



We love sharing the truth of God's Word!

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Summit

Church of Christ

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*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,
Resurrected, & will Return*

Sunday 10am Bible Study

Sunday 11am Worship

Sun. 6pm Bible Study & Devotional

Wednesday 7pm Bible Study

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BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

Andrew Ellis

Like many reading this, I truly enjoy this time of year. There are many things I take joy in participating in each year. There are traditions around this time of year I truly enjoy. But, of all the customs, one stands above all others. What brings me the most elation is buying and giving Christmas presents to others. I enjoy giving others gifts for Christmas rather than receiving them. I remember some unique gifts I received as a kid. While those are memories I will carry with me for the rest of my life, the joy and excitement I see from others when they open their Christmas gifts are fantastic. Around this time of year, we will see many acts of kindness for others. There will be toy drives, Christmas caroling, and many other shows done to spread joy. I see these as opportunities. Opportunities to spread holiday joy, but to spread God's love to others and show others an example of a Christ-like life.

This time of year, can be busy. Each of us is making holiday plans of our own. We must travel, purchase gifts, prepare food, prepare our homes for visiting family, etc. Because of our busy schedules, it can be easy to overlook the opportunities before us.

While all of us will have plans for Christmas, it is essential to not only remember others during this time of year. To do what we can to serve others and give back what we can. **Hebrews 13:16** says, ***"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."*** **2 Corinthians 9:7** says, ***"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."***

Whether we realize it or not, we are blessed with so much. Around this time of year, we have unique opportunities. Opportunities to enrich the lives of others while showing God's love. Each of us can offer something to others, whether great or small. What will we do with the opportunities placed in front of us?



From Neville's Desk...

AM I FOLLOWING JESUS?

How many Christians really follow Jesus? Let us interview Peter, the Apostle, and see what he would say.

Peter, could you please tell us what it means to follow Jesus Christ? For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps (1 Peter 2:21 ESV).

Oh, wow! So, you are saying if I am following in His steps, I would be suffering for Jesus Christ. Isn't that a bit harsh? Can you tell us more specifically what Jesus would say this "suffering" entails? "...sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have

treasure in heaven; and come, follow me (Mt.19:21 ESV)."

Are you serious? Tell me Peter, how did you react when you heard those words?

When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have" (Mt.19:25-27ESV)?

Friend, are you following Jesus? Please consider making 2023 the year that you start becoming like the radical Suffering Servant, Jesus Christ.



OUTSIDE THE CAMP

Robert Murphy

Rachel and I have recently started watching the show *Alone*. It is a show where 10 people are to survive as long as possible in the wilderness with only 10 items. They are their own camera crew and have no human contact during the duration of their time in the wilderness. Away from civilization and human contact, the contestants are constantly under the threat of being eaten by bears, starving to death, and they must endure the discomfort of the harsh weather. *Alone* will make you thankful for all the modern conveniences you take for granted and show you how blessed you are to live in a community, to have a house with AC and an abundant food supply.

The author of Hebrews, as he nears the end of his book, exhorts Christians to emulate Jesus, "Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach." (13:12-13; LSB). Jesus' departure outside the gates in 13:12 is a reference to his death on the cross outside of Jerusalem. The

author then takes Jesus' departure in a symbolic sense: to go outside the city is to leave the "camp" of this world. Thus, Christians emulate Christ by dissociating themselves from society and bearing his reproach by leaving the camp, which represents this world's values.

Yet, just like in the show *Alone*, going out into the wilderness is extremely unpleasant. We do not get to enjoy all the pleasures of dwelling in civilization. We will have to renounce many "privileges" that others get to enjoy, like amassing wealth, living any way they want, and having no responsibility to God. Yet, if Jesus was willing to leave heaven to enter the chaotic wilderness of this world; if Jesus was willing to descend the Mount of Transfiguration to journey to Jerusalem where he would be mocked and ridiculed; if Jesus was willing to depart from the city to suffer and die for us, so also, we must be willing to leave the comforts of this world to endure the hardships of the wilderness. For it is in the wilderness where we find our salvation and sin offering (Heb 13:11-12). We must have faith that God will turn this wilderness into an abundant garden, that he can make water flow from stones and nourishment to fall from the sky.

News, Notes & Announcements...



MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY

Please join us. Everyone is welcome!

CHRISTMAS CARD FILE BOX

If you are planning to send out Christmas cards to other members, just place them in the hanging file labeled with the family name in the file box in the lobby— no postage necessary.

HEAD START CHRISTMAS

All 24 students have been “adopted”! Many thanks to everyone.

Assignment sheets are on the bulletin board if you need to check **your child's information. Gifts for Butler students are due by Wed., Dec. 7th, and Dayton gifts are due on Sunday, Dec. 11th.**

SENIORS LUNCH

The seniors are meeting for lunch this Wednesday, December 7th, 12:30pm at the **Bob Evan's in Cold Spring**. Please let Sheryl Herald know if you plan to attend.

TEEN HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 17th, 4-7pm **at the Baloglou's**. All middle and high school students welcome. Games and pizza provided. Bring a snack or dessert to share if you want.

