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A Word from a Reluctant Role Model

"Join with others in following my example..."

By Pastor Torrey Robinson

Some years ago, I came across those words from the Apostle Paul while reading through the book of Philippians. As a young pastor, I was staggered by the implications of what Paul said. How is it that Paul could set himself up as an example for others to follow? That takes some ego! Then I thought, if anyone could make that statement, it was the Apostle Paul. But his words made me wonder about me. I knew that I was responsible to teach and to preach and to point others to Jesus, but frankly I didn't feel I could urge anyone to follow my example.

Daily personal time with God was more of an exception than the rule in my life. The temptations that confronted me were monumental and persistent. I didn't feel at all comfortable setting myself up as an example for anyone to follow. Consequently, I wanted to dismiss Paul's words as either being a passing, inconsequential statement, or as being something that only an Apostle could say.

But I couldn't ignore Paul's challenge. I kept bumping into it in different words and different ways throughout Paul's writings. "*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice*" (Phil. 4:9). "*I urge you to imitate me...*" (I Cor. 4:16). "*Follow me as I follow Christ*" (I Cor. 11:1). "*What you have heard from me, keep as a pattern...*" (II Tim. 1:13).

Beyond his personal example, I couldn't avoid the fact that Paul expected his younger protégés, Timothy and Titus to be examples to the churches they led. Paul told Timothy, "*Set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*" (I Tim. 4:12). He urged Titus, "*In everything, set them an example...*" (Titus 2:7).

The more I read, the more I wondered, what would my church be like if everyone followed my example. Does God expect each of us to be examples to others? I've been a Christian for nearly 50 years and a pastor now for nearly 30.

I have come a long way. But I am even more aware of how far I have to go. Still, that does not excuse me. Paul never told Titus or Timothy that they had to be perfect. He never claimed that he was perfect. Instead, Paul called himself "the chief of sinners" (I Tim. 1:15).

I'm not completely sure how to evaluate the Apostle Paul. Sometimes I think I give him too much credit, sometimes not enough. But my life has been shaped by a few different people whose lives seem more like mine. Top on that list of key influencers in my life is my dad. I have often told people that the main reason why I follow God today is because my parents were in private what they professed to be in public.

My father has a well-deserved reputation as an outstanding preacher and an influential Christian leader. But I have been blessed to know him simply as "dad". I respect and appreciate him, not because he is a spiritual giant, but rather because as a sinner, like his son, my dad endeavors to practice what he preaches. In many ways my father is a good example because I am aware of some of his imperfections. He has walked ahead of me the windy path from sinner to sainthood. I confess that I still feel inadequate as a role model.

But as a father and as a leader in the church, I have come to recognize that I am an example even when I am most acutely aware of my failings. I've often heard my dad say that the closer we get to the light, the more we become aware of the gravy stains in our lives. I trust the awareness of my sinfulness is evidence that God's light is shining more brightly in my life. As a father, a leader, a pastor, I know I still have a long way to go.

But I praise God for the people who have been Godly examples to me. I thank God for a father who continues to point me to God. My dad was raised in the slums of Harlem, but by the grace of God he continues to walk ahead of me down that narrow alleyway that leads to heaven. So I humbly say to you, follow me. Because I am following him and beyond him, I can see that he is following Christ. ★

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Eating for a Healthy Spirit and Healthy Earth

By Lisa Baugh

Anyone who has shared a meal with me knows I enjoy food; it's very audible. I like to cook meals also, especially for my friends and family. And I like to think I've come a long way from my college dinners of boiled hotdogs and canned green beans. In the past 10 years, I have expanded the variety of foods choices I eat through participation in a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), farmer's markets, and delightful dinners with friends. I was surprised to find out that kale, originally thought to only be in a rabbit's diet, cannot only be consumed by humans but is also very good and good for you!

Between my new discoveries and working in the environmental field, it's no wonder I like to gain knowledge about the health benefits of different foods not only for myself but also for the environment. Recently, I watched a documentary about the unethical processing and agricultural practices in the food industry. I was distressed. As I meditated on this issue, I reflected on Steve Armstrong's sermon, "Christmas in Leviticus." I liked Steve's statement, "God created all things good but they are not as they should be." Some questions came to mind; Does this apply to our choices in food consumption today and what is my responsibility as a believer in Jesus Christ? Thus, my journey to answer these questions began.

