



# Walker's Wanderings



## Foot Washing (adapted)

Is the washing of feet at church meetings an act performed in obedience to God? Please read John 13:1-18. During the final week Jesus lived on earth He spent His time equipping the disciples to continue on after He ascended. John 13 describes the last Passover feast Jesus observed. It was after this feast that He instituted the memorial feast known in the New Testament as the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:20).

To demonstrate His true humility, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples. Already competition among these chosen disciples reared its ugly head. Which of them would occupy the most prominent place in the coming kingdom? Zebedee's wife, mother of James and John, made a direct appeal to Jesus for an exalted position for his sons (Matt. 20:20-21). Notice how the Lord responded. *"Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Not so shall it be among you: but whosoever would become great among you shall be your minister; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant"* (verse 24-27).

As Jesus stooped to wash their feet, Peter asked, *"Lord, dost thou wash my feet?"* He recognized instantly that something was out of place. He should have been washing Jesus' feet. Jesus put into practice what He had just told His disciples. Those who look for a position of great respect must humble themselves in service to others.

Was Jesus instituting a religious act to be practiced by the disciples after the church was established? Hardly. After it was all over, Jesus said, *"I have given you an example, that ye also should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, a servant is not greater than his lord; neither one that is sent greater than he that sent him"* (verses 15-16). The disciples knew how to wash feet. They did not know true humility. The example of the Master serving the student was designed to show them true humility.

Foot washing is not like the Lord's Supper. Nothing like the Lord's Supper was known prior to the time of Christ. But the Jews practiced washing each others feet for centuries.

Foot washing was a common act of hospitality, generally performed by a servant for a guest. Read Gen. 18:4, where Abraham offered hospitality and kindness to three strangers, messengers from Jehovah. When those messengers came to Lot's house they were offered the same cordial service (Gen. 19:2). Foot washing was a custom of many generations among the Eastern cultures. People who wore sandals and walked on hot dusty roads and paths found it refreshing to have their feet bathed in cool, clean water. A similar thing occurs now when a weary traveler arrives at a friend's house. The host will say, "Would you like to refresh yourself?" Customs change and that is all foot washing was ever intended to be.

That foot washing is not an act of worship and service to be included in the church today is obvious. The absence of any instruction relative to it as a so called "church ordinance" shows clearly that God did not intend it to be practiced as a religious act. There is one reference to it in I Tim. 5:10 and there it is included as a domestic duty, not a church obligation.

One has no more right to bind washing feet as a religious act than they do to bind washing hands. Listen to the judgment of Christ on hand washing. Mark tells us that the Jews would not eat prior to washing their hands -- not for sanitary but religious reasons. Jesus accused them of engaging in vain worship because they taught the doctrines of men. *"Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your tradition"* (Read Mark 7:1-9). The same thing applies to washing feet -- when done as an act of religion.

No matter how great one may become, he is never too great to serve. Do you remember John Brodie, former quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers? Someone asked him why a million dollar player like him should have to hold the ball for field goals and extra points. "Well," said Brodie, "if I didn't, it would fall over."

*I Love and Appreciate You! Don*

## Trenton Tidings

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### OUR ELDERS

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements: Don Puryear

#### 10:30 AM Service

Lead Singing: Ivan Wallin

Opening Prayer: Zack Breeden

Lesson: Don Walker

Scripture: John 13:1-5

Preside Lord's Table: Felix Cruz, III

Assist: Bruce Turner Mike Wheeler

Chas Holder Reed Gross

Closing Prayer: Ryan Griffin

#### 6:00 PM Service

Lead Singing: Dakota Holder

Opening Prayer: Johnie Mosley

Lesson: Kenneth Dupree

Closing Prayer: William Releford

Preside Lord's Table: Felix Cruz, III

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY 7/12

SINGING:

CHRIS KNOX

OPENING PRAYER:

FELIX CRUZ, JR

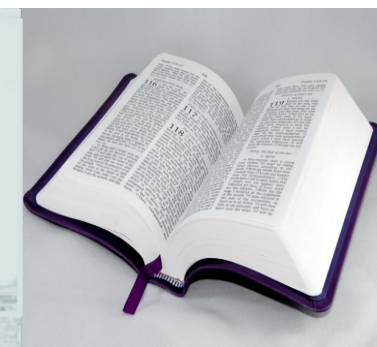
INVITATION:

