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*... the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go
Luke 10:1*

You Are Not Alone

Two things strike me about this verse from Luke 10. I have read the passage many times, but these two things have never struck me before. The first one is that when Jesus sends us out he does not send us out on our own. We are part of a team. In this case there was a team of seventy-two that was broken down into smaller teams of two. At the end of the story they all come back together with Jesus. If Jesus is prompting you to do something it is safe to assume that He is calling you to do it with others. You do not have to share your faith alone, pray for others alone, or help a friend or neighbor in need alone. I take great encouragement and comfort in that!

Going is Attractive

Carey Newhoulf writes a blog which I follow closely. Today he posted a blog entitled "5 Specific Ways the Current Approach to Church Seems Outdated." In this post he writes, "Ironically, when churches begin to go to people, it makes people also *want* to go to church." I believe that is very true. When we show interest in others, look for what God is doing in others, spend time with others, learn from others something about the faith that forms us becomes attractive to them. They may even come along to church some Sunday with us.

Is Jesus prompting you to reach out in some way to someone? Who is on your team to go along?

Coming Attractions

Sunday, January 21, 2018 Worship at 10:00am with Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 2018 Worship at 10:00am

Please bring nonperishable food to the worship to be distributed through the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Air Specialists of Virginia, Paul Ledlie, General Manager, That the business

All Specialists of Virginia, Paul Leshe, General Manager. That the business would increase and clients would have environmentally safe facilities.

The Diocese of Virginia

For the people of St. Asaph's, Bpwligh Green and St. Stephen's, Catlett that they may continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Anglican Communion

For the people of the dioceses of Alabama - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Sloan

Albany - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd William Love that they may continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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