

2019
Live Life Like It Matters For Eternity

Joyful Giving
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There are so many causes that people can be a part of. People are involved in saving trees, owls, whales, eagles, plastics, metals, oils history, etc. Most of us would rather help people. Paul said, "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." **(Philippians 4:3-4)**. We should always want to help people. God is not different.

God knows of all the suffering and problems that mankind has and will have. He can look into the future and know exactly what is going to be the most helpful to people. This is why He sent His son. Then He sent the Holy Spirit and established His church. His church is designed to help everyone on earth with their most important need, a saved soul. There is no other organization, including other churches, that can meet this need. God has decided how His church is to be organized, what it is to practice, and what it is to teach. Among these instructions are the instructions to give on the first day of the week, **1 Corinthians 16:2**.

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in the manner you must help the weak and remember the words of Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). If it is more blessed to give than to receive, then we should enjoy giving. "Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

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SCHEDULE

Sunday	
Bible Classes for all ages	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	
Ladies Class	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Classes for all ages	6:30 p.m.

ELDERS, DEACONS AND STAFF

Elders		Deacon	
Eric Bliss	757-6338	Martin Casey	729-0261
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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Nursery Attendant	Bible Hour
Sandy Hopkins	Ann Thompson

ELDER FOR NOVEMBER~ DAVE GASTELLUM
 LADIES COMMITTEE FOR NOVEMBER~ ETHEL JOHNSON

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Bible Class	AM Worship	PM Worship	Weds. Class	Offering
39	64	32	34	\$2797



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song leader:.....Milt Baldwin

Welcome.....Dave Gastellum

684 This World Is Not My Home
 378 Just A Few More Days

Prayer.....Ben Knittle

644 Tis Set The Feast Devine

Lord's Supper.....Dale Donaghe

141 Father Of Mercies

Offering.....Bob Murray

502 O They Tell Me Of A Home

Scripture Reading:Jerry Hopkins

Guest Speaker.....Steve Whiting

250 How Sweet How Heavenly
 756 When We All Get To Heaven

Closing Prayer.....Eric Bliss

Men's Devo



	WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK
Nov. 10th	Morning class @ 9:30 AM & services @ 10:30 AM Farewell for the Whiting's after morning services Evening services @ 5PM Congregational Meeting
11th	Veterans Day
12th	Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00-11:15AM Martin Casey's birthday
13th	Wednesday evening services @ 6:30PM
14th	Men's breakfast @ 8:30AM
15th	Youth Devo @ 7PM

FAREWELL CELEBRATION

We are having a farewell celebration for Steve & Tammy Whiting. Lunch and dessert will be provided. They are leaving us for a new assignment in Colorado Springs. We will miss them terribly but are happy for the success and grateful for their service to our Lord and our country!

MONTHLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our monthly congregational meeting is tonight following the Men's Devo. Please stay and be informed of the events taking place in our home congregation.

BRIDGE HOUSE MEAL

Thank you to all those who supported the meal at the Bridge House last night. Your support means so much to them and is a great outreach to our community.

NOTICE OF REOPENING

Jinny's Closet will reopen at the end of the year. She misses the work and would like to reopen for an outreach project.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Give your worries to God before you sleep,
'cause He's going to be awake anyhow.

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

By day the Lord commands His steadfast love, and at night His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. ~ Psalm 42:8

PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

- Laura Crownover** asks for prayers for her brother **Joe**, who has a severe infection and is in isolation.
- Bob Murray** had shoulder surgery Wednesday. Please keep him and **Robin** in your prayers as he recovers and heals.
- Alora Cottam** asked for prayers for her son **Rick**. God knows his needs.
- Dorothy Cunningham** fell last Sunday. Please keep her in your prayers as she heals and remember **Bill** as well as he continues to care for her.
- Please keep **Shannon & Mike Cottam** in your prayers. **Shannon** is to have surgery on the 20th. Also remember **Mike** as he continues to suffer with back & shoulder pain.
- Debbie Falcon's** brother **Tim Stewart** has Stage 4 cancer. His wife **Karval** is scheduled for a knee replacement Dec. 5th Please keep them in your prayers. as they are both struggling.
- Lynn Nothstein's** husband **Tom** has injured his knee. He is awaiting an MRI and is significant pain. Please keep him in your prayers. Also **Tom's** brother **Larry** had a bad reaction to his Chemo this week and is very ill. **Tom's Uncle Andy** is doing slightly better following procedures this week. Please remember them as well.
- Tessa, Jerry & Sandy's** granddaughter, had a great report from the doctor. Some of the braces were removed and she is walking a bit more. Praise God for answered prayers for her!
- Jan Hayes** asked for prayers for her nephew **Jay Haws**. He is suffering with gall stones and is in need of prayers, comfort and peace following his mother's passing.
- Dennis & Cindy Brown**, friends of **Roy's**, lost their son **Casey** recently. Please keep the Brown family in your prayers as they deal with this loss.
- Russell Capshaw** asked for prayers for his neighbor **Karen Moore**. She is suffering with a blood disease.
- Dave McGee's** father **Tim** had surgery this past Monday evening to help heal the punctured lung. Please continue to keep him, **Vera** and **Dave** in your prayers.
- Sandy Parker Kurz** and her son **Jeffrey** are home from the hospital. Please keep them in your prayers.
- David Hollis** lost his mother recently. Please keep the **Hollis** family in your prayers.
- Garth Smith** is in a rehab facility recovering from his shoulder injury during his fall. Please keep he and his wife **Beulah** in your prayers following these events.

ENCOURAGING WORDS

Simple yet Impactful!

When you think about some of the great heroes in the Old Testament, it is interesting to consider that certain ones of them did not do something supernatural or even all that hard. Yet, by their simple actions, they made a big impact. While some heroes did miraculous deeds through the power of God, other heroes did basically ordinary deeds on behalf of their God. Consider a great illustration of this. Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego were three young men who were out of their element. They did not look like, talk like, eat like, act like or worship like everyone else around them in Babylon. But they did not let that stop them, or even slow them down, from honoring their God. King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold image that was 90 feet tall, and set it up to be worshiped by all the people. (Dan. 3:1-5). He also warned that "whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace" (3:6). What could an ordinary follower of God do in such a situation? **These men showed up.** They likely knew what was coming and knew what the king was going to demand. But, they did not hide at home. We must be "in" the world, just not "of" the world. The light of Christ must shine from within us! **These men stood up.** When everyone else bowed down to the king's image in worship, these three men did not flinch. We must make an obvious difference between who we are and where we stand in contrast to what everybody else is doing. **These men spoke up.** They first stated their absolute trust and devotion to their God. (3:17-18) We must not be ashamed to speak about our God, even when others do not share the same loyalty that we do. **These men stirred up.** Pompous Nebuchadnezzar became the Praising God Nebuchadnezzar at the end of the chapter. What these three godly men did was simple, however the impact was huge!

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