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How Giving Makes You Joyful, Philippians 4

Philippians 4:10-20 The Philippian Christians had learned the secret of joyful, liberal financial giving.

1. Giving makes us joyful because it revives our concern (v. 10).

The word renewed in verse 10 pictures something that was dead now coming to life. The word pictures a tree that is barren in the winter, but when spring comes, the tree blossoms with new shoots and flowers. Giving takes the focus off ourselves and puts it onto someone or something else.

A rich man sought help from a wise counselor. The counselor led the man to a window in his office that overlooked the street below. "Tell me, what you see." The man said, "I see people." The counselor then led the man to a mirror and said, "Tell me what you see." The man said, "I see myself." The counselor explained that a mirror is a piece of glass that has been covered with silver. "As soon as a little silver is added you cease to see others and you see only yourself."

2. Giving makes us joyful because it teaches us contentment (v. 11).

Paul did not want this church to think that his joy rested on whether he had money. Paul had learned to be satisfied with whatever he had. Paul believed that whether you were naked or clothed, hungry or filled, rich or poor, if you had the Lord in your life, you had everything you needed.

An elderly man, who had learned to live off little, watched as his new neighbor moved in one day. After all kinds of modern appliances, electronic gadgets, and expensive furniture, were carried into the man's house, the older man called over the fence and said, "If you find you are lacking anything, neighbor, let me know, and I will show you how to live without it."

3. Giving makes us joyful because it allows us to become partners in ministry (v. 14).

The word share is the same word often translated as "fellowship." It means we are in partnership with God. Each time we give to the Lord's work, we partner with other Christians and God's work. Southern Baptists recognize the importance of partnering with one another. We do this through the Cooperative Program.

I shopped for a Christmas gift recently. A salesperson said to me, "Just make sure you get the biggest bang for your buck." When all of our members give together we all "get a Big Bang for our Buck".

4. Giving makes us joyful because it pays spiritual dividends (vv. 17-18).

Giving blesses the one who gives more than the one who receives the gift. The phrase "credited to your account" implies that giving to the Lord is like investing in kingdom matters. Kingdom work pays spiritual dividends. Giving from the right motives and for the right reasons becomes an act of worship and devotion to God.

5. Giving makes us joyful because it grows our faith in God (v. 19).

Paul gave them a great promise to stand upon and he encourages us to take the step of faith and to give, trusting God to meet our needs.

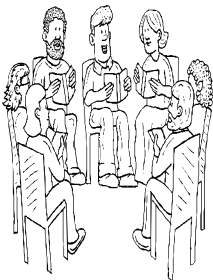
Joe Trull told of a primitive tribe located in the South American jungles. Anthropologists learned that the most important role within the tribe was the "keeper of the flame." Fire is a precious commodity to this tribe, and one member of the tribe is entrusted with the responsibility of keeping the flame alive. During the night, the flame-keeper adds wood to the fire. His task is vital.

As we give this winter to our "CARPET FUND" we keep our flame alive. Let's Finish the Job!

**To receive Jesus as Savior: A.B.C.
Admit, Believe, Confess...**

Dear Lord,
I have sinned and I am in need of Your forgiveness. I confess my sins to You now... I believe that You died on the cross and rose from the dead. Please forgive me and come into my heart and save me. I trust YOU NOW as my Savior. Thank You for saving me.

Community Group Meetings



T.O.P.S (Dieting)
Mondays 2:30-4:00
Gideon's Meeting
3rd. Thurs. 6:30 P.M.

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor	Dr. Kevin Ahrens 214-4352
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2011 "Walking by Faith" Fundraiser
for our Sanctuary Carpet
We can ALL give something!

2 Great Super Senior Saints. Parties



Ageless Birthday Party
Saturday January 15 @ 5:00pm
Contests Best cake & Best decorated Table
Menu : "Tour of Italy"
Bring your best Italian Meal



Womanless Wedding
Saturday February 19 @ 5:00pm
All - 50th. Anniversaries Celebrated
Menu : "Wedding Cake & Punch"

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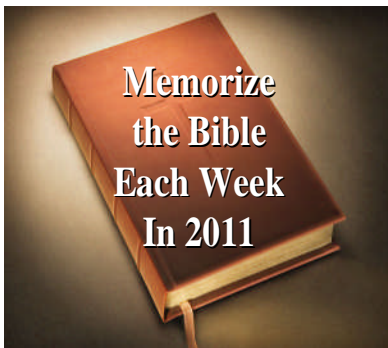
11:00 a.m. Sunday Services: *What do we Baptists believe?*

An overview of the “Baptist Faith and Message”

6:00 p.m. Sunday Services: *The “Chosen Twelve”*

Who were the 12 Apostles and what did they do?

6:15 p.m. Wednesday Services: Verse by Verse Bible study of the
Book of Revelation



Each week a different passage of Scripture we will ALL memorize

We will begin each Sunday school class and all of our services with this Bible Passage.

Psalm 119:11 says “Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.” 2011 the Year of God’s Word

We are GROWING:
Begin:
Simultaneous Service
in January
Members Move
Forward Please

NEW SERVICE - SAME TIME

Begins January 2nd

Meeting in Family Life Center @11:00

Relaxed atmosphere

Special Coffees and Danish Served

Same Service - Same Music - Same Message

Different Location - Different Atmosphere



Give Blood

Blood Mobile will be here Wednesday Jan.5th
@4:30pm in parking lot by F.L.C.



The Gideons International

Gideon’s Bible Distribution

Sunday January 23rd. @11:00am

Give the gift that keeps on giving

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAYS

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship,
Extended Session, and
Children's Church
6:00 PM Evening Worship

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM Family Fellowship Dinner
6:15 PM Wednesday Night Alive!
*Children: Crafts, Recreation, Music and Missions
Study. Youth: Recreation, Fellowship, Bible Study.
Adults: Small Group Studies.*
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
Church Business Meeting every 3rd Wed of Month
7:30 PM Choir Practice



*For by grace you have
been saved through
faith, and that not of
yourselves, it is the gift
of God, not of works,
lest anyone should
boast.”
Ephesians 2:8-9*

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