

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear the Gospel (Rm 10:17) - Jesus, the Son of God was born of a virgin birth, lived a sinless life, died on a cross to bear our sins, was resurrected and is now Lord over all, and through His death and life man can be eternally saved through obedience of faith in Him.

Believe the Gospel (Jn 3:16; Heb. 11:6; Mk 16:16)
Trust in God's promise to save you through Jesus.

Repent (Acts 2:38,3:19,17:30;Titus 2:11-12)
Turn from a life of sin to living a life for God's glory.

Confess Jesus as Lord (Rm10:9-10; Acts 8:37)
An outward expression of your faith & submission.

Be Baptized [immersion] (1 Peter 3:21) - In baptism you are buried with Christ, and raised up with Him (Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12). Your sins are washed away (Acts 22:16). At this moment you're **added to the church** (Acts 2:41), which is the BODY OF CHRIST (Ephesians 1:22-23) - the SAVED (Acts 2:47).

Remain Faithful (Rev. 2:10; Hebrews 10:23)
Continue to be faithful at any cost and the promise of heaven is sure.

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

12-18-22 (AM) 12-25-22(AM)

Greeter

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| Song Leader | Phil Legate | Jason Thompson |
| Prayer | Jacob Sorensen | Steve Haugsted |
| Table | Art Wallis | Terry Tull |
| | Phil Legate | Noah Riggs |
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Scripture Reading Terry Tull Jacob Sorensen

Speaker Matthew Brotherton Matthew Brotherton

Closing Prayer Kim Sleege Art Wallis

Lord's Supper Prep Kayla Wallis Kayla Wallis

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Speaker Matthew Brotherton Matthew Brotherton

Wed. Song Leader (12/21) Doug P. (12/28) Jason T.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

Ladies Bible class will be taking a break through the holidays. We will resume on January 9th

There is a tub of old books under the coat rack. Please feel free to take any that you want.

There is a new dehumidifier available for free. If you are interested in that, see Matthew.

The new Power for Today is on the table in the foyer for anyone that would like one.

We will be having games and snacks to ring in the new year! All are welcome to come to the building on New Years Eve at 7 pm. Bring a snack or beverage to share.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

12/08 Tanner Wallis

12/31 Anna Main

12/31 Elizabeth Lebs



12/20 Troy & Kayla
Wallis



DECEMBER 18, 2022



Center Point Road Church of Christ

WE ARE A FAMILY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO GLORIFY GOD, LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST, MINISTER TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS. ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO GROW IN FAITH AND IN HIS WORD SO WE MAY ENJOY ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIM.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

SUNDAY

9:30A.M. BIBLE CLASS (ALL AGES)

10:30A.M. CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

6:00P.M. EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
(ALL AVAILABLE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 P.M. BIBLE CLASS

(ALSO AVAILABLE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE)

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS AND
HOPE YOU WILL STAY AFTER
SERVICES SO WE CAN MEET YOU!!!

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Matthew Brotherton
Preacher

Giving and Receiving

Joe Chesser

“What are you getting for Christmas?” “What do you want for Christmas?”

How many times have you heard these questions lately? Christmas shopping is in full swing. For the next two weeks many gifts will be given and received. Which do you enjoy the most – giving or receiving? Unfortunately, for many people, the truthful answer to that question conflicts with the answer they know they should give. Honestly, receiving gifts, especially the one(s) we’ve always wanted, brings a lot of pleasure and happiness. But there’s no honor in receiving gifts (however, there can be dishonor in the way we act when we don’t get the gifts we’d hoped for).

Several years ago, Calvin Coolidge, our 30th president, said, “No person has ever been honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.” Can you think of an award or honor given to someone that received the greatest or most gifts? There may be, but nothing comes to my mind. On the other hand, there are numerous honors and rewards for those who excel at giving to an individual. Oscars and Emmys are given to the person who contributed the most to the music and entertainment industry. Athletics have their Most Valuable Player awards. Universities, governments, and even zoos have buildings named after major contributors.

This probably doesn’t surprise you at all. No doubt you have heard many times the statement of Jesus: “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). The best known verse in the Bible honors God for what He gave, not for what He received (John 3:16). What does surprise many people is that when God honors giving, it has nothing to do with the amount of the gift. Generation after generation honors the poor widow who, even though it wasn’t much, gave all she had (Luke 21:2). The Macedonians are also esteemed for their giving, even though poverty stricken themselves (2 Cor. 8:1-5). In contrast, very little is said about those receiving the gifts. What do you know about the poor saints in Jerusalem other than they were famine stricken and very poor? About the only thing we know about how to receive gifts is to do so with gratitude and in a way that glorifies God. Perhaps we need to work a little harder at becoming a generous giver, and spend less time hoping and dreaming about all the things we might receive. That’s hard to do, especially at this time of the year, but by doing so, we will become a little bit more like the God we love and serve. Givers truly are more blessed than receivers.

PRAYER LIST

- ◆ Gerry & Kathy Moser - Gerry’s continued recovery
- ◆ Leonard Weber, Chris Johnson, Jeff Abrams, — Cancer treatment
- ◆ Steve Lewis - brother in law of Phil and Shelley Legate - Dementia/Alzheimer’s
- ◆ Julie Davis - friend of Phil and Shelley from Fort Dodge - Lung cancer
- ◆ Marnetta Tillman - friend of the Haugsted’s - health issues.
- ◆ Dave Samuelson - former member here - long term health struggles.
- ◆ Sharla Ashcraft - sister of Kayla Wallis - MS ; pain management
- ◆ Barry Bonar - struggling with pain after shingles. Prayers for his comfort as well as Zonna as she cares for him.
- ◆ Shelley Legate - Recent health issues