Since the Bible has authority in all things, I started there. In the beginning, God created everything good, a "peaceable creation." Plants flourished, animals lived in harmony with one another and man cultivated the soil and took care of the earth as instructed by God. God gave every seed-bearing plant and fruit-bearing tree to man and beast for food. God cared for his creation and his goodness was poetically expressed by David in Psalm 104. There was no hunger, thirst, poverty or disease.

But man turned from God's grace, pursuing his own way of living; a way of life that would ultimately break both the relationship with a holy God and the natural order of things on earth. All of creation suffered the consequences of sin as stated in Romans 8: 18-24. Man, beast, institutions, and industry etc. were all corrupted, twisted and abused by this rebellion. This depravity is evident in the agricultural industry today. Population growth increased the demand for food

at a faster rate. Many large-scale animal feedlots and high-yield crop fields replaced small, community farms and sustainable agriculture. As a result, the western world is consuming an over-abundance of tainted and incomplete foods. Cattle designed to graze on grass, chickens designed to roam free on insects and seeds and hogs designed to compete for a variety of foods in a social atmosphere are now confined to close quarter enclosures, fed an unnatural diet, and injected with hormones. In addition, crowded factories breed sickness from the unsanitary conditions and promote anti-biotic resistant bacteria in meat while treating the animals. Moreover, maintenance of this industry consumes an enormous amount of resources, including water and fuel and produces large quantities of hazardous gases. My concern is not only for the well-being of the animals and land, but also for the possible negative impacts upon our health.

Is this what God intended for us to do as stewards of the earth? Obviously, No! We were enlisted to develop the world for His glory. But, as with so many other institutions, the agriculture and meat processing industry has been impacted from the Fall of Man. The good



news is Christ is reclaiming the world, restoring all things to the way they should be. What does that mean for me? Well, as a "new creation," I have been commissioned to be an agent in the renewal process, to distinguish between the "clean" and "unclean." And like Jesus, I have the power to change the world by making informed choices that glorify Him.★

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A Soldier in Christ's Army

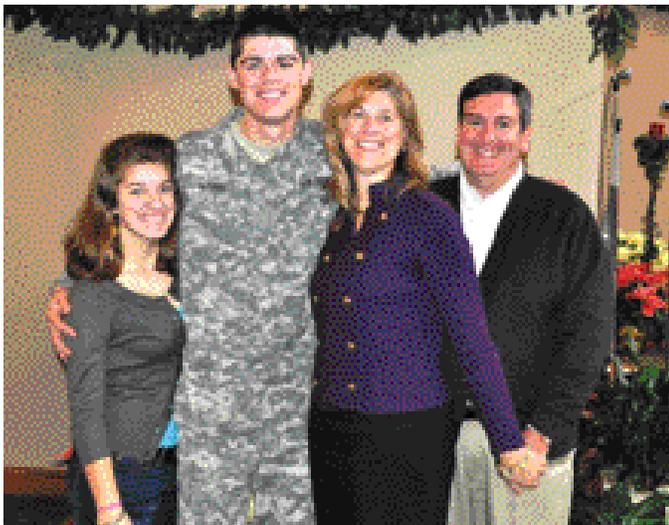
By Art Baulch

On Sunday, January 2. The FBC New Year began with the baptism of Patrick Regan, who is enlisted in the U.S. Army. Patrick is the son of Rick and Lauren Zaccaria.

Patrick is currently stationed in Germany. He graduated BASIC training on January 13 and then was stationed at Fort Sill, OK where he completed his AIT (Advanced Individualized Training) in Field Artillery.

Patrick made a very careful decision to serve in the U.S. Army. Before enlisting in the Army, Patrick completed 2 years of college at Westchester Community College. Patrick carefully researched several branches of military service before choosing the Army. Patrick believed the U.S. Army offered him opportunities that interested him. Patrick's grandfather was instrumental in his childhood; he served in the Army as a paratrooper (a goal of Patrick's). Patrick also has a cousin who joined the Army and is currently serving in Arghanistan.

Patrick decided to get baptized when he attended an Army chapel service and saw 200 soldiers worshipping. He decided to get baptized in his home church, FBC



The Zaccaria family



Patrick's baptism

Tarrytown. During his testimony, Patrick said that he never could have gotten through BASIC training without God.

Pastor Torrey Robinson baptized Patrick and preached the message, "Starting the New Year on Purpose - Getting Your Identity Straight." The Pastor's message was directed to Patrick, and to the congregation as well.

