

Sermon Notes

The Joy of Generosity

- I. Recognize the _____ of God. (John 3:16; II Cor. 8:9)
- II. Be generous and _____.
- A. God _____ spiritual growth. (I Pet. 2:2-3; II Pet. 1:5-8; 3:18; II Cor. 8:7)
- B. Generosity _____ spiritual growth. (Matt. 6:19-21, 24)
- God's desire: not better _____, but better _____.
- C. Spiritual growth produces _____. (II Cor. 8:1-5)
- D. God _____ our generosity, so we can be _____ generous.
(II Cor. 9:8-11; Mal. 3:10; Lk. 6:38)
- III. Be generous with our _____ family.
- A. God will bless our _____ effort. (Ex. 25:1-9; I Chron. 29; I Cor. 16:1-2)
- B. God will bless the _____ - first principle. (I Tim. 5:3-4, 8; Gal. 6:10; Deut. 12:4-7)
- IV. Recognize the _____ of generosity. (II Cor. 9:6, 12-15)
- A. Allows us to honor Jesus' great _____. (Mt. 22:37-39)
- B. Allows us to honor Jesus' great _____. (Mt. 28:18-20; Phil. 4:14-19)
- When we first give _____ to the Lord, honoring Him
- with our _____ comes naturally.

Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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“But just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us — see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”

— II Corinthians 8:7-9

February 28, 2016

Order of Worship

Welcome & call to worship

(Please pass the blue books located at the end of each pew.)

Your Everlasting Love

How Great is Our God

How Great Thou Art 33

Near the Cross 240



All disciples of Jesus are invited to partake as the emblems are passed.

Encouragement time

Message Tom Claibourne

Amazing Grace 85

Decisions

I Saw the Light (“Colombian” Offering)

Closing reminders & Prayer

Bethlehem News

More Opportunities Today

- 6:00 - Prayer & praise in the auditorium
 6:15 - 1. Youth programming
 2. Adults - Truth Project Series. Helpful study guides can be purchased for \$10.50 by going to www.thetruthproject.org.
 7:15 - Adult choir practice

This Week

- Tuesday - 1. Women’s Bible study, 1:00 pm
 2. Volleyball, 7:00 pm
 Wednesday - 1. Office Ministry, 3:00 pm
 2. Teen Bible study, 6:30
 3. Basketball, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 Fri. & Sat. - CIY Super Start, 4 - 6 grade.
 Saturday - Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 am

Registration for Church Camp

Today and next Sunday we will register BCC youth for church camp. 2016 camp schedules are available in the foyer. You may also register on line at www.butlersprings.com. The code for camps is **20Bethlehem16**.

If you have questions or need help registering see Lisa Berry. Bethlehem will pay half the fee, up to \$50 for all BCC youth.

Next Sunday is “Try the Tithes” Day

Each of us will be given the opportunity to honor God and experience the blessing of God by returning a tenth of our income to Him.

If you are not currently tithing we invite you to worship the Lord with us in that way.

Resource Table on Finances

You can find book samples, a family prayer list, book list, websites, and magazines.

Make A Difference

Your response to the sign-up papers on the round table in the foyer will help determine what kind of year we have at Bethlehem in 2016.

All the ministry teams are for 2016 only, so help us in a special way for 11 months!

Mark Your Calendar

- Mar. 9 - Leadership meeting, 7:00 pm.
 Mar. 11, 12 - “Guys Only” at Butler Springs; see posters for information.
 Mar. 18 - J.A.M Boys & Girls Night, 6:00 - 8:30 pm
 Mar. 18, 19 - CMF Dinner Theater at the Sardinia Church of Christ, any questions see Terry.
 Mar. 25, - Jr. Church Easter Egg Hunt, 1 - 2:30

Grief Share Seminar

We are considering hosting a Grief Share Seminar at Bethlehem this spring. If you or someone you know would benefit from these video and sharing sessions, please see Judy Askren.

(www.griefshare.org)

Concealed Carry Class

Doug Davis has had several people express an interest. We may host a class in March or April. Please sign the paper in the foyer if you think you might be interested.

Sportsmen’s Expo

Despite a record-breaking year in 2015 (300+) we are taking a one-year break from this popular event to reorganize, and prepare for spring of 2017. Please help us spread the word.

Way-To-Go

Congratulations Miriam Truesdell for perfect attendance in Children’s Worship in 2015.

Happy belated birthday to Chuck O’Brien (Feb. 24). His name was inadvertently left off the church calendar.

Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God for being our ultimate Source.
- ✚ Thank God for being worthy of our trust.
- ✚ Thank God for the privilege of partnering with Him in completing His mission.
- ✚ Pray for God to develop in you a heart of compassion and generosity.
- ✚ February Mission: Christian Benevolent Assn.
- ✚ Roger Davis - knee surgery Friday morning.
- ✚ Etheline Clark - has colon cancer; no treatment; Linda Wells’ grandmother.
- ✚ John Smiley - had surgery Friday to remove goiter from chest.
- ✚ Continued prayer List - Eunice Burgess, Steve Darby, Fred Dodson, Jack Downs, Carolyn Fraley, Kathy Grooms, Jo Hanson, Harry Hobson, Ken Holtzclaw, Teresa Hoskins, Judy Hughes, Janet Kennedy, D.J. King, Edna Lung, Christine McKenzie, Alta Murphy, Dan Naylor, Mary Powell, Win & Mary Rayburn, Gordon Schrichten, Brian Shearer, Tim Spires, Linda Thompson, Shawn Wagner, Emily Wells.
- ✚ Other:

What’s Happening?

The Christian Concerns Board in the south foyer hallway features various social issues. Articles are updated regularly. Take a look !

Cleaning Teams: Kevin & Doris Woollard
Tom Eiterman/Chuck & Jakki O’Brien

Nursery (6) Coordinator: Melissa Brown

9:30 am - Connie Scott
10:30 am - Linda Wells & Jessica Huston