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Sunday 9:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Tuesday 10:30am

Wednesday 6:30pm

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30am

December 23, 2018

Ungrateful for the Gift

Doug Dingley

In a couple of days, Christmas morning will once again be upon us. Countless children (of all ages) will awaken with excitement and make their way to the tree to finally open the many gifts left there-under for them. Anxious parents and others who have patiently planned, purposed, purchased, put together, poured themselves into, and then packaged and placed so many precious expressions of their love and caring beneath the tree, will also be anxiously awaiting the excited expressions of loving gratitude on the surprised faces of those they have so sought to please...

However, in some cases, a cold, harsh, human reality will soon set in, as so many of those gifts of love – systematically planned and sacrificially purchased with only the best of intentions – will be unceremoniously cast aside, thoughtlessly tossed away, or rapidly returned to the store – totally unwanted, unloved, and unappreciated.

It is one thing to do that with those earthly items that are destined to perish with time (even though sometimes deeply hurting the loving giver in the process). It is quite another thing to do that with the greatest and most infinitely priceless and powerful gift you can ever receive in the entire universe though – hurting and rejecting almighty God and His great love more than you can possibly humanly imagine in the process.

From the Scriptures we understand that God, in His great and eternal love, mercy, and purpose, had a divine plan in place before time began, to give you the greatest of all gifts – eternal life, IN Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 3:8-12; 1 Jn. 5:11-13, 20). Hence, God carefully wrapped His incredible gift in human flesh (Jn 1:14; Heb. 2:14-17), and gladly allowed His greatest of all gifts, to be placed upon – instead of under – a tree... just for you (Isa. 53:4-10; Acts 2:22-24; Gal. 3:13-14). This great gift of God's love even comes with a perfect, priceless, and divinely-inspired instruction book on how to get the absolute best out of life (Psa. 19:7-11)!

However, one difference is that while today's electronic gifts need to be recharged regularly if they are going to work correctly, when we receive God's gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus, it is WE who must be regularly recharged by being plugged into both the Bible and the Lord's church on a daily basis – lest we run out of power and die as well.

So, what are you doing with God's great and priceless gift to you? Have you received it (Rom. 6:1-5)? Have you exchanged it (1 Jn. 2:15-17)? How often do you open the instruction book and study it (Jn. 6:68; Acts 17:11)?

For as many as receive Him... can become children of God (Jn. 1:12)!

Christ-Centered Greetings
Philippians 4 Sermon Series (Part 3)

Tis the Season for Greetings

Philippians 4:21-23

Paul would typically leave a greeting at the end of his writings

- It would appear that his greetings were _____ than a simple salutation

1. Encourage the _____

2. Push the _____

3. Show a _____ in Christ

Encouragement...

- GREET someone that you _____
- GREET each other _____

“Which of these...proved to be a Neighbor?”
Questions Jesus Asked
Luke 10

The _____:

“And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the _____, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’” (10:25)

The _____:

“And He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?’ And he answered, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’” (10:26-27)

The _____:

“But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’” (10:29)

The _____:

(10:30-35)

The _____:

“Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ hands?” (10:36)

The _____:

“And he said, ‘The one who showed mercy toward him.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do the same.’” (10:37)

Things to notice:

1. I cannot inherit eternal life without _____.

2. I may _____ some, and still miss eternal life.

FOUNDATIONS

Youth Winter Retreat (6th-12th Grades)

Fort Parker - Mexia, TX

January 18th-20th

**** Registration & money due to Brandon by January 6th ****

Wednesday Night Classes - Winter Quarter

Men's Class Prayer Psalms from David

12/26	Singing Devotional in Outreach Center
1/2	Combined Devotional in Auditorium
1/9,16 - Billy Roughton	Ps. 28 – Rejoicing in Answered Prayer
1/23, 30 - Tim Cooke	Ps. 39 – Prayer of Wisdom & Forgiveness
2/6, 13 - David Mahoney	Ps. 51 – Prayer of Repentance
2/20, 27 - Brandon Watson	Ps. 86 – Prayer for Mercy

Women's Class Pictures from the Passage... A Portrait of God

1/9	Lanette Stewart	The God at the Red Sea
1/16	Donna Drain	The God of the Land of Canaan
1/23	Rachel Williams	The God at Bathsheba's Bath
1/30	Whitney Watson	The God and the Widow's Mite
2/6	Donna Drain	The God at the Cross
2/13	Whitney Watson	The God at Galilee
2/20	Lanette Stewart	The God in the Church
2/27	Donna Drain	The God at Judgment

WesthillWORKS!

