

SHOES AND A TOWEL

Shoes were not Air Jordans in biblical times. Normal footwear was made of thick leather with straps. Chances are there were no right or left designations for shoes or sandals. Some of the poor even walked without shoes.

In those days, the roads were rocky, dusty and muddy. Can you imagine what the disciples had to walk through just to get from one town to another. And remember, wild animals and beasts of burden traveled the same roads. When people were invited to a home, the guests always arrived with really dirty feet. Servants in a host's home would arrive early to attend to the task of washing the feet of the guests.

But not this time. In John 13, we read of such an occasion. The difference, though, was that as the meal concluded, Jesus, in an act of love and servitude, stood and took off His outer garment. He took a towel, the sandals of the disciples having been unlatched and untied, and washed the feet of the men. It was cool refreshing, and ministered to His followers.

Let's focus on the towel. The towel was a token of love, nothing special, but a ministry tool to those He loved.

Who do you love with Jesus' love? We are not told to stop every day and wash feet, but we are told to love one another in small and big ways.

A Christian friend of mine said his wife loves fresh coffee after her morning shower. Therefore, when he hears the shower turned on, he sprints to the coffee pot, fixes the coffee just right, and delivers the cup of love. He does not have to; he gets to.

So, how do we emulate Jesus' example? Who needs a cup of love, encouragement, appreciation? Who needs a call, a card, an attaboy? Take a towel and pour.

Bob Kenley



NEXT SALT MEETING! AUGUST 21 - NOON

Join in as we have a little fun with school spirit rivalry, competing to bring the most canned goods for the Etowah Baptist Mission Center. We all know this is a worthy cause as many people seek help from this organization AND they hear the gospel! Come on

Bama, we need a win this year!

Here is a list of the items in most need:

Individual serving packets of oatmeal
Individual packets of grits
Canned soup
Canned meats (spam, tuna, chicken)
Crackers
Ravioli
Canned chili

Cereal
Poptarts
Chunky canned soup
Ramen noodles
Spaghetti O's
Canned Beef stew
Canned fruit / applesauce

September's SALT Meeting

This is our long awaited rescheduled event. If you recall last year, Mr. James Spann had to cancel due to an unexpected illness. This was his first available date. Let's make this a huge event. He will be sharing his testimony about how the Lord has carried him through the years. Rain, sleet, snow, hurricane or tornado - please be there and show him some RPC hospitality. September 18 at 11:00 am

(Please note the time. We will have our meeting first before the luncheon to accommodate Mr. Spann's schedule.)



Upcoming Events! SALT's Got Talent Show is coming soon! Are YOU ready? Grab a partner and start to work on your song and dance, baton twirling, comedy act, or gymnastic routine. Please contact Missy Stephens at 256-442-3440 to let her know you are participating. Don't wait to be asked (coerced)! She has a list and will be calling if she doesn't hear from you soon!

Billie Clokey's Birthday



This year, Billie Clokey will be 97 years young. She is still as beautiful as the day she entered the little white church as a charter member of Rainbow Presbyterian Church. Let's send her some love and well wishes for her birthday. Cards can be mailed to 3220 Rainbow Dr., Rainbow City, AL 35906. She also loves visitors...but don't all go on the same day!