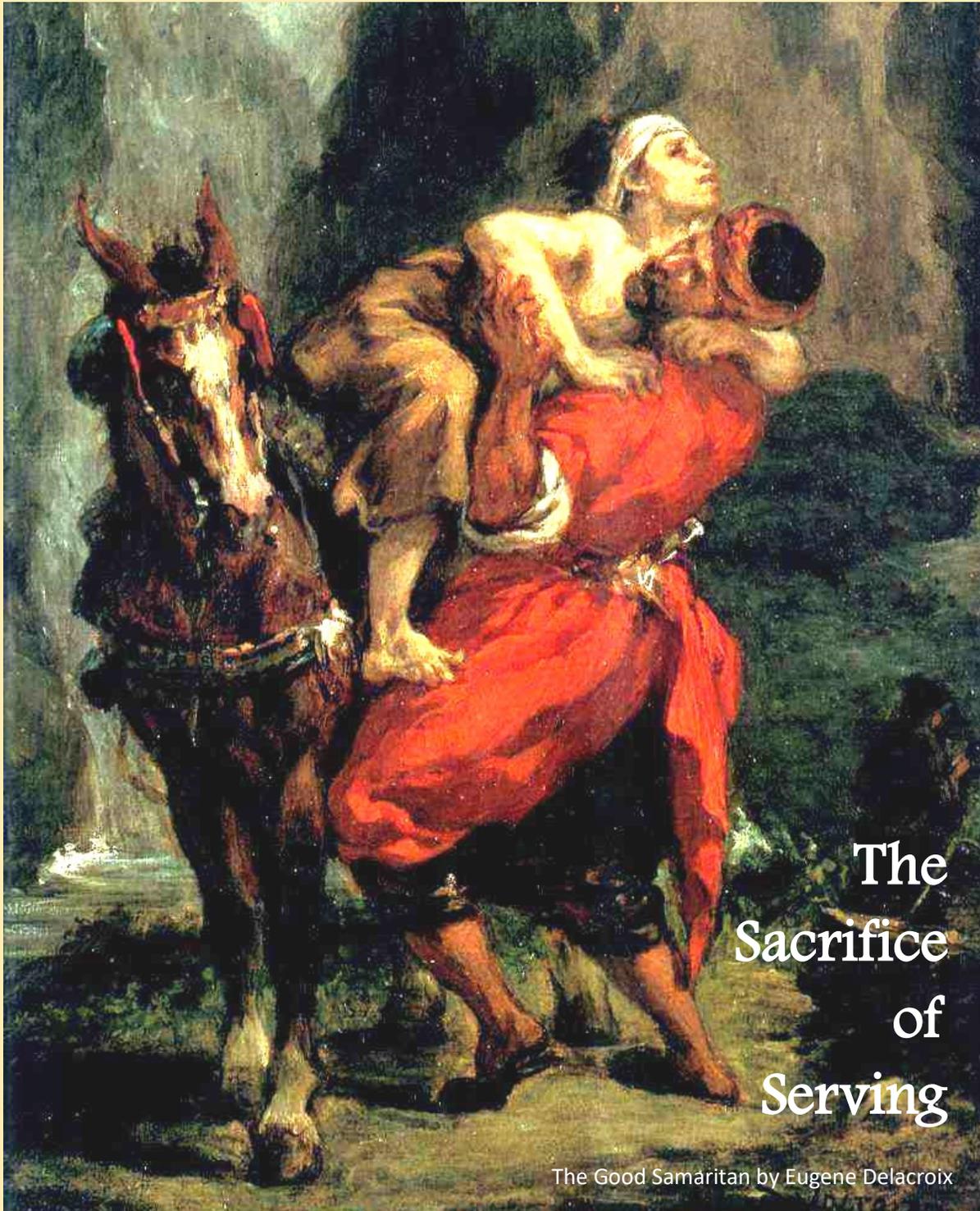


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The Good Samaritan by Eugene Delacroix

Samaritan struggles to lift stranger onto his beast.

Solo Christo Gloria

Coach

How wonderful is our God? "One who at the same time makes absolute demands upon us, and offers freely to give us all that He demands." *D.M. Baillie*

What's wrong

with **this** picture? It's not the political statement, although that's questionable also. But it's that Jesus is considered #2. There is no second place in the Trinity! Jesus is God, He is one substance with the Father. A common error in the minds of many Christians today is to equate God in degrees; God #1 Jesus #2 Holy Spirit #3. The Bible tells us "the Lord our God is one Lord." (Deuteronomy 6:4, Mark 12:29).



