

## Following John's Example

John is one of those fascinating characters in the New Testament from whom we can learn so much. John was a preacher! He didn't dress like a preacher. He didn't eat like a preacher. He didn't live like a preacher. He wore the cheapest of clothing, ate locusts and wild honey, and lived out in the wilderness. His message did not appeal to many people. Today he would be called a fire and brimstone preacher. "Repent!" "You brood of vipers. Who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" "The ax is already at the root of the trees." John spoke the unvarnished truth, and truth often hurts before it heals. He just wouldn't fit in our psychological society. He made no effort to sugar-coat his message. No public relations experts would approve of John or his methods.

Perhaps it was predictable that John's preaching got him in trouble. He was thrown into prison and eventually beheaded. Critics might be quick to condemn him. It is easy to criticize John until we remember that Jesus declared, "Of those born of women there is none greater than John the Baptist."

There were many things about John that mark him as great: his protest against self-indulgence by the lifestyle he lived, his absolute dedication to truth even though it was not popular, his love for people that compelled him to warn them of the destruction to which they were headed, and his total commitment to his mission. But there is one quality that stands out above everything else.

Everything about John pointed to somebody else. His whole reason for being was somebody else -- the Savior who was coming into the (*"John" - continued on page 2*)



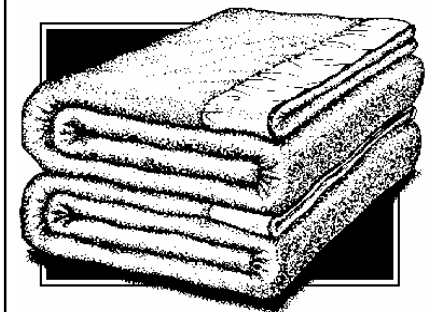
## WELCOME TO THE PRINCETON CHURCH OF CHRIST

...that we may present everyone perfect  
in Christ. (Colossians 1:28)

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# Blood DRIVE



## Lap Blankets

The Bible tells us that the life of a person is in the blood. One of the great advances of modern medicine is the ability to save lives by blood transfusion. There is a constant demand for blood.

You will have an opportunity to unselfishly give blood on **Sunday, December 16**. A bloodmobile unit will be at our church building from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We

are invited to participate in this blood drive along with our brothers and sisters (*Blood - continued on page 2*)

The youth group will visit Merwick Nursing Home in Princeton to sing Christmas songs and deliver lap blankets to residents on **Sunday, December 9**, following worship. Those who are making lap blankets are asked to bring them to the teen room (#9) by **next Sunday, December 2**.

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("John" - continued from page 4) world. John was willing to fade into the background and leave center stage to Jesus. In fact he was determined to do this. His mission was to bring the individual sinner face to face with Jesus Christ and then to step back out of the picture. The Apostle Paul grasped this concept and declared, "I have died with Christ...I live only because Christ is living in me."

The Christians' greatest challenge is to die to self and live his whole life for somebody else -- Jesus Christ. Think of it! No more wounded egos, hurt feelings, competing for attention or glory or credit, striving for position. Just a determination to continue to declare, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." A church full of Johns would never know the division so often experienced because self continues to get in the way. A modern John would be very unpopular with many, but at the same time, would so clearly point sinners to the Savior. Isn't that what Christianity is all about?



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**PANTRY  
NEEDS**

**December: Canned Ham, Green Beans, Yams, Fruit; Boxed Potatoes, Stuffing**

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from Central Jersey.

Please sign up in the foyer for a time slot to give blood. Your blood sacrifice on that day does not compare with Jesus' sacrifice, but it does follow in his example of self sacrifice for others.



# Hymn Sing



Echo Lake Church of Christ invites all to their annual *Singing Fellowship* on **Sunday, December 9**, at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, check their website ([www.echolakechurch.org](http://www.echolakechurch.org)) or call 908-233-4946.



As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

**In our prayers, we come to God as repentant sinners; in His response, God transforms us into saints.**

Sunday Worship.....	140
Bible Classes .....	38
Contribution .....	\$2,874
Budget .....	\$4,621



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**  
Please bring home-baked or store-bought desserts to feed the needy in Trenton **next Saturday, December 8**. In addition to desserts provided by members, a few cake mixes, frostings and pans are available in the foyer. Take them home and return the baked cake(s) to the church building by **next Friday, December 7**, at 12:00 noon.

Monetary donations are also welcome; give to Larry or Connie Evans by **next Sunday, December 2**. Please arrive at Clinton Avenue by 10:00 a.m. if you plan to serve. Contact the Evans (609-466-1007 or [lcmgevans@aol.com](mailto:lcmgevans@aol.com)) if you have questions or need transportation.

**But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.**

(1 Timothy 6:8)