Here are some excerpts from the sermon, which was focused on Matthew 5:

"Wherever you go in your life, you are salt. You are an agent of preservation. God is using you to make a difference to change you and the people around you."

"As light, we live in a place that is very dark...Jesus was clear that the way is the light...'Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.'"

"God has called you to make a difference in a world that desperately need salt."

"We live in a world that is trying to change us, but what Jesus says to each of us is that we are called to be agents of preservation and agents of change for our world."★

If you would like to write Patrick a note of encouragement, his address is: Patrick Regan, Fire Squad 2nd Stryker CVRG, CMR 411 Box 747, APO AE 09112

New Contemporary Christian Radio Station in Westchester:

WKLV 96.7 FM

By Art Baulch

WKLV FM broadcasts from Port Chester, NY and is part of a nationwide network of contemporary Christian stations called K-LOVE. They are headquartered in Rocklin, CA. The mission statement of K-LOVE is "to effectively communicate the Gospel message to those who don't know or fully understand it, through full-time contemporary Christian music and short educational elements over radio and the internet using modern day language and the highest professional standards."

K-LOVE's numerous ministry partners include Focus on the Family, World Vision and Colorado Christian University. The K-LOVE network is online at www.klove.com, and they also can be found on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. WKLV's 24/7 programming includes contemporary Christian music presented by live announcers, time checks, news, testimonies, Christian anecdotes, instruction and a lot of encouragement for Christians. ★

Worship Team Ministry Profile

By Charles "Chip" Lotierzo

Rebecca and I first began attending FBC of Tarrytown about 4 years ago. At the time Grace Soong was leading the worship team and she became a good friend of ours. Word got around that I used to play the drums for my old church in Cherry Hill NJ. I remember Grace asking me a few times if I'd be interested in playing with the worship team. I was a little unsure of my abilities at first but was excited to get back into the habit of playing.

Growing up, I remember playing the drums on my moms Tupperware with wooden spoons. I got a small drum set when I was around 9 years old. I began taking drum lessons with a family friend learning different rhythms and beats. In high school I played with the band in plays and school events. I never really learned on a drum set and eventually stopped playing the drums.

Throughout my teens, I started taking an interest in the piano. My mom, who played the organ and piano for our local church, taught me how to play. I also took some lessons in college but to this day mostly play by ear. The musician I most listened to growing up was Billy Joel. My parents were big fans of his music and I grew to be a big fan myself. Billy Joel's drummer, Liberty DiVetto was also an inspiration. In the late 80s I had a chance to meet both Liberty DiVetto and Billy Joel. It was a once in a lifetime experience.

When I meet Rebecca in 1997 I started attending Cherry Hill Baptist Church in NJ. After a year or so of attending, I became involved with a Coffee House ministry

called "Out of the Way Cafe". We held a coffee house event twice a month for several years. It was then that I began to play the drums again. We'd start the night out with some house band worship music, which is where I played the drums, then we had a main musical guest play two sets for an hour or so. It was a ministry meant to reach out to the community.

I have been playing the drums with FBC for several years now and really feel that this is what God has called me to do. I feel like I have become a better musician and have grown to appreciate the experience of worshiping through the drums.

Worshiping God through singing and playing the drums draws me closer to Him and helps me connect in a deeper and more humbling way. I am truly thankful for the love God has given me for music and the gift of playing the drums.

I feel closest to God in these moments of sincere and heart felt worship. Early last year I felt God calling me to volunteer as worship leader. I am looking forward to what God has planned for the worship team this year. Some of the goals we hope to reach will be adding new music to the Sunday morning service and challenging ourselves musically.

We hope to add more members to the team as well by having more "Rockin Worship" events and encouraging people to come out a jam with the worship team. We'd also like to have team retreats and other events to help us fellowship with one another as a team and grow closer to God.

I am very excited about the Worship Team Ministry. We have several talented and dedicated people who love music, God, and worshiping Him through Song. We look forward to seeing His plan unfold for us this year.★

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Chip and Rebecca Lotierzo

The Value of Sacrifice: Christian Perspective on the 50th Anniversary of the Inauguration of President John F. Kennedy

By Doug Morton

“...Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country.”

January 20th marked 50 years since President Kennedy spoke those famous words in his inaugural address. Americans were reminded that the greatness of America is built on the sacrifice of its citizens. With the memory of the World War II efforts fading into the history books, the new president did not want this important value to be forgotten.

