

## Dear Families:

Today we read the part of Matthew's Gospel that talked about Jesus' views towards the scribes and Pharisees. Have you ever had someone promise you one thing, but then they didn't follow through or did something else? How did that make you feel? Jesus saw the scribes and priests doing just that, and it made Him very upset. Jesus told the people that they are teachers of the Law of Moses, so they should obey what they taught. However, under no circumstance should they imitate what they do. The priests had become vain; they desired the best seats at feasts and went around town carrying on, in hopes of being noticed and admired. Jesus warns us not to act this way. If we are true followers of Christ, we must be the servant, not the served.

We also continued preparations for our Christmas play. We are creating another original production this year; the students are writing their own play from scratch. It should be very entertaining! Our performance will be during morning worship on Christmas Eve- Sunday, December 24. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

We also cooked a treat for this Sunday's potluck lunch! It was delicious, as always. We hope you can join us for our next one, which should be the first Sunday in December.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back to the Olean First Baptist Church by November 10. Each box needs \$10 to cover shipping costs. If you need someone to drop off your box, let us know and we will be happy to deliver it for you.

Thank you for joining us today!

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