I had a friend commenting on why I say Solo Christo Gloria. "Why not just say Soli Deo Gloria and include God?" I explained that I did include God - Jesus is God! It's the point of the incarnation, the point of His name Emmanuel - God with us, the point of His own words, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30), "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9), and "Before Abraham was, I am." (Yahweh) (John 8:58). Within the Trinity there is perfect equality and unity.

Muslims, religious Jews, and Jehovah Witnesses can say Soli Deo Gloria, but they have a different god in mind. They cannot say Solo Christo Gloria. Although our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters confess Jesus to be God, many cannot say Solo Christo Gloria. Although we honor the saints past and present, glorification is reserved for Christ alone. (1 Timothy 1:17 KJV)

If you have confessed Jesus Christ as Lord of your life, He is to you:

- the **sole** keeper of His covenant promises,
- the **sole** Creator and sustainer of your life,
- the **sole** Lover and Redeemer of your soul before time began,
- the **sole** Initiator of your new birth,
- the **sole** Author of your faith,
- the **sole** Provider of your justification,
- the **sole** Sustainer of your calling,
- the **sole** Reason for your hope,
- the **sole** Purpose of your destiny,
- the **sole** Rewarder of your service,
- the **sole** Respondent to your prayers,
- the **sole** Protector and Guarantor of your salvation,
- the **sole** Foundation of the kingdom promised you.

He is **Solo Christo Gloria** - alone to be glorified. **AEF**

A former farm boy, US Marine, commercial pilot, and flight instructor; Coach is a graduate of Nyack College with a Bachelor's degree in Theology; and is founder/Chairman and CEO of AEF Inc.



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Who we Are

"Affirmative Evangelism" means doing positive things to call people to God & Christ. Affirmative Evangelism Inc. was founded by William Spanjer III as a Christian service organization in 1979. Bill believes service to God/Christ is not something you do, but is something you are. "You are born again into it. It is your being, your life, your destiny. Before the foundation of the world, serving God/Christ was the reason you were born." Affirmative Evangelism is not a local church, but facilitates the greater church in carrying out its Gospel mission.

This quarterly Newsletter/Journal is designed to tell you what we're doing, inspire your walk with the Lord, deepen your faith, and challenge you to go with us when we serve God/Christ in an increasingly radical secular world.

On the Cover

The Good Samaritan by Eugène Delacroix

Delacroix painted these figures as if he were Rubens: muscular and colorful. His own fast brushstroke can easily be recognized. Vincent van Gogh would copy this work in 1890, applying his own style to the mirrored image.

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Chapel Field to Open Second Campus

A new era for Chapel Field Christian Schools

has begun as it integrates a boarding school into its existing day school. Chapel Field has purchased The Little Sisters of The Assumption Convent at 100 Gladstone Ave located on the highest point in the village of Walden. The seven acre property consists of a 14 room Victorian house, a student residence for approximately seventy students including a chapel and commercial kitchen, and a two bedroom modern apartment with a two car garage. Along with its beautiful 100 acre campus in Pine Bush, Chapel Field's addition will attract Christian students nationally *and* globally. Scarlet Devens, Director of Admissions and International Students says, "With the addition of the facility in Walden, we are strategically located in the Hudson Valley with access to New York City, Boston, and Washington D.C. to draw students from around the country and the world who are eager to study in a traditional conservative Christian environment."

John and Amy Kumicinski, long time host home parents for Chapel Field's international students, will be the managing parents at the new facility. Students will be taking some of their courses at the Walden facility, and other courses plus sports, music, drama, and extracurricular activities at the Pine Bush campus. Besides providing boarding for term and yearlong students, the Walden campus will help Chapel Field greatly expand their JAY-ICE (Join American Youth in Christian Education) summer camp program. Under JAY-ICE, foreign students come for intensive academic study and cultural field trips.

Coach, who is president of Chapel Field said, "We are very excited about the opportunities for communicating the Gospel that this facility in Walden presents. We often get calls from parents who would send their students to us if we had boarding. Also, with the encroachment of radical secularism into public education, we can offer parents a traditional family and Bible centered education, not only locally, but globally."

Chapel Field currently is limited to housing its foreign students in host homes. The Host Family Program is expected to continue as boarding expectations increase. AEF

If you know of a family whose children would benefit from our boarding program, have them visit chapelfield.org or call us at 845-778-1881.



