

We love sharing the truth of God's Word!

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> 2021 VISION "SEEK THE LORD"

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Christ Came, Died, was Buried, Resurrected, & will Return Sunday 11am Worship Sun. 6pm Zoom Bible Study Wed. 7pm Zoom Bible Study

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WHAT IS YOUR PRIZED POSSESSION?

What do you prize more than anything in this world? Is it a job? You finally got the job of your dreams. Is it a son or daughter, or maybe, is it a grand baby? (I may be guilty in that example!) Is it the money you have saved for retirement? We all need to make wise choices with what God has blessed us with. Is it our education? Do you still have your letter sweater, trophies, and medals that you earned in high school? We all have our treasures, but we should never put them in front of our God. They are blessings *from* God. Do you realize just how special you are to God?

The Lord your God commands you this day to follow these decrees and laws; carefully observe them with all of your heart and with all of your soul. You have declared this day that the Lord is your God and that you will walk in His ways, that you will keep His decrees, commands, and laws, and that you will obey Him. And the Lord has declared this day that you are His people, His PRIZED POSSESSION. He has declared that He will set you in praise, fame, and honor high above all the nations He has made that you will be a people Holy to the Lord your God, as He promised. Deut. 26: 16-19

Brothers and Sisters, we serve a Great God; we are His prized possession! The God who made the heaven and the earth; the God who made everything, including sunrises, sunsets, the oceans, flora, and fauna calls all those things "good", but WE are His prized possession. God sends flowers and songs to you each day through nature. If he had a refrigerator your picture would be on it. Many times, we want to put our own accomplishments in front of our

God. We soon find out, most of these things we think are important, are just temporary pleasures. Put your trust in the Lord and use his blessings to his glory.

Bill, for the elders





Have you had something traumatic happen to you – something that deeply damaged your usual cheery disposition? What follows is the best advice I could give you.

At 3 years of age, children start to experience their "inner voice" as they learn to integrate thought with language. However, when we are baptized into Christ, we start the process of exchanging our inner thoughts for His thoughts.

Psalm 139:17-18 teach us that God was always on David's mind. "How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you" (ESV). Can we say the same? Additionally, Paul the Apostle instructed the church at Colossae to "set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (Col.3:2 ESV).

When we exchange the negative inner script for the awesome mind of God, we will see His will being done, on earth as it is in heaven and our lives overflowing with blessings too numerous to contemplate.

As it is, however, many Christians walk around bitterly fixated on deep hurts of their past or extremely anxious about a presumed treacherous future.

Friend, might I suggest that you stop being "conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of

your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2 ESV).



FASTING (PART 1) Robert Murphy

Last week, I mentioned how we need to be disciplined in order to grow as disciples of Christ. One of the ways we can become more disciplined in our walk with Christ is by fasting. Thankfully, intermittent fasting is one of the more recent dieting trends, so many people are becoming more aware of fasting and its physical benefits. However, this article is not focused on the physical benefits of fasting. Rather, this brief introduction will focus on the spiritual benefits.

Why fast? How can being physically hungry benefit you spiritually? One reason is because the New Testament shows us that Jesus and the early church fasted. While Jesus never explicitly commands his disciples to fast, he refers to that it will be a part of their lives (Matt 17:21; Mark 2:20). Paul and the apostles fasted on important occasions, such as before the first missionary journey (Acts 13:2, 3) and at the appointment of elders (Acts 14:23). Therefore, by fasting, we are restoring New Testament Christianity in the 21st century.

Another reason we ought to fast is to protect ourselves from the consumerist culture in which we live. Most of American culture hates being hungry. We love to feast on delicious foods and stuff ourselves full of delectable meals. We hardly know what it feels like to go without eating for 12 hours. While eating delicious food is not a sin, we often lack restraint when it comes to eating (myself included!). Therefore, taking a break from eating can help us to practice self-control and experience that fruit of the spirit.

A final reason for fasting is that when we fast, we recognize our dependence on God and our own frailty. Whenever you go without eating and the hunger pangs kick in, you recognize in that moment how much you depend upon food for your own happiness. These pangs can serve as a reminder to you of how much you need to hunger and thirst for God, how you need to live by his word rather than by food alone (Deut. 8:3), and how frail our happiness really is. After practicing fasting for a consistent amount of time, your commitment to God will grow along with your discipline and self-control when you are tempted.

While there are several more spiritual advantages, these are the major ones that I have discovered. Next week, I will discuss a few practical ways you can start practicing fasting in an effective and spiritual manner. Thus, I will leave you with this final question: Are you hungering for a fast?

