

Wildwood Church of Christ

Theme for 2021

Step By Step: Grow With Jesus

November 28, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Song #4 Let Every Heart Rejoice & Sing
Song #63 Come Thou Almighty King
Opening Prayer – Darrel Ponsford
Song #310 Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross
The Lord's Supper

Song #102 Wonderful Grace of Jesus
Sermon: The Blessing of Giving To The Lord
Song #888 Have You Been To Jesus?
Song #537 Heart Of A Servant
Closing Prayer – Sam Costa

IT'S EASY TO EXPLAIN

When it comes to certain subjects from the Bible, sometimes they can be hard to explain.

A man went into a bank and said he wanted some money. The teller asked him to sign the check. The man said that he wouldn't sign the check. The teller said, "If you won't sign the check, I won't give you any money."

So the man went across the street to another bank, and the same conversation took place. But after the exchange, the teller reached across the counter, took the man by the ears, and banged his head three times on the counter, at which time the man took out a pen and signed the check.

He then returned to the first bank and said, "They gave me money across the street." "Why did they do that?" "They explained it to me", he answered.

In the lesson that we will consider together at the worship hour, I will try to explain the responsibility we have as Christians to give financially to our Heavenly Father. Some of the main points that we will study together can be explained without beating our heads against the counter! The first basic truth is that God owns and presides over all the wealth in the world. God wants His wealth to circulate throughout the church that His Son established so His cause of saving man can be realized. We are stewards of all the possessions we have. We will learn from passages like 2Corinthians 8:1-8 and 9:6-15, that the way to appreciate God's wealth, is to give. God love a cheerful giver. Second, we will focus on 2Corinthians 8 when Paul gave three appeals to the brethren in Corinth to give as they had promised. He used the example of the Macedonian churches to encourage them and to follow their example. His highest appeal to these believers comes in verse 9, the cross of Christ – when we give faithfully to the Lord, it is a way that we prove our love for Him. The third point we will consider is the blessing of being generous and the blessing of giving and how God will increase our fruitfulness and righteousness – 2Corinthians 9:10. During the coming week, you can study some wonderful Bible stories on giving: see Exodus 35, 36; 2Chronicles 29; and the widow and her two mites in Luke 21.

The lesson today will ask three simple questions about giving: 1) Why should we give financially to God? 2) How much money should we give to the Lord? 3) What could happen if we don't give faithfully to God? Malachi 3:8-12

After the lesson is over today, may we all ask God to help us excel in the blessing and grace of giving – 2Corinthians 8:7

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Prayer List

~ Martha Rushmore's son, **Bobby Noland**, had another stroke and a heart attack and passed away this past Thursday evening. Martha and the family have travelled to Ohio. A memorial service will be sometime soon. Please remember the family during this time and also with all their travelling. If you would like to send a card to the family, the address is: 1180 County Road 1356, Ashland, OH 44805

~ **Martha Rushmore** will be getting an implant for her back on December 21st.

~ There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, Dec.4th at the Concord St. Church of Christ in Orlando for **Kevin Lane**. He passed away after battling Covid and other medical issues that complicated his recovery. Please keep Rosa, Kevin's wife, and the family in your prayers. Her address is: 5677 Henry Loop, The Villages, FL 32163

~ **Ken Scott's** brother, passed away last Wednesday. Ken and Sherry have travelled to New Orleans for the funeral.

~ **Jamie McCartney** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He had a bone scan and the doctors found a shadow on his skull. Jamie will be having a CT scan on December 1st.

~ **Don Albert** is finally scheduled to have his surgery this Tuesday at 5pm. He and the family have to quarantine since he has no immune system and his blood count is high.

~ **Alma Young** is doing a little better each day after having surgery on her shoulder and broken bones healing after her fall.

~ **Judy Kyle** will be having back surgery tomorrow, the 29th.

~ **Lois Hutsenpiller** is home and recovering from her surgery.

~ **Mandie Lake**, friend of Alex Fort's, was seriously injured in a car accident. Mandie is a 34 year-old single mother with 3 children. So far, there is no improvement in her condition.

Remember: Pat Ponsford; Linda Grove; Marlin Kilpatrick; Martha Pope; Jeanette Harris; Barbara Barden; Myrna Human; Taylor Williams & family; Sheila Bernstein & family; Edra Nell Courtney; Millie Tudor; Charlotte Martin; Ken Scott; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Joyce Freeman; George Barrett; Libbie Summers; Alba Cherena; Mollie Holley; Justin Scott; Teresa Broyles, Fred Casteel

Announcements

Ladies: We would love to have you meet us at 9:30 **every Tuesday** in the fellowship hall for a devo then sign cards for encouragement and send to the sick. We have a wonderful time together and then sometimes, we go eat lunch together! Please join us!

Lads to Leaders: Next Sunday, December 5th will be our Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes kickoff after our morning worship service. If you have a young person who will be in the program or you wish to help by being a mentor, please attend. Please let Mike know if you will be attending by December 1st. Lunch will be provided.

English Tea:Friday, December 10th all Ladies are invited to lunch at Miz Kathi's Cotillion in Wildwood. Parking is limited, so we will meet at the building at 11:30 and ride the bus, Mike will drop us off. The cost is \$20 per person and includes homemade scones, chicken salad sandwiches, quiche, desserts and drinks....**and a great time being with your sisters in Christ!** You can give your money to Sherry Scott, Sarah Myers or Carol McCartney and it is needed by December 5th. Please sign the list in the foyer for this fun time together! (**P.S.** You don't have to drink hot tea...they also have soft drinks, water and coffee.)

Diaper Baby Shower: If you were not able to go the shower for Kaydee Blankenship, there is a basket in the foyer if you would like to bring some diapers and wipes for baby Brisyn Kay.

Pantry: Evaporated Milk Green Beans Corn

November Birthdays: Martha Pope-15; Lexy McKay-17; Chuck Stambough-18; Ron Rollins-23; Guy Grove-28; Patricia Webber-28

December Birthdays: Wayne Crenshaw-5; Whitley Strickland-7; Emmett Williams-7; Sydni Fort-8; Tina Glenn-8; Easton Williams-8;

November Anniversaries: Keith & Tracy Jones-16; Darrel & Pat Ponsford-23

December Anniversaries: Wayne & June Crenshaw-15; Steve & Lois Hutsenpiller-20; Basile & Libbie Summers-21; George & Alicia Barrett-30; Charles & Mary Jane Wright-31

Greeters: Nov.28-Howard & Sarah Alls **Dec.5**-David & Sarah Myers **Dec.12** -Joan Strickland & Barbara Howlett

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