Fifty years later, it seems that Americans are asking, “What more can my country do for me?” Our federal debt has exploded to pay for programs that previously had been the responsibility of families, churches and local communities. And if mission activity is any indication, it would seem that the church in America has forgotten the value in sacrifice. In the last 20 years the number of career missionaries sent out by U.S. mission agencies has declined by over 45%.¹

As Christians, we have been called to live a life of sacrifice. Romans 12:1 urges us to “offer our bodies as

living sacrifices....” Hebrews 13:6 exhorts us to “do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Husbands are to love their wives sacrificially as Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:25). The very essence of our faith is based on the sacrificial suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is His example of sacrifice that we are to imitate in living out our faith in this world (Ephesian 5:1-2).

Kennedy ended with this statement, “*With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God’s work must truly be our own.*” I must agree. The value of sacrifice is realized when our work is God’s work. There can be no more rewarding job than to bring glory to our Creator in all we do. It is the key to true and lasting fulfillment in the Christian life. A satisfied life is not obtained by getting more but by giving all.★

¹ <http://www.joshuproject.net/assets/missiontrendsfacts.pdf>

Men’s Fraternity: (It’s Not Your Regular Kappa Phi Chi Sigma Zi)

By Aaron Velez

How do you define what it means to be a man? Are you living the biblical life you want? I must confess that I am not the man I want to be. I know for a fact that I can be a better husband to my wife, a better worker to my clients, a better son to my parents, a better friend to my friends, a better friend to strangers, a better servant of the Lord, a better member of my church, etc. Every day I can identify opportunities when I could have done what God wanted me to do, but didn’t.

I remember during a Sunday Thanksgiving service, Helen Green got up to share how thankful she was to the guy that pulled over to change her flat tire. I thought about all of the times when I just kept on driving by those in need. What opportunities I have missed!! I am not the man that I want to be and I want to take action to change that. I know that I am not the only one.

About 3 years ago, our Trustee Rick Zaccaria and Pastor Torrey saw a need in our church for men to gather, discuss issues pertaining to us, learn from each other’s viewpoints and perspectives, and grow into better Christians. Rick opened his home and those three years of book study and fellowship produced vibrant discussions, tight friendships, and confidential outlets in which to share personal experiences. This year, the FBC Men’s Ministry

has taken a new and exciting direction. We have been implementing a life-changing program called the “Men’s Fraternity.”

The Men’s Fraternity began 20 years ago by Pastor Robert Lewis of Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. It was designed to help men come together and strengthen each other through weekly sessions that combine biblical teaching and small group interaction. Starting with 30 participants in 1990, the Men’s Fraternity has grown dramatically and today, sessions are conducted in over 16,000 places in the U.S. and over 20 other countries. It is used everywhere from churches to colleges to prisons to homes. Participants include men of all professions: pastors, youth pastors, bankers, real estate agents, construction workers, personal trainers, teachers, doctors, accountants, IT professionals, remodeling consultants, students, nurses, DEA agents, police officers, detectives, social workers, psychologists, etc. (We clearly have many professions in our church and I’m sure I missed some!).

Overall the entire program will run 3 years, however the first “year” which we are currently in is actually only a 24-week period. The focus of this first year of the Men’s Fraternity is called “The Quest for Authentic Manhood”.

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Men's Fraternity

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This is the foundational level or ground floor of manhood. It focuses on a man's core identity and gives an overview of basic manhood issues. It helps men deal with various identity issues by looking back at past wounds and other things that may have distorted their idea of biblical masculinity. Throughout the course of the study, we are learning how to clearly define manhood and will finally be able to give a succinct and passionate answer to the questions, "What is a man?" and "What am I living to be?"

Back in November, we encouraged the men of FBC to prayerfully consider taking the first step on this great adventure and 19 men of FBC responded. I truly believe

that our lives will be changed for the better and have a positive effect on the lives of those around us.

If you are interested and missed participating in the first "year", the good news is, you can jump on board for the second "year" called "Winning at Work and at Home" in the early Fall 2011. It is not necessary to go through the 3 years consecutively to participate. If you have any questions please contact feel free to contact me Aaron 914.720.7431 to discuss. Additionally, please invite your male friends and family members to participate. While the primary focus is on the men of FBC, we want to welcome men from all churches and backgrounds.★

FBC Reaches Out to Franklin Courts

By Dan Mark

On Saturday, January 8 several members of FBC began an outreach to the residents of Franklin Courts in Tarrytown and to the Family YMCA. Dan Mark discussed the first visit to Franklin Courts and in a separate article, Katie Cowart discusses the second visit to the Courts and the YMCA.

