

Unexpected Blessings

Thank You, God, for sending
a happy thought my way
To blot out my depression
on a disappointing day.
Oh, God, the list is endless
of things to thank You for,
But I take them all for granted
and unconsciously ignore
That everything I think or do,
each movement that I make,
Each measured rhythmic heartbeat,
each breath of life I take
Is something You have given me
for which there is no way
For me in all my "smallness"
to in any way repay.

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We want to take this time to welcome everyone here today and extend a warm welcome to any of our guests today. If you are visiting know that we are glad you have come our way and would like to invite you back the next time you are able. If you are visiting us today we would also ask if you would remain after services a brief moment so we might get the chance of meeting you in person. Again Welcome!

Happy New Year! It's the time of the year we do a little reflecting of the past year and looking forward to starting a new one. Its a fresh start, a new beginning, new focus and renewed energy. We here at University have seen some of His great work in this congregation this past year for which I am indeed thankful. First we must mention and bring to our memory that we have had precious souls that have been added to His Kingdom in 2013 as God gave the increase. Amen! We also on the other hand had to unfortunately say "goodbye" to some very dear friends and loved ones. Its all part of what we encounter within a year the 365 days found on the calendar. So for right now this year lets grab each one and not let a moment go by to focus on what is truly important. Let's make everyday of 2014 count as a blessing where God will receive the praise.

Today's lesson will be all about our thinking. Its what gets us anywhere, It as the bible points out defines who we are as Proverbs says "So a man thinketh, so is he. We are who and what we think. Its what will motivate us to do anything in the new year. What about our thoughts? Good, bad, positive, negative they are all in there. This morning I want to compare 3 Godly people with different mindsets and find what can that teach us and in the end find Gods heart in the matter. Do we and will we find God's heart in the matter for each of us as we start the new year.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Eric Sharum

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....David Byrd

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:64
Morning Worship:107
Evening Worship:122
Mid-Week:33
Ladies Class:
Contribution:\$4,026.00
Weekly Budget:\$4,084.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Leroy Horn
Closing Prayer:Charlie Kelsey

Scripture:Eric Sharum

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Bryan Cain
Closing Prayer:J. L. Bolton

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Keith Parrish
Closing Prayer:Perry Warren

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go
to our web site and click on the weekly sermons
tab.

PRAYERS: Matthew Wampler is well. Thank you for praying for him.

THANK YOU NOTE: Thank you for the prayers, food, calls, cards and beautiful plant. Your acts of kindness was so appreciated. In Christian Love, Terry & Jeanette

THANK YOU NOTE: Church - Thank you for your prayers, inquiries, all the cards, get well & other! Due to my low eye vision, I'm unable to respond, only at church - just a few of you. My Spirit is with you, always! Love, in Christ, Corine Marcum

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS will resume on Wednesday January 8, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. We will be studying "The Fruit Of The Spirit vs. Works Of The Flesh". All ladies and friends are invited.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Trena Burch
- 3 - Donna Caldwell
- 10 - Jerry Golson
- 12 - Taryn Higgins
- 17 - Taylor Ryans
- 18 - Pat Doughty
- 19 - Steve Morris
- 25 - Cody Barrington
- 27 - Kenneth Gregory
- 31 - Jesse Stoner

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, Joslyn Burch, June Hanna, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Dorothy Isom, Corine Marcum, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Bobbie Mullins, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, Chuck Ray, Cae Sharum's Cousin, Carol, Mary Hood the sister of Sue Peddy and Christ & Nicole Hall who are going through adoption proceedings and Shane McLaury's cousin Ross Taylor who has throat cancer.

STOP! COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Are the summers too hot?
Are the winters too cold?
Do you have any fun?
Are you just growing old?
Does everyone else seem to have more than you?
Are your troubles plenty
and your pleasures few?
STOP! Count your blessings.

Didn't God give you eyes to see the blue of the sky?
To see the flag of your land flying on high?
To see the green of the trees
& the flowers of the spring?
To see the ones that you love
and the birds that sing?
YES! These are blessings.

Does your money run low?
Do your bills pile high?
Does the time of day seem to pass you by?
Are you tired & weary?
Does your work never cease?
Do you ever find the time to do as you please?
STOP! Count your blessings.

Yes, count your blessings,
that God has given to each one.
The air that we breathe,
the warmth of the sun.
The ones that we love
and the sounds that we hear.
The laughter of a child,
and everything we hold dear.
There are many, many blessing that God gives
to us each day.
That we accept without thanks...as we go on
our way.

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In Case You Missed It

Isaiah 58:11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

One of the great marvels of the Roman Empire was the invention of the aqueduct system to provide water over major distances. It was a method which made use of gravity, with stone arches to support the water channels. An aqueduct was built in 109 AD which carried water to the city of Segovia for eighteen hundred years. For nearly sixty generations this aqueduct provided cool water from the mountains above. But fairly recently, it collapsed. As one put it " This aqueduct is so great a marvel that it ought to be preserved for our children, as a museum piece. We shall relieve it of its centuries long labor." So the city decided to construct a modern water system with iron pipes to carry the water, intending to give the aqueduct a long-deserved rest. What they failed to realize, of course, was that attempting to preserve the aqueduct by stopping the flow of water through it, assured its rapid disintegration! As the sun beat down on the now dry mortar and stone, the centuries old structure quickly began to fall apart. Amazingly, nearly two thousand years of service would not accomplish the destructive work of less than a century of idleness!

This story ought to really encourage us in Kingdom work....since, continuing to allow Jesus living water to flow through us, we are constantly renewed and preserved, rather than drying up with idleness So....what do we want to do sit around and preserve what we did faithfully years ago or keep on working in His Kingdom, let us do it with the life-giving stream: the every-renewing vitality of The living water found in Jesus Christ.