



TRANSFORMERS: MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

Maybe you remember the toy from a few years back, actually thirty plus years back now, known as Transformers. They were toys then a movie or two and then a television show I think – I could be wrong about the order in which the phenomenon came to life. But come to life it did! It seemed like we could not go anywhere without seeing little kids playing with these little robots that could, with a few moves, become cars or tanks or some other kind of wheeled vehicle and sometimes, if my memory serves me correctly, they could also become planes of various types. Anyway, you probably get the drift even if you have never seen one of the toys. And the advertising catch phrase was, **“Transformers, More Than Meets the Eye.”** You know, those things are still around – I saw some in Target a few months back! Talk about a successful toy!

I think part of that success has to do with the human idea of transformation, so I invite you to think about what it means for you to be transformed and what it would look like if we, as the faith community that meets at Boones Mill Christian Church, the body of Christ, were to be “transformed.”

“What would it mean for me, for my church to be transformed?”

But maybe even prior to that consideration for some of us, we may have questions about whether it is even a Christian concept to talk about transformation once we have been “transformed” in to a child of God through our “good confession” and baptism. I think Paul speaks to that in his letter to the Romans when he says, **“I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of**

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God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.” ROMANS 12:1-2

What we miss when this gets translated is that the transforming here is an ongoing action – it might better be said, “...**but continue to be transformed by the renewing of your minds...**” What we clearly have when it is read this way is a process rather than a onetime occurrence. In other words, God's intent is that we continue to be transformed!

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A second aspect of this being transformed that we miss in our translations is that the transformation is passive. In other words someone is doing the transforming and we are the recipients – in our understanding that one doing the transforming is God and again, it is an ongoing process as long as we inhabit this body or as long as we exist as a faith community looking at it another way. All of this, Paul says” is so we can, “...**discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.**”

So there is more going on than meets the eye if we are submitting ourselves individually and communally to God's transforming power. But as an old preacher said one Sunday (another old preacher – not this one!) the problem with the **living sacrifices** that Paul talks about here is that they keep crawling down off the altar! That is called being human and that is why we rely on grace.

All of this is said to announce that for the next several weeks beginning October 9th we will focus on what it means to hear God's transformative call and how we as the body of Christ can more faithfully respond to that call. We will be using some materials developed by **Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation**, a Disciples of Christ ministry that helps congregations discern God's will for their future and plan how to implement that vision.

May God guide us, may God continue to transform us, and may we be good listeners and doers as God continues that transformation. I pray for all of us and ask you to do the same.

Blessings,

Joe

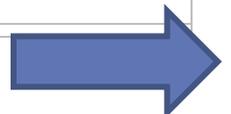
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Dear Church Family,

We were really surprised a few weeks back by your kind acknowledgement of our second anniversary serving you.

The gift cards have already been put to good use!

We have always maintained that God had a significant role in our ending up here and that we knew it was the right place for us the first time we met you all. We cannot imagine not being a part of this faith family as your brother and sister in the Lord.

Thanks and Blessings,

Joe & Pat