The Victorian house and Multi Student Family Residence at Gladstone Ave.



A portion of the beautiful grounds.



Sister Jean McCormack, previous owner of the property, hands the keys to Coach.



One of the bedrooms in the residence

Serve God with Your Life

Youth Conquest with Christ is a Christian Service Fraternity whose motto is, "Serve God with Your Life." Every young Christian has to look hard at his or her God given talents and abilities and say, "How can I use these to serve my Lord?" then plan their education and occupation or profession around that commitment. This is what it means "to present your bodies as a living sacrifice."

Youth Conquest President Susie Krupp says, "Our Chapel Field YCWC team meets weekly to pray, learn, and plan local Christian service projects. These projects are announced to the recipients as being done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Youth Conquest teams have been church teams, school teams, and college teams (Collegiate Conquest with Christ.)

AEF is seeking a full time Youth Leader to be director of this ministry. Shown below is our SOS project that has been taken on by the Chapel Field chapter of Youth Conquest with Christ. The students are dedicated to *Serving Our Savior by Serving Our Seniors.*

If you would like to have a team in your church, school, or town, call 778-1881 and ask for the Christian Service Director. AEF



A team member helps a local senior.



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NHS and Youth Conquest Induction Banquet

On May 28th, 2016, Chapel Field held its National Honor Society and Youth Conquest with Christ induction ceremony at Wards Bridge Inn in Montgomery, NY. The newest members of our National Honor Society are McKenzie Morgan, Rachel Long, and Micayla Holveck. Wei "Tom" Liu was inducted into Youth Conquest with Christ. NHS members must have high academic averages, leadership qualities, Christian service, and excellent character to receive membership. YCWC members must show dedication to the principles of YCWC by participating in sacrificial service to others.

All inductees read their favorite scripture verses, gave their testimonies, and now proudly wear their pins. AEF



L-R Chris Schweiger, Kathy Spanjer, David Stein, McKenzie Morgan, Phil Shafer, Rachel Long, Tom Liu, Micayla Holveck, Coach.

We are working to furnish our Walden campus and can use the following items:

Can you help us?

- Comfortable living room furniture
- Workout equipment (weights/benches)
- Twin size sheets and comforters
- Bean bag chairs
- Lawn mower (push or riding)
- Area rugs
- Desk lamps
- Towels

Call 778-1881 if you can donate any of these to our school. We will pickup. Thank you!

Serving

Children Through Christian Education

Chapel Field



Some of our students on one of our several annual trips to NYC!



Sophomore Woojae Kim stands near his artwork being displayed at Walden Savings Bank in Pine Bush.



Beautiful weather for Elementary Field Day



Elementary students celebrated Dr. Suess' birthday in February.



Middle school students watch a 3D printer in action during Technology class.



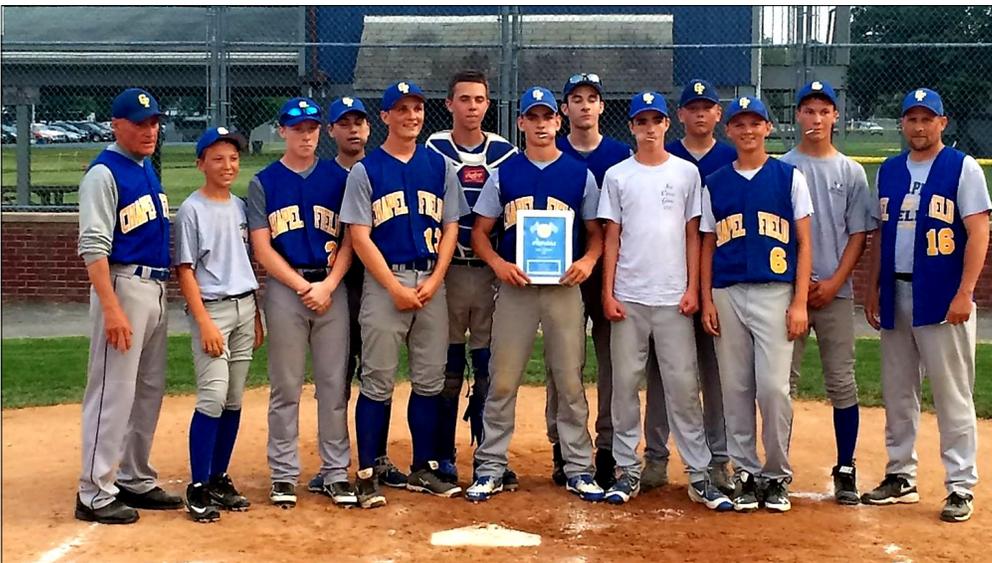
Elementary students enjoyed tasting maple syrup after seeing how it's harvested at Fox Hill community in Walden.



