (Kelly Sutherlin's friend) – she is battling rare kidney disease, the chemo she was taking is not working, looking into medical trials

Baby Ace & Keseandra – foster children of Brian & Tammy, prayers for the Williams' and the kids' parents

Mike, Rachel (Speaker) London's father-in-law – heart attack, not doing well Faye McIntyre & family – prayers of comfort and peace with Don's passing The Jolean Scott Family – Jolean, 9yrs old, was diagnosed with aggressive brain cancer in August and passed away January 21st. Prayers for her family & friends as they grieve their sweetheart.

Frank & Ginger VanTassel – both are battling daily pain, prayers for relief Hunter (Linda Cundiff's nephew) – suffered brain damage in a car accident Shawna (Kevin Killough's sister) – battling pancreatic cancer with ongoing health issues daily, please pray also for Shawna & Kevin's mother who cares for her Nathan, Lauren, Hannah & Emily Harris (Ed & Penny's son & family) – Continued prayers for all as they navigate thru major changes

Katie (Van Tassel's granddaughter) – eating disorder

<u>Cancer Treatment:</u> Gene Chapin (Hodgkin's lymphoma in throat & abdomen), Joe Herrera (pancreatic tumor), Mary Orbison (pancreatic cancer), Chuck Sullivan (brain cancer), Dr. Harry Baxtrom (stomach cancer & melanoma), Alma Evans (taking chemo), David Walters, Judy Norton, Doug Sutherlin

Military and law enforcement - our own and those around the world keeping our country free. **Joe Schmidt family** – (Jeannie Barnes' brother) his wife is in the Air Force in London.

All of us - as we become stronger Disciples of Christ, and that we serve God daily to carry out His purpose for us

The Lost – that they will receive God

Encouragement Opportunities

Family, let's remember to reach out to one another and comfort one another. "For they will know us by our love..."

- **Kevin & Lana Killough** Kevin's uncle Allen passed away, his sister Shawna is battling pancreatic cancer and daily health struggles
- Faye McIntyre
- Frank & Ginger VanTassel
- **Our Bayfield church family** keep one another in prayer, meet together, check in on one another...

EVENTS

Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10am, Beth Moore's James – Mercy Triumphs

Goodie Boxes

Tuesday February 12th
After Ladies Study, we will fill and deliver 10 boxes to the Bayfield/Ignacio CDOT,
Marshall's/Police, & Firefighters to say thanks for their service to our communities and for keeping us safe! Purchased snacks can be brought to the Family Bldg. anytime. Homemade goods no sooner than Sunday Feb 10th.

Tom's Tours

Saturday March 9th @ 10am, for an afternoon in the snow and fellowship potluck at noon.

Montrose Ladies Day 3/16/19

"The Woman Behind the Mask"

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More info to come

Body & Soul Fitness

Located in the Family Building

Mon 8:15am - Willow Tree Yoga

Tues 8:15am - Full Body Fit

Tues 5:30pm - HIIT

Wed 8:15am - Willow Tree Yoga

Thurs 8:15am - HIIT

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February

9 Brad Pierce

14 Micah Odoms

14 Lincoln Williams

16 Joe Layton

19 Jessica Welsh

21 Addison Williams

22 Asher Speaker

For additions to the Prayer Concerns, updates to the Bulletin, or changes to your contact information,

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