

BULLETIN

Giving Tree



- Our Giving Tree is up today and ready for you to pick a card for a child. There will be no names, just ages, sizes and interests.
- PLEASE, if you know someone who needs to be on the list, put their information on the list in the foyer or give to Melissa Therrien, ASAP.
- The Giving Cans are out if you want to donate money. The unwrapped gifts or money must be returned to the wrapped box in the foyer or to the office no later than Dec. 9, to allow time for shopping and delivery.
- Watch for details about getting things packaged and distributed.
- Thanks to Melissa for leading this effort.

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Our Deacons:

Benevolence - David Skerry
Building & Grounds - Will Hamel
Education - Doug Paul

Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30AM
Bible Class - 11:00AM
Sun. Evening - 6:00PM
Tue. Morning Ladies Bible Class - 10:00AM

Dear Lord,
Help me remember there is no
greater blessing than giving to
those in need.
Amen

Family Events

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." Galatians 6:10, NAS95.



If you are a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister, the really tall guy, or any other church member.

Important Dates

Things of special significance:

Nov. 25 - GIVING TREE UP IN THE FOYER

DEC. 8 - POTLUCK SUPPER / ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY @ the Skerry's from 5:00- 9:00PM. There will be a Yankee Gift exchange with a \$10 limit.

DEC. 16 - TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY @ the Paul's from noon until 3PM.



Thank you to all who helped fill baskets on Tuesday.

Giving Tree Is Up!

- The Giving Cans are in the foyer. This money will be used to augment the items donated. You can also use one of the envelopes on the back of the pew. Mark it 'Giving Tree'.
- Gifts and donations need to be turned in by Dec. 9.
- If you need some help, or know someone who does, please let Melissa Therrien know ASAP, so they can be included.
- Your gifts and donations will allow some children to have a Christmas. It is a chance to show that we mean the words, "We Are Here and We Care."

Weekly Contribution

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- ◆ **Building and Grounds** - Please talk with *Will Hamel*. There are several things that need to be done and winter is coming.
- ◆ **Education** - Please talk with *Doug Paul* if you would like to help or teach a class. Several of our teachers have been in the classroom for many months. Take a quarter to teach and let the teachers be renewed in Bible study.
- ◆ **Benevolence / Pantry** - Talk with *Dave Skerry* about helping. This ministry is an outreach to our community.
- ◆ **Lord's Supper to Shut-ins** - Volunteers needed, **now**. Please talk with *Doug Paul*. This is a ministry that needs additional people to help.

The teens will babysit, at the building from 5-8pm on Saturday, Dec. 8 for adults who want to attend the adult Christmas Party at the Skerry's. See Ryan or Robyn with questions & to let them know how many children the teens will have.

Family Bible Reading, Birthday and Congregational Calendar for Nov. 25 - Dec. 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 - NEH. 9	26 - ACTS 3	27 - NEH. 10	28 - NEH. 11 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER	29- NEH. 12	30 - ACTS 4	1 - NEH. 13 BARBARA - PICK UP PANERA
Casey Jones - BD Jon Potter - BD						

Youth & Family News



UPCOMING EVENTS

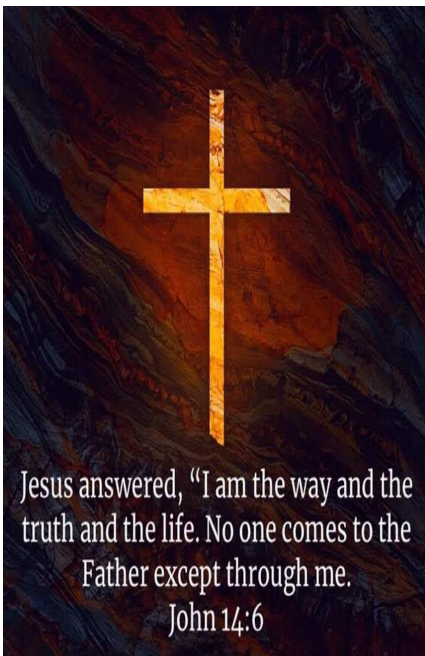
Be on the lookout for upcoming events. If you want to lead or help with an event, please talk with one of our elders and check with the church office to see that the date is free, then PLEASE volunteer!

DEC. 8 - TEENS WILL BABYSIT AT THE BUILDING FROM 5-8PM, for children of those adults who want to go to the Christmas party at the Skerry's.

DEC. 16- TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY @ THE PAUL'S from noon until 3PM.

Question of the week:

Are you drawing closer to God?
As you do, He will deliver you
from your fears.



Congregational Events

Nov. 28 is Wednesday Night Supper and Freda is making a chicken dish, veggie, salad and dessert.

- Supper begins at 6PM.
- There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the auditorium so that enough food is prepared.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

- Dec. 8 - Adult Christmas Party at the Skerry's from 5:00-9:00PM.
- This is a potluck, so bring something yummy.
- Set up help is appreciated about 4:30PM. There will be a Yankee Gift Swap with a \$10 maximum on the gift.
- Dec. 16 - Teen Christmas Party at the Paul's from noon-3:00PM. The Paul's and Eureka Lord are hosting this.
- Watch for additional details for both parties

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

During the holiday season, we will maintain our regular Sunday and Wednesday worship and Bible class schedule.



A Parting Encouragement

"These Do"

Although Christianity requires individuals to learn and believe certain truths, knowledge alone is not enough. Making this point to the Christians at Philippi, Paul wrote, *"The things which you leaved and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you"* (Phil. 4:9 NKJV). With these words, Paul stressed the importance of informed obedience. In essence, he showed we must both know what to do and be willing to do it! Knowledge without obedience is misguided. Consequently, we must respond in faith to what we learn. This is what the apostle Paul intended when he charged the Philippians with *"these do."*

Importantly, Paul did not merely instruct the Philippians by writing, 'The things that you have learned, these do.' Instead, his instruction was far more detailed. He told the Philippians to do *"the things [they had] learned and received and heard and say in [him]."*

This distinction shows it is one thing to learn something; it is quite another to receive it. And it is perhaps still another to see that behavior modeled in the life of someone else. Paul not only taught the Philippians about God's plan but also exemplified that plan in his actions. This is why he encourage the Philippians: *"Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern"* (Phil. 3:27).

How wonderful would it be if Christians today could encourage those around them to both listen to their message and follow their example? This is precisely what Paul did in this epistle. He encouraged the

brethren to imitate what he had done. Thus, he exemplified the very essence of what Jesus taught in Matt. 5:16; *"Let your light so shine before men, that they ay see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* No wonder Paul also instructed the Corinthians, *"Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ"* (I Cor. 1:1)! He practiced what he preached (cf. 9:27).

Why should we do the things we have learned and received and heard and seen in the lives of men like Paul? So we can experience *"the peace of God,"* describing this, Paul wrote, *"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"* (Phil 4:7).

If Christianity is about nothing else it is about doing God's will. All the knowledge in the world is trivial if not practically applied. Also, Christianity is not just about what we do for a few hours on Sunday. It is about what we do every hour of each day: from the boardroom to the locker room, from the laundry room to the waiting room, we have an obligation to live as Christians no matter our situation. This demands that we do more than accumulate knowledge. We must do the the things we have been taught in Scripture, and we must do the things we see exemplified in the lives of those who are approved by God. Perhaps James said it best: *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves"* (James 1:22).

~adapted from Chad Ramsey via Gospel Advocate