

2023
SET YOUR HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE

God's Perfect Gift

1 John 4:7-12

The _____ of the Gift

- God “_____ in His heart” (2 Cor. 9:7)
- God planned His gift from _____ (1 Pet. 1:18-20)

The _____ of the Gift

- God gave with “_____ joy” (2 Cor. 8:2)
- God is the _____ “cheerful giver” (9:7)
- “For the joy that was set before Him, [Jesus] _____ the cross” (Heb. 12:2)

The _____ of the Gift

- God's gift is “lavish” & “_____” (2 Cor. 8:2, 20)
- God's gift “abounds” in “_____” (8:7; 9:6, 8)
- God gave “His _____ begotten Son” (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9)

The _____ of the Gift

- In Jesus' “though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became _____” (8:9)
- The cost to Jesus: “He _____ Himself, taking the form of a servant” (Phil. 2:6-7)

The _____ of the Gift

- Jesus gave “what He _____” (2 Cor. 8:12)
- Jesus “first gave _____” (8:5), and He “gave Himself for our sins” (Gal. 1:4)

The _____ of the Gift

- God's gift demonstrates “the _____ of His love” (2 Cor. 8:8)
- God's gift was absolute “_____ of His love” (8:24)
- God's gift of love unselfishly was seeking _____ very best!

The _____ of the Gift

- Salvation from _____ (Eph. 2:8; 1 John 1:7)
- Abundant Christian _____ (John 10:10; 2 Pet. 1:5-11)
- Eternal life in _____ (John 3:15-16; Rom. 6:23)

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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.

Wednesday

Bible Classes for all ages 6:30 p.m.

ELDERS AND STAFF

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Bible Hour
Ann Thompson

ELDER for Dec. Dale Donaghe
LADIES COMMITTEE for Dec. Ethel Johnson



DECEMBER 10TH, 2023

Order Of Worship

Song Leader: Russell Capshaw

Welcome.....Dale Donaghe

231 Hilltops Of Glory
41 Be Still And Know

Prayer.....Kevin Thompson

325 In Memory Of The Savior's Love

Lord's Supper.....Dale Brand

959 Poured Out Like Wine

Offering.....Bob Murray

216 He Leadeth Me

Scripture Reading.....Dave Gastellum

Morning Service....."God's Perfect Gift"with Roy Senior

207 Hark! The Gentle Voice
595 Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus

Closing Prayer.....Brian Donaghe

Evening Worship.....5 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK	
Dec. 10th	Morning Class @ 9:30 AM Worship @ 10:30 AM Evening Worship @ 5 PM
13th	Evening Service @ 6:30 PM
16th	Men's Breakfast @ Tom's @ 8:30 AM

MONTHLY POTLUCK

Our monthly potluck is next Sunday following morning services. If you have any questions, please see Ethel Johnson. A short devo will directly follow the potluck and conclude our worship for the day.

BRIDGE HOUSE SIGN UPS

There are sign up sheets in the foyer for the meal that is to be served Dec. 23rd. Please take a minute & see how you can help.



THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It is not the weight of things that matters.
It is all about our balance within.

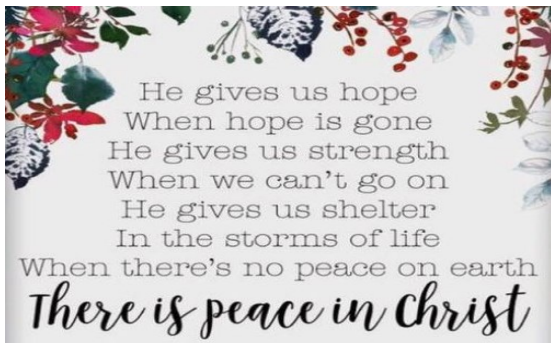
SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ~2Peter 1:5-7

DECEMBER CALENDARS & THOSE WHO SERVE ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE

PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

- Please keep **Buzz House** in your prayers. He had an appt. with his optometrist & is losing vision in one eye. Please pray the doctors are able to get to the root cause & treat it.
- Continued prayers for **Pat Bliss**. Her surgery was postponed due to a cold. Pray that she gets better soon so to have her surgery soon.
- Please keep **Laura Crownover's** brother **Joe** in your prayers. He went to ER dealing with low blood sugar. Also, keep **Ruthie** in your prayers as she waits for approval for her surgery. Finally, healing for **Laura's** back & **everyone suffering with back pain**.
- Ann Thompson** asked for prayers for her friend **Lynn** & her husband **John**. She was coming down with a cold & her husband fell & fractured his hip. Please keep them in your prayers as the work through her illness & his surgery.
- Please keep **Bob & Robin Murray's** daughter-in-law in your prayers. She needs of back surgery. Please keep their son **Bobby & grandkids** in your prayers as well as they wait for approval from insurance.
- Please keep **Janie & Marv** in your prayers. They worshipped in Buellton for many years but moved up north. **Marv** had an angiogram this past week following a possible heart attack. They doctors were able to place a balloon in his artery to open it up a bit. Please keep them both in prayers as they walk through this health issue with **Marv**.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for **the church house being sold**. Prayers that it will be a blessing to the new owners. Continued prayers for the **church building & the work on the roof** that it will go smoothly.



ENCOURAGING WORDS

"The Truth" is a teacher!

More than 60 times in the New Testament the word "**The**" is found before the word "truth," to emphasize the single, absolute and distinctive nature of Divine truth. The plural form of "truths" is never found in Scripture, which again would seem to be God's way of emphasizing the single, absolute and distinctive nature of Divine truth. Let's examine what we can learn about "the truth" from the usage of that expression in the New Testament.

Through the work and guidance of the Holy Spirit, "all the truth" has been given to us in Scripture (**John 16:13**). Knowing that we can trust it, and knowing that we are **not** missing anything God intended for us to have, we must come to Scripture with the utmost respect.

First, consider that there are devastating ways in which man may respond to "the truth." Scripture affirms that "the truth" can be (but should not be) "suppressed," "exchanged for the lie," "rejected," "withheld," "opposed," "turned from" and "lied against" (**Jas. 3:14**). May God help us to never treat "the truth" or act toward "the truth" in these ways!

Even more so, Scripture makes it very clear that "the truth" can and needs to dwell or abide in us. "The truth" can be and needs to be "**heard,**" "**known, "believed" and "obeyed."**" When we respond properly to "the truth," Scripture reveals the power of the single, absolute, and distinctive truth. It "**makes us free,**" "**sanctifies,**" "**purifies**" and "**testifies**" of our faithfulness as we comply (**3 John 12**).

There is much for us to learn from and about "the truth." May we always be reminded that apart from Jesus, who is "the truth" (**John 14:6**), there is no truth! His truth is not relative or multiple choice! **It is absolute and powerful!**

R. Senior