How many homes did your group visit at Franklin Courts?

I'm not exactly sure how many doors we knocked on, but we (as a group) visited all of Franklin Courts. We probably knocked on approximately 30 doors the first Saturday we went out. The next week Steve, Katie, and Jacques visited the remaining buildings at Franklin Courts, which probably amounted to around 15 doors. In total, we probably visited around 45 households, and I would estimate that just over half of those had someone who answered the door. When someone answered, we introduced ourselves; asked if they had prayer requests and if we could pray for them; and asked if they had any needs that we could help them met.

Who participated in this outreach?

The first Saturday (January 8), Steve Armstrong, Katie Cowart, Angela La Croix-Fralish, Amy Dietrich Mark, (Summer Mark,) and I went. The second Saturday (January 15), Steve Armstrong, Katie Cowart, and Jacques Cowart went.

What were some of the needs that residents mentioned?

Not many specific needs were mentioned to us. Amy and I did not have anyone share a need with us. We did have an elderly woman invite us in, because she had just received a package with her daughter's ashes. Her daughter had passed a while ago, but, as a Catholic, she was really upset that her daughter had chosen to be cremated. Her plan was to have the ashes buried with her, so maybe

her daughter could still go to heaven. We prayed with her, and she was really very thankful. Steve, Katie, and Angela visited an elderly man who really had no one in his life except for a guy would would pick him up once a month to shop for food. They are not sure exactly what kind of service they can bring to this man's life, but he definitely has needs.

When did you sense the Lord leading you to carry out this outreach?

We were brainstorming about ways to become closer to the Lord. One aspect of that was a greater focus evangelism, and on service as well. We were mostly questioning why we are so reliant on the church to facilitate our outreach, and it became clear that we should just go out and do something. Steve had mentioned that often thinks of Franklin Courts as a place where there is a lot of need, and we all were very interested. We were originally talking about doing something more organized later on down the road, but we didn't want to fall into a familiar trap of delaying and postponing opportunities to reach others.

Does your group plan similar events in the future?

One woman told us that she works for rent-controlled apartment nearby and that there are a lot of needs there. We are hoping that she can help us do something similar in that building as well. Moreover, we are hoping this experience will lead us be more convicted to simply go out and reach out to others, without waiting for someone else to organize an event.★

Franklin Courts - Second Visit by Katie Cowart

So the second weekend Jacques, Steve, and I went down to Franklin Courts. We knocked on about 20 doors to see if there was any way we could pray for or help the people out there that we met. There were three people that responded well to our visits. Others were all kind but would just politely tell us they were fine. One young man asked for prayer for a family member and her pregnancy. At another door a teen-ager answered whom Steve knew from youth group a while back. She was so grateful we would pray for her as she is a senior in high

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school and is having trouble passing some of her classes. Steve even offered her to help with tutoring at the church if she needed it as well. Then the last woman who responded well, was the most memorable for me. She was a young mom with a little girl. She expressed to us how she is out of work and is really having a hard time financially, so she asked us that we would pray for a job for her. Not knowing too much about her situation, a few weeks later our small group decided to put together a gift basket for her and take it down to let her know we are still thinking of her and praying for her and her daughter. Steve, Kenny, and Rachel brought it down...a basket full of fruits, teas, biscuits, and a Walgreens gift card. Steve reported back that the woman was brought to tears by this little gesture of kindness. She was still without work and was so grateful to know that we were still thinking of her and praying for her situation.

Even though we didn't necessarily verbally share the gospel with those we met, my hope is that by being Christ's hands and feet they will come to know Him. Jesus said in John 13:35, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." We must continue to find ways to show God's grace and love to the needy so that they too may come to know the hope that has been made available to us all through Christ.

YMCA

Back in December I was reading through the gospels again with a few others from FBC. We read a book a week and would send e-mails everyday with different scripture that stuck out to us as we read. One of the things that really jumped out to me more this time more than before, was how much Jesus "went". He did not stay still. He went from town to town, from house to house, from person to person. He always had compassion for the people he came upon, and then met their needs as necessary. It really started to convict me about the lack of compassion I can have for others. It is so much easier to stay home, or even come up with and host great social events or outreach events expecting others to come to you....but Jesus was the one who went and thus the people would then follow him. I began to evaluate ways in which I could "go" more as the great commission says.

