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What Do We Deserve?

Everyone likes receiving gifts. There are many people who get just as much joy in giving gifts as in getting them. We receive gifts at birthday time. Christmas is around the corner and a big part of our holiday celebrations often revolve around gifts. To receive a gift is to receive something that we didn't have to pay for. But that's not the most important part, is it?

When we receive a gift, we receive along with it the love and consideration that went into purchasing that gift.



Photo by Kim Stiver

There's a big difference between what you are given as a gift and what you earn as a wage. When we accept our paycheck at the end of a work week, we do not think of it as a gift. We are glad to have a job. But that paycheck is an agreement made with an employer, sometimes based on how well we do our jobs, and it is constrained by the reality of how many hours or days we worked. It can reflect on our skill, our dependability, and our willingness to work - but it is not a gift. We earned it.

How do you think it would work out if God gave us our eternal reward based on our ability, skill, dependability, and willingness to work? I don't want to try to earn anything with God! Do you? Actually, we can't earn any gifts from God. Since we are all sinners, we have already earned something we don't want. Apostle Paul wrote,

"For the wages of sin is death..." The New English Translation says, *"For the payoff of sin is death..."*

If that were the end of the story, it would be a sad one. Instead, because of Jesus we are not left with what we have earned on our own. He goes on to write...

"but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 6:23

That's one amazing gift! It's a gift of amazing grace! And it is only available from Jesus Christ. This one tops them all!

- A gift that comes from our Heavenly Father!
- A gift that lasts forever - no batteries needed! It is eternal!
- A gift that addresses the fact we all face - we will all die. But God gives eternal life!
- A gift that comes from One who left Heaven to die in our place so we might live - Jesus Christ.

An old hymn says "No one ever cared for me, like Jesus." So true. We are so blessed to receive the one gift we cannot buy. Have you received the gift God wants to give you today?

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- John E. Dobbs

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Sunday Worship for December 4, 2022 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children’s Church after communion)

Watch live stream or after our worship time:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ

Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Josh Bedford	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Dave Snyppe	Communion: Greg Warner
Servers:	Gary Chasteen	Brian Bungart	Elijah Herbert	

Note: The Tuesday Ladies Prayer group meeting at LaDonna's home is now meeting on Thursdays 10 a.m. Still meeting at LaDonna's.

9:30am Adult Class: Auditorium
The Life of Christ: Trent Herbert

Children Class: Downstairs
Two Classes: children and pre-teen

Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID

Men’s Fellowship
Downstairs Fellowship Room
Tuesdays - 10:00 am

**Ladies in the Word
Bible Study**
Conference Room
Tuesdays - 10:00 am

Bible Class & Prayer
Ephesians (in person or on Zoom)
Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

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Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,665.00
If you have any questions, please give me a call.
God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address below. We have a lock mailbox.

Happy Birthday!

December: Nicole Karn – 3, Ladonna Latham – 3, Tristen Herbert – 5, Sarah Benjamin – 8, Elizabeth Volpitta – 8, Jedidiah Herbert – 17, Bonnie Mitchell – 18, Wayne Hammock – 25, Gary White – 28, Jake Orser – 31, Randy Van Leuven - 31

Our Prayer List

- The flu is going around. Pray for Healing for James and Cindy Snead who have the flu.
- Pray for Rick Velasco's friend Rod Cunningham who will be having a biopsy of his thyroid and is having some stress about it.
- Pray for those who have to be out in this weather and pray the snow and freezing rain will bypass Kitsap and neighboring counties.
- Darrell and Laura Fry who are visiting and helping family in Honduras and will be traveling home Dec 9th.
- Ladies of the Word Christmas Luncheon on December 10th.
- Upcoming Surgeries for Paula Hill on the 19th and for Pam Woodrow.
- For the Fry's grandson Daniel and his mom Lisa.
- LaDonna's daughter Lori is now staying with LaDonna pending upcoming surgery - no definite date.
- Gary White is recovering from his knee surgery and Tony DelBarto from his hip surgery.
- Prayers for Ramona, a friend of Cisco and Heather's recovering from injuries sustained.
- From Shirley Keen (DeFord): Please add Jim & Daniell Krueger and family in Caledonia, MS. They're currently in the middle of several Tornado's...
- Prayers for our church, nation and leaders, our Leadership team, our ongoing ministries. Pray for Ukraine, for the poor and homeless and praise for our many blessings.

Ladies - if you are planning to attend the Women of the Word luncheon on December 10th, please let Bonnie know and also how many will be coming so there is a good count for food.

Event Planning Meeting

December 4th

After morning services to plan events for Holidays and other inward & outward-focused events.

Ladies of the Word
Christmas Luncheon
December 10
11:00am – 2:00pm

Wednesday Night Bible Class
Ephesians
5:00 – 6:00pm
At the building and on Zoom

Teen NEWS

Next Teen Night: Friday, December 9, 5:30 – 7:00 or 8:00 – at the church building.

What A Friend

Verse 1

Everybody has trials and temptations
Everybody knows heart break isolation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down

Chorus

What a friend we have in Jesus
East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon
And forever and ever His heart is my home

Verse 2

Everybody has fears everybody got worries
Everybody knows sorrow devastation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down

Bridge

No more betrayal for He is faithful
He fills me up and my cup runneth over
No more betrayal for He is faithful
How He has proven it over and over

Scriptural Reference:

"Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one's life
for one's friends."

John 15:13



SONG
OF THE
WEEK



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What a Friend

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Matthew Hein

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