

3-23-16 His best foot forward

Francois Clemmons was the first African-American with a regular part on a children's show. In 1968, he became Officer Clemmons on "Mister Roger's Neighborhood." Recently, he shared a meaningful moment. It was a scene with Mr. Rogers cooling his feet in a plastic kids' pool.

Clemmons said, "He invited me to come over and to rest my feet in the water with him. The icon Fred Rogers not only was showing my brown skin in the tub with his white feet as two friends, but as I was getting out of that tub, he was helping me dry my feet."

Well Mr. Rogers was imitating Jesus, who washed feet and welcomed us all into God's neighborhood.

Just a thought. I'm Sid Batts from First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greensboro, on North Elm overlooking Fisher Park, fpcgreensboro.org.