Elementary students "visit" Australia during Multicultural Day.



The boys ensemble performs during our Spring concert, directed by Eric Parks.



L-R Coach Joe Canazon, Clayton DeVries, Tiernan Hughes, Nolan Casale, Andy Spanjer, Ethan Jacobson, Andrew McDermott, Sean Doyle, Caleb McDermott, Jake Spanjer, Austin DeVries, Coach Bill Spanjer Jr.

OCAA SECTION IX CHAMPIONS

The boys varsity baseball team capped off a great year by winning the NY State Public High School Section IX championship defeating John A. Coleman 4-3 in a thrilling game that kept fans biting their nails up to the last out. They then faced Smithtown Christian in Long Island to play for a chance to go the NY State semi-finals. Though they battled hard, they fell a run short, losing 2-1. Overall the boys had a terrific season and gave the school community plenty to cheer about as we closed out our year.



Everybody to the beach! The high school enjoyed the tradition of Beach Day at Sandy Hook, NJ, again this year.



Our Kindergarten graduates with their awards. Looking forward to first grade!



Anthony Bennett runs his leg of a relay.



Secondary school principal, David Stein, leads chapel during Spiritual Emphasis week



Our eighth graders following their Moving Up ceremony.



Congratulations to our 2016 Chapel Field graduating class!

Serving *The Poor and Destitute*

Touch the World Takes us to *Guatemala*

During this past spring break, six Chapel Field students had the opportunity to serve the Lord on a mission trip in Guatemala. They partnered with Touch The World and Potter's House, and were able to be the hands and feet of our Lord for many families in need.

While in Guatemala the team built and delivered two bunk beds for needy families. They went to 16 homes to pray with each family and delivered some food. The team made and delivered 200 sandwiches, and conducted Vacation Bible School for 30 children each day for five days.



Kati Long, Stephanie Zhang, and Jeremy Torres build a bed for a needy family.

These students were able to deliver hope to families who live in poverty each day. To some of the families they were an answer to a prayer; to others they were a gift from above. Kati Long, one of the students who served on this trip says, "It was a blessing for me to bring God's love to the Treasures in Guatemala. I left a piece of my heart behind when I returned home."

The entire team was deeply moved by what they experienced, and many are looking forward to another opportunity to serve on a mission trip next year. **AEF**



The Chapel Field team traveling through the streets of Guatemala. L-R Debbie Long & William Harrison (team leaders), Jeremy Torres, Giovanni Gilmore, Luke DeVries, Stephanie Zhang, Micayla Holveck, Kati Long, and Caleb McDermott.

Making History Real

Recently, the Times Herald Record printed an article decrying young people's ignorance of US history. High school and college students, according to national news services, lack basic knowledge of our government structure, our country's defining moments, our Constitution, and the advances and sacrifices made by Americans since our founding.

In 2013 CNN reported, "Being an American requires knowing what it means to be an American. It's the fabric that binds us together and helps us understand who we are. Today, unfortunately, many of our students are failing to learn American history, including our founding principles and values. And they're failing to learn why America remains an exceptional nation."

The curriculum adopted by New York schools, and recommended by Common Core, is no longer centered on history, but on social studies, defined as "the integrated study of the social sciences and humanities." At Chapel Field we seek to bring history back to the forefront, beginning each day with the Pledge of Allegiance and selecting texts that restore the historical understanding many schools forgo. One of the ways to bring history to life is making it real through field trips.

Our junior class annually travels to Pennsylvania to explore the Gettysburg Battle Field National Park. Led by tour guides, our students see the Peach Orchard, Devil's Den, Little Round Top, and the site of Pickett's infamous charge. They learn details not presented in textbooks that cover the battle in one paragraph, and view the geography that played such a major part in this history changing event. The next day they visit the remarkable Cyclorama show and visit the museum. The comments we hear from students who entertain themselves with high technology are, "I never knew how bad it was," or "I'm coming back!"



