

Dear Friend:

If you only had one month to live how would you live your life? Hopefully you would live more passionately, love completely and learn humbly. According to Webster humble is defined as: “Not arrogant or assertive”. We seem to be in short supply of humble people today. Take your pick....Hollywood people, sports figures, corporate CEO’s, politicians and many, many more in the public eye could use a few pieces of humble pie. However, there are far more “common, everyday folks” who struggle with being humble.

You know what gets effected negatively when humbleness is in short supply among God’s people? The church! A church in short supply of humble people will not win people to Jesus, train believers in Jesus, and send people out to impact the world. Where humbleness is not present in a church the Great Commission is forgotten and internal strife takes place as people look to “Lord it over others”. I thank God daily that Franklin Church is NOT a church in short supply of humble people.

How do we, as individuals, insure that we stay on a path of humbleness? First, we obey God’s Word. Romans 12:3b says: “Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought”. Second we pay attention to Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In his excellent book: “Life Together”, Bonhoeffer says: “One who seeks his own honor is no longer seeking God and his neighbor”. Seeking our own honor keeps our eyes on ourself. Third, to stay on the path of humbleness we need to help carry others burdens (see Galatians 6:2). To help carry the burdens of others does not mean to become overwhelmed or worry for others. It means to offer help and pray for them. He/she who carries others burdens does not have time to think more highly of themselves than they ought. Remember to learn and walk more humbly. In Christ’s Love, Pastor Mike

Prayer: Dave McKinney family, George Kidd (dementia), The people of Ukraine/and end to the war

Events: BIG, BIG SUNDAY NIGHT COMING! For the first time ever Mt. Vernon University Collegiate Choir will put on a concert at 6:00 p.m. (Our own Dr. Isaac Winland will accompany on trumpet)