

## **Spreading The Light February 2020**

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**Know Jesus, Love our Neighbor's, Share Jesus**

### **Lay Up Treasures in Heaven**

**19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.**

### **Do Not Be Anxious**

**25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?**

**Matthew 6:19-25 (ESV)**

## *Pastors' Paragraphs*

One of the realities of life is that an infant is pretty much consumed with what he or she needs and will make sufficient noise until they get what they need.

One of the greatest signs of maturity is that we develop the ability and hopefully the desire to do for others. You and I have met folks who never really develop the ability or desire to do that or may have at some part of their lives, and have returned to a place where their whole focus has reverted back to being consumed with what they need. Churches can do that also. Personally or corporately we can miss or lose track of what God has put us here for. It's tragic when an adult or teen seems to forget about others and is focused on just themselves.

It is more tragic when "The body of Christ" does that because it no longer looks like Jesus when that happens. Jesus left all of His preferences when He came to be with us and Die for us. Think about it! The weather was better in heaven, the relationships were better there, housing, furniture, transportation, all better there!! It was perfect! But He left all that to be with us- left it all for us!

And while He was here it was only always all about us! He was a bond servant. (Philippians 2:7) He called people to follow Him- He called us to follow Him- to be "the body of Christ." Same attitude, (Philippians 2:5) same actions (Philippians.2:7-8) so the world knows they're loved by God. (John 3:16-17) He gave Himself up for us!( Ephesians 5:25)

The church is not a country club that we pay dues at (tithes & offerings) so someone will do for us and provide for us surroundings for us to hang out with people just like us for our joy and comfort. The church is Jesus laying down His life daily all over again! Real Joy and privilege is being called together by God Almighty to do just what Jesus did!

God help us to catch ourselves when we start to revert back to infant self-centeredness. We exist to follow Jesus. By the way, another thing Jesus left when He came to earth-The music of heaven. Revelation 5:11-14, *11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" 14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped!*

I often wonder what He thought about worship music while He was here! I also wonder what He thinks about what we think about worship music now!!

I have said before that I really believe that true followers of Jesus really want to do all that God wants them to. We've started the year looking at how to really do that. Thom Rainer

has written a great little book on why and how to. It's called "I will" and takes the reader through why "we won't" and helps us get to where "we will." We'd like to make a copy available to you. I always look at the index of a book to see if I think it will be helpful. The index of this book goes like this...

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**Keeping our eyes on Jesus!**

***Pastor Mark***

### *Assistant Pastor's Paragraphs*

At the end of January our youth group attended “Winter Retreat 2020” at Mountain Meadows Ranch in Christopher Creek, AZ. The theme of winter retreat was restoration. The youth had three days of scheduled activities such as, worship time, small group discussions, free time, game time and daily personal devotion time with God. Each day they would compete against each other in games and spend time in discussion about this idea of what it means to be restored by God. Topic of discussion ranged from ideas such as, why do people need to be restored, or what does it look like when God restores us through Jesus Christ. They also discussed issues that teenagers face and how they can seek after God for restoration rather than the what the world offers. I am very grateful to be a part of the youth group and I enjoy watching these young people develop in their knowledge and relationship with God. There were several very special moments that we had over the three days in worship and small groups but one special moment that we had at winter retreat was when I was able to call all of our group together and issues out to them encouragement notes that our senior adult ministry, “The Amazing Grey’s” wrote for each youth. A few weeks ago, the senior adult ministry came to me and asked what they could do to help and through some brainstorming we developed the idea to encourage the youth through these cards. As I explained to the youth what they were receiving and how much the senior adult ministry loves and cares for the youth department, emotions began to build. Each youth received a note of encouragement and they were all very touched and some were overcome to the point of tears. They were tears of joy though as they were not expecting this to happen. I am so very thankful for both of these groups in the church and I see this as just the first step in bridging the generational gap between teenagers and senior adults. This all started with the mind set of I will or here am I send me, or what can I do. This is exactly the vision that Pastor Mark has for our church this year and it all starts with you and your mind set towards God. This act of, “I will” this weekend gave great encouragement to our youth to say to them, you can. Thank you all so much for your support of our youth.

With Faith in Christ,  
Assistant Pastor  
Jackie Boyd

### *Women's Missionary Union*

WMU is a liaison between the Church and Missions. We support such things as the Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and Arizona State offering.

We also promote the Pregnancy Resource Center in Chino, Operation Christmas Child, Homebound Visitation, Homeless Kids, and other outreach areas.

We will be meeting on Thursday, February 27th at 10 am. Ladies, we would love to see you there!

Interim Director, Diane Perrigo

**Our Moldable Generation  
By Heather Norvell**

**In today's society our teens are constantly told to stand out and to be different. Movies, schools and social media all tend to celebrate those who don't conform to the normality of society. Yet, when we have young kids who choose to stand out of the norm and defend God, these kids are ridiculed and told to conform. This is awful, but what is even worse is these kids do conform. This generation of kids is so scared to stand out for fear of not being accepted. Even though they are told in every aspect of life to 'stand out'. Altogether, a problem has developed; now the media and everyone has simply created a generation of kids who cannot stand on anything and instead are so easily persuaded into a new opinion. They conform, they are 'moldable'. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." God tells us not to adapt based on what the world says.**

**The fear of un-acceptance is what allows Satan to wiggle his way into a teen's life. Peers constantly sway the way Christian teens view of life. The teens of this generation need to grow in Christ and know Him. They need to be so grounded in the word that the ways of the world will not sway them. The church cannot control the choices the kids make in their daily lives, but the congregation can guide these teens with wisdom and prayer.**



## February

**2<sup>nd</sup>**    **Luke Anderesh**  
          **Geraldine Fricke**  
**5<sup>th</sup>**    **Tom Koubeck**  
**6<sup>th</sup>**    **Mary Thompson**  
**7<sup>th</sup>**    **Steve Ross**  
          **Shane Campbell**  
          **Jerry Stutler**  
**9<sup>th</sup>**    **Evelyn Crabb**  
**13<sup>th</sup>** **Karla Baker**  
**15<sup>th</sup>** **Heather Hanson**  
          **Gage Anderesh**  
**19<sup>th</sup>** **Mark Reeder**  
**28<sup>th</sup>** **Denise Spinler**



## **Information on our Building “C” Loan .**

**This loan is not in our annual budget and depends on donations to the Building Fund over and above your tithe.**

**Balance on Loan                \$ 352,109.42**

**Monthly Payment**

**Principal                        1863.15**

**Interest                         1684.64**  
**3547.79**

**Received as of 1/26            2570.00**  
**Still needed                    ( 977.79)**

