

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

- 6 Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
- 7 Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:11-13

- 11 You will be enriched in everything for all liberality which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.
- 12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.
- 13 Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for *your* obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

- 1 Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,
- 2 That in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.
- 3 For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, *they gave* of their own accord,
- 4 Begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints,
- 5 And *this*, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

Reference Exodus 25 Matthew 6 James 2

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We want to take this time to thank each one of you for being here today to worship the Lord. If you are visiting we are so glad you have come our way and want to invite you back the next time you are able. If you are visiting we would also ask if you can please stay around a brief moment so we can at least introduce ourselves to you and also invite you to our monthly fellowship luncheon as our guest which will take place immediately following services over at the SLC building. Again Thank You!

Looking for a church home? Want to know more about following Jesus? Interested in a group or personal bible study? Need some kind of assistance? Please take the time to meet with us as we would love to know how we may serve you in this way.

Today we will examine our giving. STOP! STOP! If you have decided to read any further let me say that this will not be a sermon on how much you give or when you give or how often. But HOW you give and ask the question. Is it CHEERFUL or not? Is it hilarious? (Explanation forth coming) I don't mean so funny we laugh at it I mean do you really, really get excited about giving and opportunities of giving? I won't even limit this attitude with just money. How about our time? Some of our things? Is there a holding back and if so what does that say about me? What competes for our devotion? What does God want to see from our heart? And lets be honest how many times have we given ourselves a pass or reasons why we can't be so giving when examples in the bible show otherwise like when Jesus even noticed and pointed out a woman who gave ALL she had. Have you or I done that? I can only speak for myself but will add I don't even come close to that and again sadly Paul pointed out and used a group of people that gave in their extreme hardship and poverty. How ever you define that. If giving and giving cheerfully is what shows to God and man and shows our heart, what does your and my heart say with our giving?

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:.....Brad McKinzie

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....Charles Kelsey

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:43
Morning Worship:78
Evening Worship:20
Mid-Week:40
Ladies Class:
Contribution:\$4,955.00
Weekly Budget:\$3,909.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:Weldon Flanagan
Closing Prayer:Jerry Golson

Scripture:Eric Sharum

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Bryan Cain
Closing Prayer:Perry Warren

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:David Byrd
Closing Prayer:Charlie Kelsey

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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 NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOW-

ING: Claudine Bolton had back surgery on 4 vertebrae a week ago Monday in Edmond. She is doing good. Barbara Bolton has a doctor's appointment next week in Okla. City. She is still in a lot of pain. Debbie Bowden, Leroy and Pat and Brad and LaDonna.

MOVIE NIGHT THIS FRIDAY, MAY

13TH at the Student Learning Center at 6:30 p.m. The presentation will be "Gods Wonders". There will be pizza and popcorn. Invite a friend to attend with you.

LUNCHEON THIS SUNDAY MAY 15TH

after the morning service at the Student Learning Center. Everyone make plans to attend.

WICHITA FALLS NIGHTHAWKS FOOT-

BALL: Greg Ray is organizing a bus trip to a Wichita Falls Nighthawks indoor football game on **May 21**. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$17.00 game day and you will need money for a meal at Chicken Express before the game. The bus will leave the building at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to go please let Greg know before **May 18**.

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF
MAY:

13th - Movie Night At The SLC

15th - The Luncheon For May

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Ed Valdez
3 - Elizabeth Coffey
4 - Shirley Mueller
12 - Janna Barrington
24 - James Lee
24 - Jo Ann Valdez
27 - Cathy Brennan
27 - Letha Owens

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, J.L. & Claudine Bolton, Barbara Bolton, Debbie Bowden, Tim, Karee & Clay Curtis, Kenneth Gregory, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, David Kelsey, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, David Byrd's father, Bryan Cain's father, Johnny Burch, Randy Hill, Glenda Kinney, Nathan McBride, Lenna Kelsey & Sue Peddy's grandson Lee.

EXTENDED CARE:

Kenneth Gregory is in Willow Park in room 2 C.

Joyce Ray is in Cedar Crest in room 115.

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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED?

...if Jesus wept over Jerusalem, (**Luke 19:41**), what does He think about our nation and the world today?

...if the Jews gave a tenth back to God (plus much more) under the law of Moses, what should we give today to the church which Christ purchased with His own blood?

...if Jesus said to put His kingdom first, why are we concerned with so many other things?

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In Case You Missed It

Matthew 27:50-52

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

When Jesus died; there was a great earthquake and the veil of the Temple was torn in two. The size of this gigantic veil is not recorded in the NT...but when we read from other sources that it was roughly 60 feet long and 30 feet wide with multiple woven layers the thickness of a man's hand! It was hung on a cross-beam stone — a lintel — which was over 30 feet long and weighed more than 30 tons! It was not an easy cloth to tear...Jerome, a fourth century writer concerning the tearing of the veil, that not only was the veil torn, but the great earthquake had also caused the lintel of the Temple to be broken in two. In fact, it seems that the breaking of the lintel was what caused the veil to be torn in half from top to bottom, since the veil hung down from the lintel. In the culture of the Jewish people, a father will commonly mourn the loss of his son by rending or tearing his garment...Did you know that so can we suggest that the rending of the Temple's veil likewise, dramatically expressed on one hand our Heavenly Father's agony over the death of His only begotten Son? In addition to also opening straight in through the Holy of Holies this prepared the way through His sacrifice for us to have access to the Holy of Holies, that place on earth which was the abiding Presence of God's Spirit, and, in earlier Temple times, actually contained His Glory. In His death every barrier and obstacle, even a 30 ton stone that needed to be broken — was removed, to make a way for us to have an intimate relationship with the Father! The sound of ripping cloth, the rending of a massive veil, echoes throughout history to this very day. The agony of that sound of mourning opened for us "a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh" [Hebrews 10:20]...so that now, at any time, we can approach our Heavenly Father with boldness and confidence in His love and acceptance. We may fully expect His constant intervention and blessing in our everyday lives...because the way has been permanently opened to us!