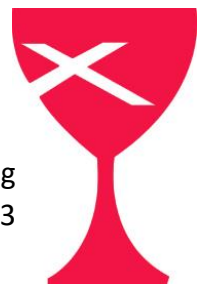


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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
November 5, 2023



Devotional Christian

Matthew 23:1-12

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; 3 therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. 4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. 5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. 6 They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues 7 and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. 8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. 9 And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. 10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. 11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

We should respect legitimate authority figures in our lives, but our ultimate loyalty must be to Jesus. He warns us against hypocrisy and self-exaltation. We should serve others without seeking recognition. True discipleship requires a genuine and humble heart. We are called to serve others with selflessness and sincerity. We must allow God to change our hearts and let go of our desire for approval.



For all the saints,
who from their
labors rest.

Who Thee by faith
before the world
confessed.

Thy name, O Jesus,
be forever blest.



**You can pick up and pay for the
pecans during fellowship time this
Sunday, November 5th**

Copies of the October
Council Minutes are
available in the
wooden literature rack
in the east lobby.



Giving in Review

As of September 30, 2023

Income Received YTD	\$211,199.10
Actual Expenses YTD	\$247,544.28
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$246,375.00

Prayer

*Dear Lord, I ask for Your wisdom and
guidance to help me stay grounded and
serve others in Your name. Amen.*