



MIDWEEK UPDATE

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

A Message From Jeff...

WHERE IS YOUR FOCUS?

Our Faith Promise Message Series **"TOO MUCH"** began last Sunday. If you didn't receive a Faith Promise mailing last week, be sure you pick up a letter at the Welcome Center. We had a good response to the book Too Much and have more books on hand. Be sure to be reading through this helpful supplement to our messages this month.

November is a month for practicing "the attitude of Gratitude." Instead of allowing your thoughts to focus on what you don't have or what you wish you had, pause to focus on what you do have and be sure to appreciate all the ways that God has blessed you.

"Two men stood behind prison bars--One saw mud, the other stars."

This month do you need to re-focus and check your outlook, or perhaps your *uplook*?

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts **on things above**, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds **on things above**, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:1, 2

Love,

Jeff

Upcoming Messages:

TOO MUCH...Living with **Less** in the Land of **More**

Can't sleep? Stressed-out? Could money problems be at fault? Living free of financial chaos results when we learn to live with **less** in this land of **more**. When we live by Biblical money principles, we turn a real profit. Profits aren't always measured in dollars and buying power.

A valuable return can be the return of health and happiness in marriage, family, and relationships, along with less worry and stress. Valuable returns include having minimal or no debt, ample cash reserves, and a commitment to God-honoring generosity.

Nov. 5 **The Practice of Debt-Free Living**

Nov. 12 **The Practice of Saving**

Nov. 19 **The Practice of Giving**

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MUCH



LIVING WITH **LESS**
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**FAITH
PROMISE**

(Recommended reading resource book-Too Much by Gary L. Johnson)

Prayers & Praises:

Kelsee Lainhart—continued recovery (Toni Cleary)
J.R. Richards—back trouble (Denise Richards)
Peggy Riggs—recovering (Denise Richards)
Pearl Klusman—fell, broke hip
Ron Elliott—pain (Diana Schutte)
Family of Brandon Barks (Irene Osborn)
Co-worker lost brother (LuEttie Harrison)
Clay Montang—eye lens implant 11/14 & heart procedure 11/29

You may pick up a list of prayers & praises at the Welcome Center each Sunday—outlining the previous weeks prayer concerns

Announcements:

Faith Promise Commitment Sunday, November 19

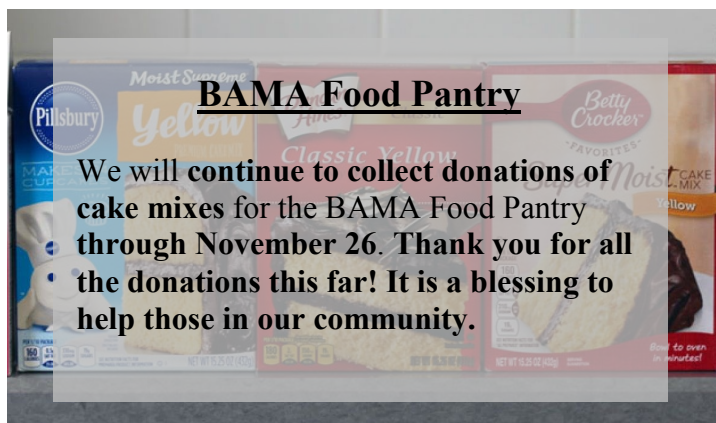
In the next weeks during our Faith Promise emphasis, we will focus on the Bible teachings about our attitude toward our money and our things. These practices of how to better manage our finances, will strengthen families, and prepare us as we make our Faith Promise commitments for 2024. Our theme, **“Too Much...Living with Less in the Land of More”** will teach us practices, that when applied, will lead to financial peace in our lives.

A **“Faith Promise Commitment”** is a prayerfully-arrived-at decision of how much of one’s income to give back to the Lord’s work. It is a sacrificial amount beyond what one can “safely” afford to give. It is a faith covenant with God, committing beyond what one can see to give, with the understanding that God is to provide the funds as we step toward Him in faith.

If a family or individual has determined to tithe its income and give God \$5,000 in the coming year, they might consider increasing their Faith Promise commitment to \$5,600 for the year seeking to rely on God to provide and enable giving the additional \$600 that constitutes a step of faith beyond what can be tangibly afforded to give.

You stand to gain the most when you make a Faith Promise. A card is enclosed on which you will be asked to state your commitment. This is done confidentially. You need not sign your name. For the next few weeks, please place the card in a place where you will see it often. **Pray earnestly that God will lead you in your decision, then on November 19, Faith Promise Commitment Sunday, these cards will be received during our worship services.**

“Faith Promise” is a time of personal soul-searching as we each ask, **“Lord, what would You have me give to Your work at BCC in 2024?”** It is a time of heightening our vision as we consider what God can do through us in Batesville, in the surrounding communities, and around the world. **Be praying for this time of spiritual growth as individuals and as a church family.**



CPR Class

The Decatur County Memorial Hospital is offering **CPR/AED certification class on November 27 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.** If you are interested in attending, please contact **Alisha** no later than November 20.



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