Chapel Field Juniors at Little Round Top in Gettysburg

Matthew Twenty Five Relief Ministries

was founded in 1979 as a ministry of Affirmative Evangelism, helping us to accomplish our mission of doing positive things to call people to God and Christ. It all started when the Spanjer family received a call from the World Relief Agency, "We have a family of 2 parents and 8 children who have been stuck in a refugee camp for several years. No one wants to take them, there are too many to live in one house! You have a big farm house, can you help us?" Well, yes, but there are six of us too. Plus one on the way!" We found a way, and AEF Matthew 25 was born. We now operate an orphanage and school in Kenya, and have had dozens of students serving Christ in missions and around the world.



The Spanjer family of (soon to be) seventeen.

Visiting our Orphanage and School in Kenya by Amy Kumicinski

It is hard to sum up in a few words all that is entailed on a trip to Kenya. Words come to mind ... love, concern, need, ability (none of our own), and so many more. Looking into the eyes of those who now depend totally on us, Matthew 25, is overwhelming.



Some Chapel Field East Africa students.

Young girls and boys having the same dreams as our teens here in the USA - to grow, prosper, find love, and live happily ever after. Their love for the Lord is inspiring. They have nothing, have come from nothing, but have an ability to love that boggles my mind. They pray and sing to the Lord with all their might. They are kind and generous. Always smiling.

One story stands out in my mind though. As we were getting ready to leave for the airport, I looked around at tear filled eyes and thought about the connection that was made between us - totally heart to heart, spirit to spirit. I wanted to leave "hope" behind and let them know that this was not just a short term mission trip; but that we were there for them and we would be back.

Those words meant more to them than I really knew. I know from past experience of many trips to Kenya that they will hold on to those words for months to come, and wait for our return. It is a responsibility that I do not take half-heartedly.



Amy with one of our children.

Before we left, we gave and received many hugs. However, there was one boy who came to me for a hug. We hadn't talked very much over our trip, but none the less a hug was in order. I reached out to hug him and he came close and leaned in. It was kind of like hugging a bag of laundry. I said to him, "Now that wasn't the hug I expected." He looked into my eyes and said, "Mum, I never did that before." "What? Never hugged?" He said, "Yes, I never had a hug." Oh... the simple thought of that. Never remembering a hug? I then pulled him close and told him to stay within that hug for as long as he wanted to. I could actually feel his small stiff body melting into my embrace. He quietly started to cry as I told him that I loved him and more importantly, so did Jesus, more than he knew. There are so many stories like this one. I thank God I had the opportunity to go back to Kenya for some life changing hugs. **AEF**



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CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Dr. Laura Hohman (formerly Schweiger), Class of 2002, assistant professor of history at Trevecca Nazarene University, for successfully defending her dissertation last week at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., to complete her Ph.D. in medieval studies. Dr.

Hohman's dissertation focused on the religious, cultural and educational strategies of the Carolingians in ninth-century Europe.



Daniel R. Spanjer, Class of 1990, history professor at Lancaster Bible College, as he successfully defended his dissertation this week at the University of Albany SUNY and completed his PhD! The title of his dissertation is *The Life of Lyman Beecher: an Intersection of Calvinism*

and the Enlightenment. Congratulations Dr. Spanjer on all of your hard work!

Andrew Spanjer and Susie Krupp for earning this year's OCIAA Scholar Athlete awards. Here they are pictured with their coaches, Phil Shafer and Kristy Spanjer.



Melissa McDaniel Lester, Cass of 1990, came to speak with our students about her life and her faith. She



lives in Alaska with her husband, Jim, who is an Alaskan State Trooper.

Melissa said, "The truths I learned in Biblical Studies at Chapel Field have shaped my life to this day."

Hey Coach!

Bill Spanjer III, known as "Coach" by his students, taught Biblical studies and Theology for thirty years at Chapel Field. From class discussions and questions from his students or their parents, he wrote a column called "Hey Coach" in a local newspaper. Each issue will include one column.

Have High Standards

Matthew 5:48 KJV

Parent: When I tell my children I expect them to improve, I get the "rolled eyes" treatment.

