



Dean Road
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome Guests!

We are honored that you are with us this morning!
Please fill out a white or green card and place it in
the collection plate when it is passed around.
We invite you to stick around after the assembly,
so we can get a chance to know you!

Agents of Christ

September 13, 2020

10:30 Worship

Scripture Reading
[Luke 10:38-42](#)

[“Choosing the Best”](#)

Damien Barber

In sign language, various professions are often signed by signing the word that represents what they are involved in doing and what is called the “agent” sign. For instance, teacher is made by doing the sign for “teach” and the “agent” sign and lawyer is made by doing the sign for “law” and the “agent” sign. It intrigued me to discover that the sign for Christian is made up of the sign for “Christ” and the “agent” sign as well. This is so fitting because as Christians we are meant to be Agents of Christ.

What is an agent? An agent is a person who acts for or represents another person. This is our primary role as Christians – to act for Christ

and to represent Him in this world. What does it mean to be Christ’s representatives in this world?

First, we need to be imitators of Him. Ephesians 5:1-2 states that we must “Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, just as Christ also loved us and gave Himself for us,” As Agents of Christ, we need to follow His example and live our lives like He lived His life. We must follow God’s word and give up every form of sin and show love to everyone just as Jesus showed His love to us. When we act more like Christ more in our everyday life, it will let our light shine and better enable us to lead people to know God.

Consider this story of Jesus showing care to the blind man in Luke 18. After Jesus helped the blind man, the blind man was “glorifying God,” and “all the people when they saw it, gave praise to God” (Luke 18:43). When we truly imitate Christ through acts of service, it can lead people to praise and glorify God. On the other hand, if we show a lack of love, we poorly represent Christ, and in a sense give Christ a bad name.

Likewise, if we live in a similar manner as to the world (sin), then we hurt our witness to those in the world. We have become like the salt which has lost its saltiness – flavorless and useless. People will see our hypocrisy as we fail to walk the walk that we are calling them to. As agents of Christ we need to do our best to represent Christ properly by imitating Him in all things. We may not perfectly represent Him at all times, but we must strive to be as much like Christ as we can be as we strive to be “Agents of Christ.”

~Damien Barber

Calendar of Events

November

- 6-7 Meeting at Newberry Church of Christ
Theme: Respect
- 6-8 Meeting at Wesconnett
Theme: Unity

September Birthdays

- 3 Nancy Berg
7 Daniel Bailey
14 Don Kovar
15 Christopher Howell
25 Ashley Hirt
26 Barry Rutkowski
30 Fiona Hirt

Error in last week's bulletin article

I was looking at two stories of blind men coming to Jesus for healing. One was in Luke 18 and the other was in Matthew 20. Apparently, when I settled to write about the account in Luke 18, I got mixed up and put the references as Matthew 20. The verse numbers were correct, but should have been referenced as Luke 18 instead of Matthew 20. When we make mistakes, we should always be quick to admit them and correct them. Never be too proud to admit that you made an error.

September 6th, 2020

Sunday AM:	42
DBR:	20
Contribution:	\$1958.25

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Pantry Item of the Month:

This month's items is boxes of cake or brownie mix. Our goal is 25 boxes.

We greatly appreciate those who continue to support this effort!



VISION 20/20

Looking Through Christ's Eyes

**This Quarter's Focus:
Looking For Service
Opportunities**

Memory Passage for the Quarter
“So then, as we have opportunity,
let us do good to everyone,
and especially to those who are
of the household of faith.”

~Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