DESIGNED FOR A PURPOSE Andrew Ellis

One of my favorite things to do at a sporting goods store is to look at baseball gloves. What makes baseball gloves unique is that there are different types of gloves to choose. Each glove serves a purpose. A catcher uses a glove that can withstand the impact of catching baseballs thrown at a high velocity. A first baseman uses a glove that can help scoop baseballs thrown lower to the ground. An infielder tends to use a smaller glove to remove the ball quickly. An outfielder uses a larger glove to increase the chances of catching a fly ball. While there are differences with baseball gloves, they are similar in that they ultimately serve a purpose.

Each of us is like a baseball glove. We may have similarities, but we are different. We have differing talents we use to help the church grow. Some people are better

Potter Children's Home & Family Ministries



Pantry Shopping List

Chili Seasoning Packets Chocolate Pop Tarts Cream of Mushroom Soup Kitchen Trash Bags Magic Erasers

Pantry Items will be picked up the week of: April 18, 2021 teachers, builders, and speakers. No matter the abilities we possess, we use those to fulfill a purpose.

Let us look at the book of Romans. Romans 12:4-8 says, "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."

We should embrace the talents that make us unique. We should work with the skills we have to grow the church.

WE REJOICE WITH THE ANGELS!

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News, Notes & Announcements..

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Plans are underway to resume Sunday morning Bible classes. There will be one adult class and a couple for the kids split into two age groups. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Steve Proctor.

SUNDAY AM SERMON:

OPPORTUNITY'S DOORS LUKE 16:19-31

1. THE C_____ DOORS

- EITHER ME, MINE, OURS DOOR, LUKE 16:19
- OR SERVICE ABOVE SELF DOOR, LUKE 16:20-21
- 2. THE G_____ DOORS
- GROWING TOWARDS H____, LUKE 16:22
- GROWING TOWARDS H____, LUKE 16:22-23
- 3. THE C_____ DOORS
- PLACE OUR BODIES IN S_____ DAILY, LUKE 16:24-26
- PLACE OUR BODIES IN E_____ DAILY, LUKE 16:27-31

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00 Over/Under: +\$4,341.28 Feb 14, 2020-\$5,590.24 Feb 28, 2021-\$11,990.04 YTD AVG - \$5,249.13

Feb 21, 2020-\$4,290.00 Mar 07, 2020-\$5,409.00

Upcoming Events

April 2-4

Lads to Leaders Convention

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<u>Summit's Prayer List</u>

Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs – Encourage someone today!

Ashley Thompson Taking medication for blood clots in her leg Raye Arroyos (Melissa's mom) Recovering from a stroke and broken ribs

Robin Herald Has pneumonia; seeing a lung specialist

Cancer

- Bev (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer
- Dan Read (Dan McNeese's friend) Cancer is stable
- Dave Hammer, Jr (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable
- Dorothy Whorley (friend of Sharon Hammer's son) Radiation
- Jamie (Steve Proctor's co-worker) Cancer recurrence
- Shellee Jenkins (Melissa Denham's cousin) Chemo treatments
- Tylene Clark (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Cancer recurrence

COVID

- Cheryl Stockton (Rosy Gray's mom) Recovery is going slowly
- Debbie Glenn (Sharon Hammer's friend) Showing improvement
- Linda Jones (Rosy Gray's aunt) Recovery is slow

Long-term Needs

- Dan McNeese-pray for a full recovery
- Daniel Skinner (Amanda Robinson's brother) Out of rehab soon
- Dennis Ratliff (Sheryl Herald's friend) Awaiting surgery for liver disease
- Joey Adams-needs a suitable group home
- Julie Skinner (Amanda Robinson's mom) Struggling with caring for her parents who have dementia

- Kerri Herald-pray for her ability to be independent
- Mandy (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce
- Peggy Holt-recovering from a stroke
- Stephanie Gilliam (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure
- Tom Smith (former Summit preacher) Recovering at home

Shut-In Members

- Clara Downard
- Dana Fuller
- Shirley Holt

World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 140 active students & 11 active teachers

Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission Neville Buchanan-counseling work For our country and our leaders For our members to grow in the Word **Our Community's lost souls Summit's planning efforts for the future** Summit Family-greater love for one anot

Summit Family-greater love for one another Summit's Deacons-encouragement in service Summit's Elders-wisdom & love for the flock Summit's Seniors-faithfulness & mentoring Summit's Teachers-thankful for our teachers



