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LET'S TALK ABOUT GIVING ("NO, LET'S NOT!")

When it comes to talking about giving, many ministers feel uncomfortable to speak or preach on the subject. The reason is sometimes related to barriers. Some of the barriers are outside the church, they come from the culture we live in. Some of the barriers are internal, from a minister's own misunderstandings about the topic of giving. "Give, give, give and you will get, get, get!" I personally despise that message!

We avoid talking about giving, money matters or finances because when we do, we feel like we are **intruding into an extremely private area of people's lives**. But the truth of the matter is there are very few indicators that are more revealing about our true spiritual state than how we handle our finances. It must have been pretty important to Jesus because out of 38 parables that Jesus told, 16 are related to money. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other...You cannot serve both GOD and Mammon- or Money." Matt. 6:21,24). Serving the god of Mammon is when we depend on money, wealth, riches or treasures as the answer to our problems. As discussed in last week's message, how we handle our money is actually a test from GOD.

I recently read an article entitled, "The Top Ten Reasons People Don't Tithe." Here are the reasons:

1. "It's all mine anyway, why should I give?"
2. "I give elsewhere."
3. "Tithing is not in the New Testament."
4. "God will provide through other people."
5. "My gifts are small and don't really matter."
6. "I don't trust preachers"
7. "I only give to projects I believe in."
8. "I have no control over the finances, my spouse does."
9. "I will tithe when I can afford it."
10. "I'm afraid to give."

After last Sunday's sermon, I was asked, "Do you think tithing is binding today?" The only way I know how to answer that is "NO, I believe we should give more than a tithe," (tenth part or ten percent). When we look at the New Testament, the Bible speaks of the early church, "All believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of [their] possessions were [their] own, but they shared everything they had...There was no needy person among them. For from the time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales, and put it at the apostles feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles feet," (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-37). Nowhere does it say they only gave ten percent of the sale of their houses and land and kept the other ninety percent for themselves. They gave it all.

BIBLE CLASSES

BIBLE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

- Sunday**
The Book of Ephesians
 Rodney Smithers—Auditorium
Unity in the Church
 Dennie Stokes,
 Dexter Mott
Rash Hall
The SUM-thing
 Jason & Lori Bratton
Room 221

BIBLE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

- Wednesday**
Ladies Class
 Cathy Sippel, Glenda Runions,
 Loretta Dale—room 221 / 6 PM
Men's Class
 Mike Seale—Rash Hall / 6 PM
Singing/Hebrews
 Keith Nicholson—Parlor / 6 PM
 Rick Shirley

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Sunday
 7-12 grades
 Kendall Lowe
 room 205

WEDNESDAY HUDDLE

Our teenage Huddle meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Lamp Factory building.

BIBLE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY

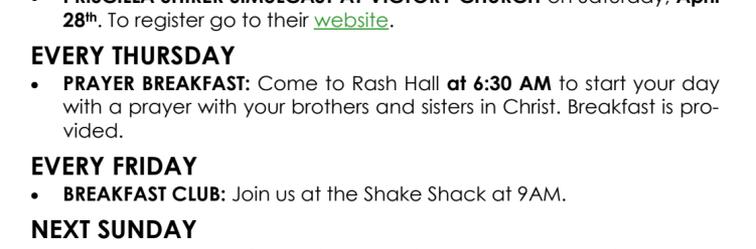
Nursery	April Stokes	Room 104
2 year old	Ellen Hall, Katie Chapple	Room 103
3-4 year old	Judy Shepherd	Room 102
K-1 grade	Sue Cash, Emily Cooley, Lori Nicholson	Room 115
2-3 grades	Jan Goslin,	
4-6 grades	Carolyn Malone	Room 218
	Jessica Conn	Room 114

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Katie Hollis, Mary Anne Pike, Cathy Sippel

BIBLE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN WEDNESDAY

Nursery	Mary Anne Pike, Val Ramer	Room 104
2-3 year old	Lee Anne Williams	Room 105
4-5 year old	Jan Goslin, Vonna Nicholson	Room 114
1-3 grade	Victoria Deal, Mary Linn Webb	Room 115
4-6 grade	Mike Jones, Dave Sippel	Room 219



THIS WEEK

- **MOPS GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, **April 24**, at 7 PM, at Cathy Sippel's home.
- **SPRING CONCERT:** On Thursday, **April 26**, the Marion High School Jazz Band will be giving its Spring Concert. The concert will be held in the Marion Performing Arts Center on the campus of Marion High School. Musical selections will include something for everyone, from classic jazz standards to newer big band charts. Doors will be open at 6 PM and the music will begin at 6:30 PM. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend.
- **PRISCILLA SHIRER SIMULCAST AT VICTORY CHURCH** on Saturday, **April 28th**. To register go to their website.

