

Announcements

Today

Fellowship Meal SG 2
 No Evening Service
 HHS Band Christmas Concert 3 pm
 at Henrietta High School Auditorium
 Youth Murder Mystery Party 6 pm
 at the building
 Small Groups

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class 10 am

Wednesday

Meal 6 pm
 Class 6:30 pm
 Devo 7 pm

Next Sunday

Small Groups

Wednesday Night
 Meal
 December 18, 2019

Meal: Stew

Cooks: Margaret Sims
 Tommy Sims
 Cleaners: Lura Masters
 Sara Williams
 Dana Garrison
 Desserts: Lura Masters
 Linda Allen
 Dana Garrison
 Katie Butler

Sign-up for January is
 on the foyer table.
 Reminder: Please have
 desserts here by 5:30 pm
 Dinner served at 6:00 pm
 Class begins at 6:30 pm
 Devotional at 7 pm



Chris Davis graduated from
 LCU on Saturday,
 December 14th. Chris will
 be teaching chemistry at
 Lubbock High School in
 the spring of 2020.
 Congratulations Chris, on
 this great accomplishment.

1st - 5th Grade Sunday Morning Bible Class

12/15 - The Wise Men and Jesus'
 Escape to Egypt
 Matthew 2:1-23

Worship Assignments Today

Song Leader: Scott Williams

Lord's Table: Jimmy Anderson, Randel Barnard, Ronnie Davis,
 Paul Landis, Oscar Talley & Joe Williams

Elder of the Month: Jimmy Anderson

Communion Message: Carl Barnhill

Opening Prayer: Gerald Holland

Closing Prayer: Oscar Talley

Scripture: Dan Sheppard

Ushers: Chris Duncan & Tyler Garrison

Nursery: Kaylee Weeks

Power Point & Sermon Recorder: Tera Holland

Laundry: Margaret Sims



- 15 - Fellowship Meal (SG 2)
 Devo. to Follow
 No Evening Service
 HHS Band Christmas
 Concert 3 pm
 Youth - Murder Mystery
 Party 6 pm
 17 - LBC 10
 18 - Meal 6 pm
 22 - Small Groups
 23 - 31 No School
 24 - 27 Office Closed
 24 - No LBC
 Christmas Eve
 25 - No Meal
 No Services
 Christmas
- 29 - Set-up for Sonshine
 House, following am worship
- 30 - Sonshine House 5:30 pm
 31 - No LBC
 New Year's Eve

Sunday Nights

- 12/15/2019 - No Evening
 Service
- 12/22/2019 - Small Groups
- 12/29/2019 - Service Project
 following am worship
 No Evening Service

December Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 20 - Mike & Selinda Taylor
- 21 - BJ & Marty Lowery
- 22 - Dorothy Sanders
- 23 - Madeline Marks
- 27 - Fran Chappell
- 31 - Chad Armstrong
 Lynn & Viki Salmon

Guest Minister Steve Chism

We are excited to have Steve
 here on
Sunday, December 29th
 All Adult Classes
 in the Auditorium

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

**SUNDAY,
 JANUARY 26TH
 SNL**

MORE DETAILS TO COME

Prayer Requests

Sue Callaway, Kirby Whitley, Conkling Family, J.O. Sheppard,
 Gerald Holland, Theo Allen, Marshall Cotton, Harry Webb,
 Khristie Beard, Tommy Allen & Terrell Family

Our Shut-Ins: Bill Wood & Dorothy Sanders

Teach Your Children to Be Givers

It's no secret that we live in a materialistic society. The mainstream media constantly bombards us with advertisements of products that we "need." My generation has perfected the art of "keeping up with the Joneses." In fact, most individuals my age wanted to start their marriages with the same material possessions that it took our parents thirty years to amass. And so, we purchased it all—on credit. We are a generation of consumers and takers. Sadly, this selfishness is now being passed on to future generations, as children want more and more. Holidays such as Christmas are no longer about family and memories, but rather they revolve around commercialism and "things."

Here's what I intend on teaching my children about giving versus taking.

Every Christmas morning since you were born your mother and I have set up a video camera to record the events of the morning. It's one of the ways we have recorded you growing up through the years, as you went from crawling over presents and playing with empty boxes, to running into the room trying to guess exactly what was in each box. One of our joys as parents has been watching you tear open the wrapping paper and seeing your eyes light up as you see what was contained in each package. Having been reared in the United States, you are extremely blessed. You have never experienced poverty or not had something you need. In fact, most of the time you get things you want. But your mother and I worry about what we are teaching you regarding giving versus taking. One of my greatest hopes is that during your lifetime you will learn the joy of giving. Undoubtedly, you will grow up around individuals who surround themselves with "things." But remember, things won't buy happiness. Remember that those "things" can never fill the void in your life as He can. And never forget ultimately who owns everything.

There are literally thousands of individuals who have abandoned the Faith in favor of material possessions. These people are selfish takers. They never learned the art of giving. In the book of Acts, Paul reminded the people of the words Jesus Christ who said "It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35. Never forget this admonition from the Son of God. I pray that as you grow older you will constantly be on the lookout for ways to give to others. The feeling you get inside is like none other. Practice random acts of kindness. Never forget—people are much more valuable than things.

When your mom and I were in Russia, we had the opportunity to visit the "flat" (apartment) of one of the local Christians. They lived a beautiful life, but it was obvious they did not own nearly the material possessions we did. They worked hard just to get by. During our visit, we complimented a picture she had hanging on the wall, and she literally went over and took it off the wall and gave it to us. We tried desperately to tell her no, but she insisted. In the years since, I have forgotten her name but we still have the picture. Her act of kindness has remained in my memory for years. She truly was a giver.

As you mature, you will meet people who place an inordinate amount of attention on material possessions. Their identity is shaped not by who they really are, but rather by what they own. Many people spend years climbing the corporate ladder so that they can buy more "things." These individuals remind us of the Rich Young Ruler who asked Jesus what he needed to do to have eternal life. "Jesus said to him, 'If you want to be perfect, go sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me'" Matthew 19:21. Rather than him ruling his possessions, his possessions ruled him. The Bible tells us he went away sorrowful because he had many possessions.

Be thankful for what God has blessed you with, but never let your material possessions separate you from Jehovah God. Look for ways to share your possessions. Be a giver, not a taker!

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