

Dear Lillian Methodist Church family,

Colossians chapter 3 is a treasure trove of spiritual edification and exhortation. Paul's words are instructive and encouraging, in the context of Christian behavior in the home, workplace and the Church. Paul says, "Whatever you do," do it in the name of the Lord and do it as unto the Lord. "Whatever you do," covers pretty much everything that is not sinful behavior.

As the laity of this church, I believe you are a prime example of Paul's desire for believers. Men, women, old, young, newcomers and old-timers, all have found something "to do," and do it in the name of the Lord. Furthermore, you "do" it "as unto the Lord and not for men."

I firmly believe that the most selfless acts of service and ministry are the most pleasing to God. The work that almost no one notices and many take for granted can surely be counted the same as Jesus washing his disciple's feet. I am convinced that providing food or assisting in the kitchen for a bereavement meal is the cause for our Savior to say, "well done". Those who quietly assist each year with Vacation Bible School, ministering to usually unknown and often ungrateful children and parents, your service, I am sure, has been noted by the Lord.

At the Judgement seat of Christ, I have no doubt that the unrecognized servants among us will receive God's praise and reward for these and other selfless acts of mercy and service. To the volunteers at Children's Church, I say thank you and God bless you. To the masters of the kitchen at our Methodist Men's meeting, I say thank you all. Especially to the clean-up crew. To the women and their Trash and Treasure sale, the lives you touch through this simple activity will only be known in eternity.

This letter is too brief to adequately commend those who serve each month at Bright Bridge, work the car show, sing in the choir, serve on church committees, or any other ministry conducted here without fanfare or public acclaim. To you all, thank you, and may you continue to "do" it all in the name of the Lord, as unto the Lord.

See y'all Sunday
Perry Cunningham
Lay Leader