

Out of My Mind...

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For Your Consideration...

This prayer, reported to be a favorite of Justice Clarence Thomas, originated with Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val (d.1930):

“O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed, deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being loved...extolled...honored...praised...preferred to others...consulted...being approved,

From the fear of being humiliated, deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being despised...of suffering rebukes...being calumniated...forgotten...ridiculed...wronged...suspected,

That others may be loved more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be esteemed more than I,

That in the opinion of the world, others may increase, and I may decrease,

That others may be chosen and I set aside,

That others may be praised and I unnoticed,

That others may be preferred to me in everything,

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become holy I as I should.”

ON THE MOVE...

Pastor Aaron Wheeler, founding pastor of Mountaintop Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus OH is temporarily moving to Virginia Beach VA with his wife Barbara. We are grateful that Aaron connected his church with Converge MidAtlantic and trust God will refresh his family in significant ways as a result of this move.

IN THE FOLD...

Pastor Leroy Bush is coming to Mountaintop Missionary Baptist Church to serve in the capacity of interim pastor. We look forward to working with Pastor Bush and helping him in any way we can as he gives direction to this congregation.

Selah: “When the rate of change inside an organization is slower than the rate of change outside an organization, the end (of that organization) is in sight. Jack Welch (former CEO of G.E.)

FROM THE FIELD...

Pastor Jeff Johnson reports...

Christ Community (CC) Chardon OH took church to the people the summer of 2008 with the goal of creating community visibility for the Kingdom’s message. CC set out on their theme of “Doing Church Differently” and held four services on the Chardon Square and four on the Concord Commons, both a part of the ministry area.

The positive results can be measured. At one July Chardon service a ‘walk on’ male accepted the Lord at the end of a service and is still attending as of the end of August! At the Concord Commons someone bringing their recycling came back for the service - one of the eight Sundays had to be moved indoors. A deacon noted, “The effort was worth it, I can sense the difference in the excitement level of the church.”

In My Briefcase...

Membership Matters by Chuck Lawless

Fields of Gold by Andy Stanley

The Peacemaker by Ken Sande

ON OUR PRAYER WATCH:

Jerry Sheveland

Alan Gross

Don & Marianne Hazel

Abigail Holloway

Military personnel in harms way