

Who's the greatest?

All four of the Gospels speak of the disciples competing among themselves over which of them was the greatest! The passages are marked by anger, arguments, strife and trouble. Jesus addressed this simply by placing a child "in their midst" and telling them, "whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom." He told His followers that those who would be greatest were to be servants of others, and gave us His example of washing the disciples' feet. God has, lately, been flooding my thoughts with this idea of greatness.

In my devotional time, from The Daily Bread, I read about Louis B. Neumiller, president of Caterpillar Tractor Company. In the book *In Their Time: The Greatest Business Leaders of the Twentieth Century*, the authors describe Neumiller's mark of greatness of as "[he] let his company become a hero instead of himself."

In the Book of Acts, we are told that the disciples, changed by the resurrection of the Lord, had great power and great grace was upon them; that the early believers did great wonders and miracles. Then, when the day of great persecution came, they spread out among the nations sharing the truth and great joy was in those places as a great number believed.

Hebrews chapter 12 admonishes us that because of the "great cloud of witnesses" it should result in our working to share the gospel. We are not to neglect so great salvation!

Further Great is the Lord! Just recently we received many letters from our supporters. The central theme of their notes was our God's wonderfulness and greatness. Here is just one quote, "The needs are great, but our God is greater." ~KA

As we look to the summertime harvest now before us, we look to our great God to do all that is needed to prepare hearts to receive His Word; to be our strength; to make it all happen. May He do great works this summer!

One last thought. In my mind those of you who take time, effort, and resources from yourselves to encourage and support us in this ministry to children [praying; giving; encouraging with your notes; having vision; and being so very generous] are the greatest! In this newsletter, we have sought to honor those who have been "great" in our lives.

*****THANK YOU! YOU ARE THE GREATEST!*****

"Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."
~ John 13:13-17

SUNDAY

“For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth...” ~ Psalm 96:4, 10

We had a wonderful visit with former missionary to Mexico, Eva Hunt! She was delightful. We talked of her work, who we knew in common and of God’s goodness and greatness. We praise God that Eva was willing to give her entire life to serve the Lord. Another servant, Florence Mercer, wrote that “back in the 40’s” she was the first GNC® teacher in the Worcester area. She is still serving today! **PRAISE** the Lord for those who gave us an example of serving our great God. **PRAY** for these servants: John – for health and provision financially; Carolyn – health during this busy summer of ministry; Tim and Linda – wisdom and stamina in leading His work. Our age is showing!

“The great Christian is one who is small enough to let God be great in his life.” TDB

MONDAY

“If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.” ~ Mark 9:34

The preparations for CYIA are coming along! We **PRAISE** God for showing Joel that he is to be involved with CEF this summer! **PRAY** for the CYIA students of God’s choice; for hostesses for the 5-Day Club® ministry; for each summer missionary to be yielded to God and His will for their lives this summer and their full support to be raised; for these wonderful servants: Annaliza – kitchen coordinator; the Miele and Melillo families – host housing for CYIA; for Joel and Emily – CEF summer staff.

“A great Christian who is willing to do little things for others can do great things for God.”

TUESDAY

“And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.” ~ Matthew 20:27-28

Preparations for the 5-Day Club kits will soon be completed. Emily is coordinating the hostesses, summer missionary teams, and timing for the clubs. What a huge task she has! **PRAISE** for God’s servants, who like Pat, Ruth and Cristianne have a burden for their neighborhood and are willing to make sacrifices so that the children may hear God’s plan of salvation. **PRAY** for the children in clubs to understand that they are saved by faith and not by works (many would say, “If I’m good, I’ll go to heaven.”); for the saved children to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord through the club ministry; for these servants: club hostesses

“No man is small who does a small job in a great way.” ~ Speakers Sourcebook

WEDNESDAY

“Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” ~ Matthew 18:4

PRAISE for David, the young man desiring to help with CEF’s Boston 2010 effort. His service has already been a blessing. **PRAY** for our partnership with the area churches; God to be honored; souls to be saved; for servant coordinator, John Luck; for the housing situation – more workers than rooms; and for those CEF trained missionaries that are giving of their talents, time, and money to come to Boston!

“There never was any heart truly great and gracious that was not also tender and compassionate.” ~ South

THURSDAY

"Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him who sent me: for he that is least among you shall be great." ~ Luke 9:48

Day camp preparations are underway! There are many obstacles due to building projects. **PRAISE** for all those who helped out with the bee theme for camp. Several people sent/brought items to use. Thanks Joe. One church donated craft projects. Ethel is one of those servants who keeps on giving! She made and sent an entire hive of stitched canvas bees, one for each child to take home! **PRAY** for: the day camp schedule; the needed volunteers/staff and counselors; the camp to be ready in time and be a safe environment (construction) for the children; the children's hearts to be tender to the Gospel and desiring to grow in Christ; for these servants: Kirsten, Bible teacher; Susanne, nurse; Cheri, Kitchen coordinator

"Honoring Him is the mark of greatness." DM

FRIDAY

"...but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve." ~ Luke 22:26

Your prayers have been answered in regard to the dining hall building! As I write this, I can hear machinery and hammers – work is going on to put up the building! **PRAISE** for the teams of folks that came to help prepare for this day. Special thanks to Bob, Steve and Jerry for their help installing the radiant heat and to the group who came to "reinstall" it after the microburst threw it into the swamp! These were examples of servants. Perhaps **YOU** would like to come to help? The ultimate goal in refurbishing the camp is to increase our children's day

camping but also to have family camps, church retreats; and other activities. The **Adopt-a-Cabin** program is open to individuals and churches to refurbish a cabin, then come for a retreat at camp! **PRAY** for enough scholarships for the campers.

"As long as His Spirit is in control, there can be no such thing as competition by those who are under that control." ~ A. W. Tozer

SATURDAY

"Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders." ~Ex 15:11

Please remember these dates in prayer

CYIA – June 20-26

BOSTON '10 – July 19-30

Fun Daze – August 9-12

5-Day Clubs, DVBS, etc. – July 5-Aug. 20

PRAY for fruit that remains this summer; and for the urgent **need of a CEF car!**

"The great people of the earth today are the people who pray! I do not mean those who talk about prayer; or those who say they believe in prayer; or those who explain prayer, but I mean those who actually take time to pray. They have not time. It must be taken from something else. **That something else is important, very important and pressing, but still, less important and pressing than prayer.** There are people who put prayer first, and group the other items in life's schedule around and after prayer. These are the people today who are doing the most for God..."

~ excerpted from a quote by S.D. Gordon

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The Greatest of All

My greatest loss, to lose my soul.
My greatest gain, Christ as my Savior.
My greatest object, to glorify God.
My greatest price, a crown of glory.
My greatest work, to win souls.
My greatest joy, the joy of salvation.
My greatest inheritance, heaven.
My greatest neglect, the neglect of so
great salvation.
My greatest crime, to reject Christ, the
only Savior.
My greatest privilege, power to become
a child of God.
My greatest bargain, to lose all things to
win Christ.
My greatest profit, godliness in this life
and that to come.
My greatest peace, the peace that passeth
understanding.
My greatest knowledge, to know God
and Jesus Christ whom He sent.

~ Author Unknown

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