About the same time in December, FBC hosted a Christmas dinner for the men who live at the YMCA. Several of us stayed after church to cook and prepare and then we ate the meals with the guys in the evening. Through conversation with several of the guys, and after asking about how they are doing at the YMCA and all,

there was pretty much across the board complaining about the uncleanliness of the bathrooms there. About 50 men live there and share 9 separate bathrooms/showers. Apparently, the paid workers don't keep up with the cleaning as much as the men would like.

I believe that it was that Sunday or close to it that Steve preached a sermon on how throughout Jesus' ministry, he did things that were unheard of at the time. He healed a man with leprosy by reaching out and touching him with his hand. At that time, touching lepers was forbidden by the law and looked at as unclean if you broke the law. And as we know, this was also because of how contagious leprosy could be. He could have just healed him by speaking, but Jesus was willing to do what no others were willing to do. On top of my recent convictions from rereading the gospels, this sermon and the time spent with the guys at the YMCA, I was talking with Jacques and it just came to me that we needed to clean these guys bathrooms. We needed to show them we heard them and care...not because we are good people, but because Christ hears us

and cares for us first. We needed to be willing to do what others aren't willing to do, something that others would consider to be crazy. Believe me, I wasn't so excited about this calling! But I know God had put it on my heart so I needed to do it.

Thankfully, a few others were willing to go with me and help serve. After a few weeks of

waiting to get the approval (you can imagine people's reactions when we e-mail saying we would like to come clean their bathrooms!), we were granted permission and made our way over there with cleaning supplies, gloves, mops, and a willingness to do whatever was before us.

To our great pleasure, the bathrooms weren't actually as bad as we had imagined and were able to get the job done pretty quickly. We did the best we could cleaning everything surface wise, but realized much needs to be done construction wise to fix many of the problems there. Could that be a next mission? We shall see!

Now some may think cleaning bathrooms isn't much of a ministry, but what was pretty awesome was to see the men there, some that were at the dinner and some that weren't, and their reactions to us being there and doing this for them. They were so grateful and shocked that we would be willing to come do such a thing for them. Philippians 2:3-5 says "*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.*" If I am going to continue on this journey, trying to be more and more of an imitator of Christ, I must be willing to put others needs before my own, and do it with the loving compassionate attitude of Christ.★

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FBC Newsnotes

On Friday, January 21st, FBC Tarrytown's **Yolanda F. Johnson** was the featured artist on the popular Times Square Church (TSC) Music Radio podcast, "Music with a Mission", featuring original music, interviews with songwriters, and discussions on controversial topics in Christian Music.

The interview with Yolanda can be listened to online at <http://www.tscnyc.org/music/radio-podcast.php>

On February 26, Yolanda also presented a lecture/recital for Black History Month entitled "A Spirituals Experience" at the famous Hue-Man Bookstore in Harlem. On Saturday, June 18 many from our church attended a lecture/recital entitled "A Spirituals Experience" at the Warner Library in Tarrytown by Yolanda.

Dr. Rich and Julia Freeman of Chosen People Ministries visited FBC Tarrytown on Sunday, February 13. Rich spoke before the Adult Sunday School and preached a brilliant sermon "The Last Week of Jesus". The Freeman's asked for prayer for one of Chosen People Ministries key objectives to build a "Jesus-centered" Jewish Community Center in South Florida.

On Sunday, April 3, the **Missions Committee** sponsored a pot-luck dinner, which included a live remote to **Kevin**

and Kaori Laverman, missionaries in Japan. The Lavermans discussed how their family was affected by the recent earthquake in Japan.

On April 1st & 2nd, three girls from the 7th and 8th grade Sunday School class, led by **Pam O'Quinn** and **Lauren Zaccaria**, traveled together to Hartford, CT to attend the two-day Revolve Tour event. The Revolve Tour is a teenage version of the Women of Faith Conference and included teen Christian music artists such as Britt Nicole and Group 1 Crew. Also speaking were Max Lucado's daughter Jenna Lucado and Chad Eastham. The three were part of thousands of girls who attended the Tour at the XL Center in Hartford, CT.

Under the leadership of Steve Armstrong, our church does a monthly "Baptist Service" at Cedar Manor Nursing Home. The next scheduled service will be on July 10 at 2:15pm. If you are interested in helping, please see Steve.

Torrey and Sue Robinson and Doug and Barbara Morton led the Adult Sunday School this spring entitled, "Financial Peace Jr. College." Features was a DVD series by Christian Financial expert Dave Ramsey.

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