SERVANTHOOD

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Many have just finished an intense week of "serving" in our Vacation Bible School. Christianity is a "serving" religion. To be a Christian is to be a servant of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, *"**If anyone <u>serves</u> Me, let him follow me; and where I am, there My <u>servant</u> will be also. If anyone <u>serves</u> Me, him will my Father honor (John 12:26)."***

Serving the Lord occurs in different ways. One of those ways is with the mind. When we believe in Him and His promises, when He influences our moral values, when we allow Him to chart the direction of our life, when we permit His word to govern all our earthly relationships, when we bow in surrender and worship, then we are serving Him with our mind.

Another very important aspect of Christian service involves awareness and concern over the needs of others and personally using our time, energy and resources to satisfy those needs. Paul wrote, ***"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, <u>but also for the interests of others</u>. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:4-5)."***

Much of our Christian service centers around the organized ministries of the church. Those who truly have a desire to serve will be able to find their niche in one or more of those ministries.

"Serve the Lord with gladness…"

(Psalm 100:2)