

**Notice:** Regular **business meeting** for today has been cancelled.

**Some “inspirational” quotes about giving...**

*“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”* - Charles Dickens -

*“You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving.”* - Robert Louis Stevenson -

*“It's easier to take than to give. It's nobler to give than to take. The thrill of taking lasts a day. The thrill of giving lasts a lifetime.”*

- Joan F. Marques

**December Birthdays**

17 Bill Brown    27 Sue Tanner    29 Noah McKnight  
30 Richard Karns    31 Robert Pescador

**December Anniversaries**

12 Ron & Peggy Woodruff    18 Jim & Marie Burruss

**Regular Meeting Times**

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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## Reminders...think on these things

### Bible Verses on Giving

(From the Internet)

Greed and selfishness are sins that we must work toward abolishing. Although this might be difficult to do, as Christians, we should try our very best to live a holy life. Think not of what we can do for ourselves - but think of what we can do for others. After all, God gave his only begotten Son to save us from our sins!

No one is perfect, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try to avoid greed throughout our life. We should spend our days giving to others and not keeping score. This is so hard to do. We should try to reflect on all of the times in our lives that we were completely selfless. It's hard to think of times, isn't it? That's why we need to be better Christians every day of our lives!

It's important to be willing to give, both to the Lord and His Church and to other people in need. If we want to know what the Bible says about giving, then be sure to read the Bible verses on giving below.

**Deuteronomy 15:10** “You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all your undertakings.”

**Deuteronomy 16:17** “Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.”

**Proverbs 3:27** *“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.”*

**Proverbs 21:26b** *“...the righteous gives and does not hold back.”*

**Proverbs 28:27** *“He who gives to the poor will never want, But he who shuts his eyes will have many curses.”*

**Malachi 3:10** *“‘Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows’.”*

**Matthew 6:1** *“Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.”*

**Luke 3:11** *“And he would answer and say to them, ‘The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise’.”*

**John 3:16** *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”*

**Acts 20:35** *“In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”*

**2 Corinthians 9:6** *“Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”*

*“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the*

*God of peace will be with you.”*

Philippians 4:8-9

## **Eight Gifts That Do Not Cost a Cent**

From Bulletin Digest, adapted

**The Gift of Listening.** But we must really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning our response. Just listening.

**The Gift of Affection.** Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back, and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love we have for family and friends.

**The Gift of Laughter.** Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Our gift will say, “I love to laugh with you.”

**The Gift of Written Notes.** It can be a simple “Thanks for the help” note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

**The Gift of a Compliment.** A simple and sincere, “you look great in red,” “you did a super job” or “that was a wonderful meal” can make someone’s day.

**The Gift of Favor.** Every day, go out of our way to do something kind.

**The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition.** The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. Really, it’s not that hard to say, “Hello” or “Thank you.”

*“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”*

- Luke 6:38 -

*“If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,’ and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?”*

James 2:15-16