LADS TO LEADERS MENTORS

We are looking for a few mentors to help guide some of our students in different areas for lads to leaders. If you have any level of interest or expertise in the topics below, please consider! It makes a big difference for these kids to have adults outside of their parents in the church they know well and can relate to. The following areas are

looking for mentors:

- *Speech (may include help with writing and presentation skills)
 - *Songs of Praise (girls)
 - *Song Leading
 - *Centurion of Scriptures (listening to scriptures they've memorized)
 - *Mass Communication: Blogging, Podcast, Power Point
 - *Banner (helping the group plan and execute a Banner theme)
 - *Good Samaritan (helping students plan service hours and verifying)
- Please let Cori Fuller know if you can help with any of the above.

2023 COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

BIBLES TO SIGN

Please stop by the table in the lobby to sign the Bibles of those recently baptized.

Summit's Prayer List

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

Bettie Courtney & Family **Bettie's mom, Elizabeth Grow, passed** away Thursday morning, funeral is tomorrow

Billie Rogers Emerald Trace for rehab

Carson Herald His wrist is in a cast

Colleen Menetrey (**Greg Sr's sister**) In the hospital with pneumonia, started chemo

Evie Smith (**Sheryl's mom**) In Carmel Manor for rehab

Jeannette Maxey Recovering from covid

Jeff Brown Will have another vertigo treatment this week

Jerry Gorman First surgery to fix the blockages in his neck rescheduled

Lamar Tackett (friend of Denhams) Fell and has a serious open fracture, scans also revealed spot on kidney

Linda Picklesimer (**Jeannette's mom**) Recovering from covid

Lynn Clark (**Ann Young's friend**) Shingles

Morgan Proctor Arm is healing nicely, started physical therapy

RJ Dumlao & Emily Both recovering from covid

Sharon Hammer Recovering from covid

Sloane Herald (**Billy's granddaughter**) Pneumonia

Cancer

• Dave Hammer Jr.

• Ethan Judy (Friend of Fullers)

• Jazairy (Friend of Rieras)

• Julie Harlow

• Kandi Horn (Friend of Candy Proctor)

• Marva Herald (Friend of Buchanans)

• Rob Feldman (friend of Heralds) Radiation and chemo

• Vielka Bonaga (Dalys' sister) Getting better

Long-term Needs

• Evon Herald— Onset of dementia

• Joey Adams- Needs a suitable group home

• Kerri Herald- Pray for her ability to be independent as an adult

• Lon Schindler (Hammer family friend) Second liver transplant

• Parker Webster— Juvenile diabetes, sugars finally stabilized

• Raye Arroyos (Melissa Denham's mom)

• Ruthann Taylor

• Stephanie Gilliam (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure

Shut-In Members

• Dana Fuller

• Lloyd Eastham

• Peggy Holt

• Thelma Rachford— Carmel Manor, room 1015

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



~ Order of Worship ~

Song Leader: Steve Proctor

Call to Worship: *He Has Made Me Glad*

Hymn: *Days of Elijah*

Opening Prayer: Michael Braswell

Hymn #4 *To God Be the Glory*

Hymn #354 *I Gave My Life for Thee*

Lord's Supper: Andrew Ellis

Offering: Luke 6:38

Hymn #470 *Victory in Jesus*

Scripture Reading: Eli Painter

Message: Robert Murphy

Invitation Hymn #662 *I Surrender All*

Closing Prayer Billy Herald

SERMON NOTES:

MATTHEW 2:1-12

~ Wed., Dec. 7th Service Leaders ~

Song Leader - Robert Murphy

Opening Prayer - Jacob Doerr

Speaker - Steve Proctor

~ For the Record ~

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 4

Wednesday, Dec. 7

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Sunday, Dec. 11

Saturday, Dec. 17

Monthly Fellowship Meal

Seniors Lunch, 12:30pm

Butler HeadStart Gifts Due

Dayton HS Gifts Due

Teen Holiday Party

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, January 21

February 24-26

Chili Cook-off

CYC in Pigeon Forge

Attendance

Class

AM

Wed

Nov. 06, 2022

88

132

45

Nov. 13, 2022

77

128

41

Nov. 20, 2022

83

133

25

Nov. 27, 2022

89

131

40

YTD AVG Attendance

128

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,876.00

YTD AVG - \$5,008.00

Over/Under: +\$6,332.00

Nov. 06, 2022-\$7,937.00

Nov. 13, 2022-\$6,295.00

Nov. 20, 2022-\$2,820.00

Nov. 27, 2022-\$5,539.00

Serving the Nursery

12/04—Douwene and Sarah Watts

12/11—Nancy and Ashley Brown

12/18—Stephanie and Aubri, Alexa Painter

12/25—Bettie Courtney and Deb Martin

Communion Preparation

December—Sharon Hammer



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER 4TH—10TH

STEVE EASTHAM

4TH

KANE BROWN

5TH

SHERYL HERALD

7TH

DAVE CARNES

9TH

COLTON BROWN

10TH

JULIA MENETREY

10TH