

GIFTS

Christmas has come and gone for 2024 and as we round the corner for New Year's, I hope you have had a great Christmas and enjoyed all its festivities. I am always a little sad to see the Christmas season pass. It always seems as though people are a little bit happier this time of the year. I think one of the biggest reasons for that is because of the opportunity to give gifts to people we care about. There aren't many times throughout the year that we have the chance to give gifts to those we love. There is no greater feeling than to see the face of someone light up as they open a present that you picked out for them. The very act of giving gifts truly shows our generosity and love for one another, and that love brings forth happiness in ourselves as well as the receiver. But why is it that we only seem to give out gifts during this time of the year?

As Christians, we need to be actively looking for ways to be giving gifts to others all year long. Not only physical gifts, but the gifts that God has blessed us with as well. Hebrews 13:16 says, "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." It is so easy for us to get wrapped up in the seasons and simply go with the traditions, but we must make sure that we take the time to be cheerful givers throughout the year as well. There is a great example of this kind of heart found in Acts 9:36-43. It is here where we read of a woman named Tabitha, but she is better known as Dorcas. We don't know much about her, but what we learn from these few passages tell us a lot about her character.

Dorcas was a disciple of Christ who had become sick and passed away. Some of the other disciples of Christ heard that Peter was nearby and sent for him to come to the house where they had laid her. When Peter arrives, he finds widows weeping and mourning the loss of their dear friend. **Acts 9:40-42** tells us, "But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord."

Of course, I would imagine anyone who had died and was brought back to life would cause quite a stir, but what was it about Dorcas that caused her resurrection from the dead to cause many to come to Christ? Well, it was because of her love for others and what she did for those around her. **Acts 9:36** tells us "She was full of good works and acts of charity." and in

verse **39**, when all the widows were weeping around her, we read that they showed Peter the "tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them." It was because she had a giving heart and reflected Christ in her life that made such an impact to those around her and caused others to come to Christ.


As we strive to be the New Testament church that Christ died for, we often spend a lot of time making sure that our worship properly reflects the pattern laid out for us by Jesus and the Apostles, and rightfully so. However, we shouldn't forget to reflect the pattern laid out for us of their hearts as well. **1 John 3:16-19** says, "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;"

With this in mind, and with the new year coming shortly, I would like to encourage you to make a "new year's resolution", and that resolution would be for each one of us to develop a new habit for ourselves, or continue to build on a habit that we have already been working on. Let us seek out and make opportunities to reflect the love of Christ to one another and to those who are in our lives that are lost in sin. Whether it be a loved one, a friend or neighbor, or a stranger. Let us strive to seek out how we can be a blessing for them. Because if we can reflect the heart of Christ and His disciples more each day, imagine how many others would believe in the Lord. The best thing is that we know this kind of effort is effective in bringing souls to Christ. Not only do we have the example of Dorcas, but Jesus tells us in **Matthew 5:16** to "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." **Andrew Spivey**

RECYCLE CARDS

If you have old Christmas cards and would like to donate them, please give them to **Melanie McCreary**. Melanie gives the cards to a lady who repurposes them to recreate cards for veterans. Thank you.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES Sunday Read – John 5 Wednesday Read – Mark 2:23-3:19

Questions for last week's reading of; 
John chapters 4 & 5:1-11; Luke 4:16-30

Questions:

1. Why were the people astonished when Jesus taught in the synagogue?
2. Why did Jesus get up before dawn?
3. When the four men who carried the man who was paralyzed could not get in the house to see Jesus, what did they do?
4. By healing the paralyzed man, what did Jesus show?
5. Why did Jesus eat with the tax collectors and "sinners"?

UPCOMING EVENTS

** 4:15 Singing class every Sunday*
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm*

Dec. 29 – 5th Sunday Singing/evening service

Jan. 1st – Happy New Year
(church office closed)

Jan. 7th – TNT 6:00 PM
Ladies Bible Class 6:30 PM

Jan. 12-14 – Winter Series with Aaron Gallagher

SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to the family of **Charles Williams** who passed away on Dec.14th. His funeral was held on December 21st in Gallatin. Please keep his wife Jackie, daughter Melissa, Alan & Cassie Bush in your prayers.

Our Love and sympathy for Eric and Diana Stephenson on the passing of Diana's father **Wade Kennedy** on Dec. 19th. The funeral was held in Waco, Texas on Friday, December 27.

Our Love and Sympathy to **Penny Cliburn** on the passing of **Charlie** on Saturday, December 21st. Arrangements were unknown at the time of printing.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Kevin White requested prayers for encouragement on Sunday. **Jim Cherry** also recently requested prayers on his behalf. Please remember these in your prayers.

ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY December 29, 2024 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Scripture Reading.....Jon David Senn
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....David Johnson
Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry
Servers.....K. Veale, M. Lyle, R. Buck
C. Nelsen, J. Johnson, C. Suddarth
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland

4:15 Singing Class

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Sermon..... Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

WEDNESDAY

January 1, 2025

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever
Ushers for December.....T. Cummins/A. Williamson
Communion Care for December.....C/P Newby
Door Greeters – West Door.....B/T Brown
East Door.....B/S Sever
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sherry Perry

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Ida Lou Sherrill mother of Alex Sherill, is in rehab at The Waters of Gallatin, Room 407. **Myra Rasnick**, mother of Meredith Andrews, is recovering from surgery for a broken fibula. **Jean McCurdy**, mother of Olivia Nelsen, is recovering from surgery for breast cancer. **Ethan Huffard** son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby has completed his chemo treatments. He returns to the doctor in six months. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He has begun chemo.

SHUT-INS

Jean Deaton, Mary Spivey
 (new addresses for both Jean & Mary,
 please call the office)

*We depend on families and friends to help us update
 this list. Please notify us of any changes.*

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	95
Morning Worship.....	151
Sunday Evening.....	65
Wednesday Evening.....	N/A
Contribution.....	\$7,833.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$10,313.00

PRAYER LIST

Hugh Fulford; Maddie Andrews; Mary Spivey; Ottis & Maxine Cothron; Sara Hosman; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Lena Baggett; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Jackie Williams; Pat Crump; Scott Seals son of Charlie & Wanda Seals; **Ethan Huffard** son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby; **Heather Lemley** daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley; **Jean McCurdy** mother of Olivia Nelsen; **Elaine Reynolds**, friend of Christie Coleman; **Alan Greene**, nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; **Bethany Shoulders**, granddaughter of Evelyn Harris; **Samantha Hager**, friend of June Thompson; **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; **Ty Tyler** son of Ann Tyler; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill; **Aza Topik**, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals.

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