

THE JOY OF HELPING OTHERS:

A Christian Perspective
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There is joy in extending a helping hand, a joy that fills your heart with pride, love, and joy. As Christians, we understand the significance of serving others. Jesus himself came to earth to serve, setting a great example for everyone. This tenet of serving has been a cornerstone of Chester First Baptist Church's mission for years, and rightly so. Helping others is not just a duty; it's a calling, a responsibility that comes with being a follower of Christ.

On the topic of serving, I'm reminded of a personal experience involving "Reba" (not the country singer). "Reba" was the name of my old roommate's truck. He treated this truck like it was a Mustang: no food or drinks on board. In reality, it was a 1991 GMC Sierra. It's not a FORD... that's the first problem. But here's the best part. I had to jump "Reba" at least twelve times last year. That's crazy! Oftentimes, I would get a phone call during class or even when it was late at night. However, I would always get in my truck and give him a jump. To this day, when my former roommate and I see each other we'll discuss the current state of "Reba."

As Christians, we are called to be the best givers/servers in the world. The Holy Spirit guides us, urging us to share the light of Christ within us. Serving others will not only help others but it will also help us to look more and live more like Jesus. There's always a reason to not help someone... maybe you feel used, or you feel inconvenienced. These are all feelings that overcome me when I am met with the opportunity to serve/lend a helping hand. We often always look at the negative compared to the positive. However, helping others is our responsibility as Christians. Therefore, lend a helping hand! Yes, even when it's an "inconvenience."

This Sunday night (Nov. 5), from 6 pm to 8 pm, we invite you to join us at Chester First Baptist Church for the Pumpkin and Praise Fest. It's an opportunity to extend your hand in service, to share the love of Christ with our community. Let's try to remember that helping/serving others is a great way to share the reality that we are a changed and new creation in Christ.

Acts: 20:35

And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Romans 12:10

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

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