MATT WHEELER

CLOSING PRAYER:

BUDDY MCKENZIE

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SERVE ON SUNDAY OR  
WEDNESDAY, PLEASE  
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**This Week's**

**Events**

**Today**

**Teen Singing at**

**Dayton, TN**

**Today @ 6 PM**

**Summer Series**

**with**

**Kenneth Dupree**

**SATURDAY 9:00 AM**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**SHARPENING OUR**

**SKILLS**

SUNDAY 7/2	
Bible Classes	61
AM Worship	97
Contribution	\$3171
Lads to Leaders	\$601
PM Worship	64
WEDNESDAY 7/5	
Bible Classes	57

## Mighty Mites & TYG News

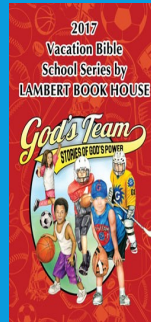
Our campers and counselors are back from Fall Creek Falls Bible Camp. After a good cleaning and a long rest they are full of great memories. Megan Holder worked as a counselor this year and we had a number of our young people attend.

Bible Camp and other youth activities are great opportunities for our young people to grow spiritually with other Christian young people and develop life-long friendships. As we plan activities for the summer for our young people, make sure you show them what you consider most important by encouraging them to attend the various youth activities here and in the area.

### SHARPENING YOUR SKILLS

#### *Ladies Bible Class and Digging Deep*

There will be a special *Ladies Bible Class* and *Luncheon* on August 12 at Noon. More details to follow but it will be something you don't want to miss. The men's breakfast will be July 15 with Ivan Wallin directing the discussion. These two classes along with the Monday night Ladies Bible Study and Digging Deep have become important parts of our growth and development! If you aren't attending some of these, it's a good time to start! Hope to see you at some of these good events soon!



VBS 2017 is  
coming soon!  
July 23-26,  
2017

See Ken Wheeler or Jeanna Knox if  
you can help teach or provide food  
and support!

**Make sure you are marking your  
calendar and inviting your chil-  
dren's friends . There will be an  
adult class each evening taught by  
brother Walker and Stan Freeman**

### REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Nancy Bernhardt Krista Brock  
Carmen Cruz Robert Gill  
Cindy Howell Russanna Jenkins  
Helen Lusk Patrick & Annette  
McGuire Sorita & Buddy McKenzie  
Phyllis Mosley Bill Newby  
Tara Osborne Taft Parker  
Cloyce Purdon Janice Raines  
Daniel Releford Lynn Releford  
Cooper Jamie Walker Vicki Walker  
Mitzi Webb Jewel Whitley

## Sunday Morning Outline Washing the Disciples' Feet John 13:1-5, 12-17

### I. Jesus Washed Dirty Feet

- A. The Disciples were not bothered by the dirt
- B. The dirt needed to be washed away
- C. Jesus made them feel awkward
- JOHN
- MATTHEW
- D. Do your brother's feet need cleaning

### II. Jesus washed the Double minded Feet

- A. A BETRAYERS' feet
- B. The SPRINTERS' feet
- C. A DENIERS' feet

### III. Jesus washed the disciples' feet

- A. What Are Disciples?
- B. What Excuse Do I Have?
- C. will I pray, "What can I do to wash the feet of others this week?"

## Sunday Evening Lesson

Brother Kenneth Dupree will be our speaker tonight as our Summer Series continues. We have had great lessons presented so far and tonight will be no exception. we are delighted to have Kenneth speaking for us tonight on Go Into the World Near Us—The Limited Commandment-Matthew 10:5-15. Kenneth works with the Chattanooga Inner City church of Christ.

Make your plans to be here tonight and you probably will! Looking forward to seeing you tonight!

**IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED A  
FORM FOR THE NEW DIRECTORY  
PLEASE DO SO THIS WEEK WHEN  
YOU ARE GIVEN A FORM. WE ARE  
TRYING TO GET IT COMPLETED  
AND WANT IT TO BE AS COM-  
plete AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS!**

### CARD MINISTRY

There are cards and addresses in the east lobby . If you would like to write them and leave them in the basket They will be mailed on the next business day. This is a great way to reach out!



"What? All I said was I'm proud of my humility."