EVERY THURSDAY

- **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Come to Rash Hall **at 6:30 AM** to start your day with a prayer with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Breakfast is provided.

EVERY FRIDAY

- **BREAKFAST CLUB:** Join us at the Shake Shack at 9AM.

NEXT SUNDAY

- **WEDDING SHOWER** for Shali Tacker will be on Sunday, **April 29**, at the home of Val Ramer, from 1-2:30 PM. She is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.
- **FIFTH SUNDAY NIGHT SINGING SERVICE** will be on **Sunday, April 29**, at 5 PM. We are asking all L.I.F.E. groups to meet at the building for an evening of singing and learning new songs. Keith, Chris, Kendall, and Rick will be leading and learning teaching in a similar fashion to when Keith Lancaster was with us in the fall. Make your plans to be with us as we continue to improve our worship together. The Elders.

MAY

- **SUNDAY, MAY 6**—Honoring our Graduates
- **HIS & HERS WEDDING SHOWER** for Jonathan Gossett & Kelsi Burns will be on Saturday, **May 19**, at Holiday Plaza Mall from 2-4 PM. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 23**—Family Night
- **GET FIT 12-WEEK STRENGTH TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SENIORS:** The next session will start on May 7 and will end on July 26.

VBS (June 11-14) NEEDS

- White Christmas lights (won't be returned)
- Shoe boxes
- Toilet paper tubes
- Used CD's

THANK YOU

- Dear Missouri Street Church Family... Thank all of you so much for your prayers, cards & visits to our Mom through the last few years. We reread the cards over and over to her! Thank you for the lovely meal prepared for all of us after the service, those who visited with us and came for the service and also those who brought the Lord's Supper to her after church on Sunday, especially Gerald & Peggy. We have had so many tell us this was one of the sweetest services they had been to. That's because of our sweet, loving church members & ministers. We love you. The Ruby Malone family.
- Dear "Abundant Life" group... How nice of you to think of me during this special time of the year. Receiving the beautiful card that you sent just "made my day—and I even my week! I found the perfect spot for it on the mantle, so I can see it as I sit in my recliner (which is much more these days, for some reason)! Thank you, so much, for thinking of me. May God bless each of you! Love and miss you, Ann Trevathan.

Rock This House! featuring nationally known speaker/author **Allison Allen** at Ash Flat Church of Christ Women's Conference. July 27 at 6:30 pm, July 28 at 9:00 am. All Tickets \$20. Special Friday Guest! **HEATHER LAND** "I AIN'T DOIN' IT!"

PRAY

HOSPITAL: Methodist Germantown—**James Teague**
HOME FROM HOSPITAL: **Sherry Blanchard, Beren Lowe** (newborn baby nephew of Kendall Lowe. Keep Carter & Victoria Lowe-parents-in your prayers),
SHUT-INS
HOME: **Ruie Harmon, Helen McNair, Marge Young**
NURSING HOME: **Bronwood Healthcare Center**—**Griffin Elzey**, rm. 303;
Nema Richmond, rm. 320; **Dymple Harris**, room 403, **Gwen Townsend**, room 201.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MoSt FAMILY: **Sean Bethany, Butch Pense, Mike Jones, Betty Cox, Peggy Griffith, KELLY O'Neal, John Towns, Margaret Organ** (3400 Alcoa Rd. / Apt. 127 / Benton AR 72015), **Peggie Curtis, Sheryl Taylor, Glenda Runions.**

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS: **Mary Williams** (mother of Tim Williams—chemo treatments), **Dave Hyde** (a friend of Danny Dauksch-Pneumonia & kidney issues), **Joanna Abbott** (friend of Doris Bridges-cancer), **Hunter Vick** (a former WMCS student-treatments for two brain tumors), **Jerry & Deb Hackingbottom** (Jane Darr's brother-liver cancer; sister-in-law-recent back surgery), **Bob Andrews** (friend of the Yens - heart problems), **Noah Rickard** (Grandson of the Yens - polycystic kidney disease), **Lorri Petty**.
If you want your prayer request to be mentioned in our prayer list please contact the church office either by email (victoriadeal@comcast.net) or by phone (870.735.3394). If there are changes please let the office know. WE START A NEW LIST EVERY MONTH.

WELCOME
 CONNECT
 MEDIA
 GIVE

HOME GIVE EVENTS MORE

DAILY DEVOTIONALS, CHURCH EVENTS, BULLETINS
SERMONS, FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS SERMON NOTES
ALL OF IT ON OUR CHURCH APP
Text "MOST APP" to 77977
 follow the instructions
Allow Push Notifications

How Can I Give?

CHURCH check/cash

MOBILE Text "most" to 77977

ONLINE mymostchurch.com

April 15, 2018		Attendance	
Regular Contribution	\$12,445.71	Bible Class	154
Budget	\$11,700.00	A.M. Service	245