As a boy growing up, at the evening dinner table, my dad would always ask us kids, "What important thing did you do today?" We would go around the table and tell him. After each one of us was done he would say, "Well do it better tomorrow." He wanted to instill in us to do what we did today better the next time we did it, and he would add, "Your success depends on it." That always stuck with me, and although I didn't always accomplish it, practicing it did make me successful in many ways. After Mom and I started Chapel Field, I put a banner up in chapel saying, "I don't expect you to be who you are, but I expect you to be better than who you are." After some time and giving a number of chapels on the subject, I received a phone call from an irate mother. "I don't like your sign in chapel! I expect you to accept my son for who he is." Now little Robert was a very difficult child to handle, and besides that, unmotivated academically. Well, I said to his mom, "Robert got two detentions today. Do you want me to tell him, 'That's ok, you can get three tomorrow?'" I noticed he made three errors in yesterday's baseball game. Do you want the coach to tell him to make four in his next game? Mrs. DeFont told me how he got a 65 on this English test. Do you want her to tell him 'That's fine, but you can get a 60 next time'? I don't think so. Mrs. DeFont, his coach, and I told him no detentions, no errors, and 100% on your next English test. If he settles somewhere in between what he did yesterday and 100%, he's on his way to success, he could get an exemplary behavior award, an MVP, and a great GPA. You think I have high standards for kids, what are God's?" "Be ye perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect." (*Matthew 5:48 KJV*) Why does Jesus say that? He knows we can't be 100% perfect. He says it because He has high expectations for us. Mom, keep the pressure on, don't let up, raise the bar. Those rolled eyes will gaze back at you one day and thank you, just as we will thank Jesus for not giving up on us.

"High Standards!" Do it better tomorrow!

Coach and His Dad

The High Calling of Servanthood

by Bill Spanjer IV

Much of Jesus' teaching is understandable right on the surface and it is rich and challenging to be sure, but His teaching is also peppered with wonderful paradoxes and unexpected curveballs that stop us in our tracks and force us to reflect. "Blessed are those who mourn," "If you seek to save your life you will lose it," "When you are persecuted, rejoice and be exceedingly glad," "I came not to bring peace, but division." These strike us and shock us because they are radically counter cultural as well as counter intuitive. But much of Jesus' ministry was intended to reorient us right side up since sin had turned the world and its thinking upside down.

And so, as Jesus was in the upper room with his disciples after celebrating the last supper with them and preparing to go to the cross, he gave them one last paradox; an essential one for understanding what was about to happen on Good Friday. As they began bickering about which of them was the greatest, Jesus silenced the debate telling them that the one who would be the greatest must become the least, and he who would have authority over all must in fact become the servant of all. How counter cultural indeed, not only for the disciples, but for us today.

We live in a world in which we are encouraged to grab what we can while we can. Of course, this is perfectly consistent with a worldview based on Darwinian evolution in which the highest good is survival, but this is not the Christian worldview.

According to the Scriptures, we are not the result of unguided forces, but are created in the image of God and not just any god, but the God revealed in the person of Jesus Christ that is, the God who as the greatest, the ruler of all, became the servant of all, becoming man and giving His life for the salvation of His miserable and rebellious creatures. It is in the image of this God that we are created and as such must reorient the goals and ambitions of our lives.

Would we seek to save our lives? Then we must lose them for Christ's sake. Would we seek glory? Then let us seek the high calling of servanthood. Let us do so without reservation or fear of missing out on all that the world is pursuing, knowing that because Christ became the servant of all He has achieved for us an eternal inheritance and has named us as co-heirs with Him.

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Bill Spanjer IV, president of Dwaarkill Study Center, serves as pastor of Affirmation Presbyterian Church in Somers, NY, and teaches Bible and history at Chapel Field High School.



VISIT dwaarkill.org for upcoming lectures, classes, and a variety of resources.

Affirmative Evangelism welcomes new Board Member

AEF is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Sandy Outlar to our Board of Directors. Dr. Outlar received his doctorate in education from Wilmington College after earning two Bachelor of



Dr. Sandy Outlar

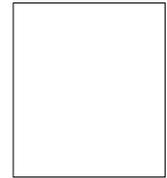
Arts degrees (Bible and History). He also holds two Master of Arts degrees (Education and Administration) from Columbia International University and Villanova University respectively. Dr. Outlar is a certified counselor through the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors (NANC), and holds a Superintendent's Certificate with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

Throughout his career, Dr. Outlar served as headmaster of four Christian schools, including Lancaster Christian School where he helped to engineer the merger with Living Word Academy forming Lancaster County Christian School. Prior to assuming this position, he served as president of Sandy Cove Ministries in North East, Maryland. Dr. Outlar has been a board member of the National Institute for Learning Disabilities (NILD), Association of Christian Counselors, and Sandy Cove Ministries. He has also served as a consultant to Christian schools in the areas of board development, marketing, professional development and facility improvements, and is a popular public speaker as well as a published author.



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