Community Outreach

Benevolence Program
Habitat for Humanity
Food for Fitness

Local Missions

Cherokee Children's Home
In Search of the Lord's Way
Bear Valley Bible Institute
Brown Trail Spanish Preaching
The Truth in Love ttil.tv
WVBS school.wvbs.org
La Poynor Prison Ministry

Foreign Missions

India Preacher Training Program
New Zealand Harvest Missions

Deacons

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Shepherds

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Paul Stewart - 903.872.3464
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Ministers

Anthony Warnes - 430.775.0196 (Pulpit)
Brandon Watson - 903.771.6359 (Family)
Tim Cooke - 903.641.5515 (Seniors)

Staff

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

Prayer List

Faith Beamon needs our continued prayers while she is recovering from her accident.

Bobby Compton has returned home from the hospital, but he is not up for visits yet.

Jan Ross is recovering from an outpatient procedure performed on Friday.

Bobbie Roberts friend, Teresa Cagle Jenkins is having serious heart problems and needs prayer.

Randy Daw, minister at Creekside church in Greenville, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He is currently in Medical City Plano undergoing tests & determining course of action.

Continue to Remember: Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, David Brown, Ruth Ann Watson, Trey Billingsly, Debra Woodcock, Pat Wheat, Helen Simpson, Aubrey Parrish, Hagan Webster, & James Welch

Announcements

Sun. 12/23 - KFC Carolling at 1pm.

Wed. 12/26 - Combined Singing Service in Outreach Center.

Sun. 12/30 - Normal Worship Schedule for morning and evening services.

Wed. 1/2 - Singing/Devotional in the Auditorium.

Youth Winter Retreat - turn in **registration by 1/6**

Lads to Leaders - turn in **registration by 1/6**

Couples Retreat for married Westhill members.

When: Fri. 2/1 - Sat. 2/2

Where: Holiday Inn Express in Allen, TX

Cost: Hotel room about \$110 and own travel.

Need:

* Let Brandon know if you plan to attend by texting him at 903.771.6359.

* You must call 972.272.2000 and reserve your own room at the Holiday Inn Express Suites in Allen, Tx, by January 7, 2019. Tell them you are reserving with the Westhill church of Christ.

Birthdays This Week

December 23 - Kate Haden

December 24 - Steely Southard

December 25 - Eugenia Southard

December 26 - Keller Southard

December 27 - Barbara Gould & Jennifer Sosa

December 28 - Melba Bower

December 29 - London Olsen & Greg Olsen

Next Week:

Bible Class *The Life of the Apostle Paul*

AM Sermon *Christ-Centered Dwellings*

PM Sermon *Who Has Given Thanks?*

Records for December 16, 2018

Bible Class	202
AM Worship.....	263
PM Worship.....	161
Wednesday.....	165
Contribution	\$9,880.25

Military: Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, & Ryan Stewart

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	Brandon Watson
Opening Prayer	Mark McWherter
Communion Leader	Joe Glass
Communion Servers	
Dale Hill	Robby Thomas
Phil Pillans	Jose Sosa Jr.
Josh Newman	Darrell Olsen
Eric Olsen	Casey Hendrix
David Shastid	Percell Milton
Scott Barham	Ken Greem
Scripture Reading	David Baumgartner
Closing Prayer	Jimmy Horn
Nursery	Charlotte Weaver & Tatum Briggs
PM Song Leader	James Horn
PM Opening Prayer	George Schmidt
PM Closing Prayer	Paul Ross
Wed. Song Leader	Singing Service
Wed. Invitation	Anthony Warnes
December Contact Elder	Darwin Thomas