

Living as Grateful People

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with GRATITUDE in your hearts. Colossians 3:16

Dear Friends,

Sunday after church I was reading the paper and looked through the Parade insert. There was an interview featuring Jessica Chastain and her reply to a question she was asked can help each of us as we reflect on our own understanding of stewardship. Chastain said, “I’m just trying to use my influence in any way I can. I know there are a lot of people who don’t have the things I have. So, I’m constantly trying to ask myself ‘what can I do? How can I live a life that is contributing to others?’ I want to lead every day and pay back what I was given.”

Friends, you don’t have to be famous or rich to pay back the many blessings you have received. We all have influence as teachers, preachers, business people, parents, grandparents, neighbors etc. The church is a vehicle we can use to help others through our various mission initiatives and through worship and Christian education. I believe the church is most influential when we are doing more and talking less. And when our actions are preceded by prayer.

My prayer during this last quarter of 2022, when it appears the greatest threat of the Pandemic is behind us, and we are GRATEFUL, is that we will be motivated to use our influence and share our resources for the glory of God and the well-being of our community.

It is a joy to serve as your pastor.

Blessings,

Mike