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Pastor's Notes

A few years ago, Michal and I began reading some books we had on our shelves. I wanted share an excerpt from one of those books by Randy Alcorn the title of which is “Money, Possessions & Eternity.”

Quote: “Were we the Bible’s editors, we might be tempted to cut out much of what it (the Bible) says about money and possessions. Anyone can see it devotes a disproportionate amount of space to the subject, right? When it comes to money and possessions, the Bible is sometimes redundant, often

extreme, and occasionally shocking. It turns many readers away, making it a hard sell in today’s market-place. It interferes with our lives and commits the unpardonable sin – it makes us feel guilty. If we want to avoid guilt feelings, it forces us to invent fancy interpretations to get around its plain meanings.

If the Bible were written today and judged by what it says about money and possessions, it would never be published. If it were published, it would be mercilessly panned by its reviewers and not see a second printing.

We come to the Bible for comfort, not financial instruction. If we want to know about money, we’re more apt to pick up *The Wall Street Journal* or *Fortunes*, *Forbes* or *Money*. Scripture should concern itself with what’s spiritual and heavenly. Money is physical and earthly. The Bible is religious; money is secular. Let God talk about love and grace and brotherhood, thank you. Let the rest of us talk about money and possessions – and do whatever we want with them.

How could the Bible’s Author and Editor justify devoting twice as many verses to money (about 2,350 of them) than to faith and prayer combined? The sheer enormity of Scripture’s teaching on this subject screams for our attention. And the haunting question is this – *why? Why* does God give us so much instruction on money and possessions? Considering everything else He could have told that we really want to know, *why* did the Savior of the world spend 15% of His recorded words on this one subject? Why did he say more about how we are to view and handle money and possessions than about any other single thing? *Why?* What did He know about money and possessions that we don’t?” END QUOTE

Interesting perspective isn’t it? Why, why money? Why how we handle our possessions? I believe God was helping us to put everything into the correct perspective. God first in everything, including the money He has allowed us to have not only to live but to use for His kingdom glory. Just as there are blessings when we are obedient to each of the spiritual disciplines God makes us aware of from His Word, there are blessings that are exceeding, great and precious that He wants to pour out upon us in this area of money and possessions. When we worship Him with our finances, we are blessed, we are blessing God, and we are a part of God’s kingdom expansion on earth as it is in heaven. Let us all strive to stand firm in every area of our lives, stand firm in obedience which places us under God’s shower of blessings.

In much love, Pastor Darrel



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

☞ **Pasta & Fellowship Opportunity!** We are looking for volunteers to join us on Monday, October 20th as we make noodles by hand for our Annual Bake Sale. Just an hour or two of your time is a HUGE help! We will start at 9am and go until we run out of dough. The more hands to help, the faster things go! And there are several stations to choose from: manning the industrial dough mixer, rolling dough, cutting pasta, drying pasta, or being a runner for the stations. It's a fun day for a great cause!

☞ **NIGHT OF LIGHTS!**— Our Second Annual Night of Lights (a Christian alternative to Halloween) is Friday, October 31st. We are in need of candy donations for the children who attend the event. We would also love any game booth ideas. If you are interested in creating a booth, or if you would like to volunteer to man a booth on the 31st, please let us know!!



Happy Anniversary
October

6th– Kyle & Kaitlyn Bernhardt
9th– Rex & Jeannie Hawthorne
9th– Robert Jr. & Kathy Loose
9th– Clark & Joan Wilson
11th– Mike & Jeanne Schimpf
11th– Carmen & Joey Hardy
18th– Rob & Stephanie Mayer
25th– Allen & Gwenda Steffen
30th– Curtis & Apryl Sauer
31st– Cody March & Tina Stewart

Important Dates: October

Food Pantry Truck Delivery

Thursday the 2nd, 6:30am
Friday the 17th, 6:30am

Care Team

Monday the 6th, 5pm

Mission/Membership

Monday the 6th, 6pm

Craft Day

Tuesday the 7th, 10:30am

Women's Fellowship

Tuesday the 7th, 1:30pm

Board Prayer Meeting

Tuesday the 7th, 6:30pm

Men's Breakfast

Saturday the 11th, 7:30am

Pastor Appreciation Day

Sunday the 12th

**Operation Christmas Child
Shoeboxes Available**

Sunday the 19th,
After Service

Noodle-Making Day

Monday the 20th
9am-2pm

Board Meeting

Tuesday the 21st, 6:30pm

Valley View Service

Sunday the 26th, 2pm

**Night of Lights
(Halloween Alternative)**

Friday the 31st

Weekly Events:

Intercessory Prayer

Monday-Friday, 9am

Women's Bible Study

Mondays 9:30am

Men's Group

Mondays 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Kingdom Kidz

Wednesdays 4:30pm

Youth Group

Wednesdays 6pm

Young Men's Bible Study

Saturdays 9am

**Young Adult Sunday
School Class**

Sunday Mornings
In the Basement



Sunday School

9:00am

EPIC Youth

Sundays at 9am

Sunday Service

10:00AM

Care Team

We continue to send Get Well cards and Thinking of you cards to those in need. We especially pray for and send cards to those who have lost loved ones. This is a community outreach not only our WCC family but all in the community who have lost loved ones. We are inviting folks to WCC Harvest Festival.

<u>Ushers</u>		<u>Offering Stewards</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>		
10/5	Aaron Erker & Scott Clement	9/7	Yvonne & Wayne	10/5	Dana
10/12	Mike Schimpf & Wayne Bader	9/14	Natalie & Bill	10/12	Donna & Sue
10/19	Chris & Tammie Wick	9/21	Mike & Sean	10/19	Patricia
10/26	Dave Goddard & Jerrod Mildenerger	9/28	Glen & Yvonne	10/26	Braigen & Amelia
<u>Greeters</u>		<u>Children's Message</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>		
10/5	Karen Johnson	10/5	Rob Mayer	10/5	Donna
10/12	Ricardo Marquez	10/12	Priscilla & Cheryl	10/12	Natalie
10/19	Rose Clement	10/19	Patricia	10/19	Donna
10/26	Jeanne & Mike Schimpf	10/26	Peggy & John	10/26	Natalie

Membership:

We continue to address weekly bulletins and give out Welcome Bags -to new folks attending worship services. We also provide new baby welcome bags and Baptism/ Dedication gifts. Welcomed Delilah, daughter of Riley and Shiloh Weinmeister, with Baby's First Bible at her dedication.

Mission Committee

- ☞ Monthly Offering of \$50 to WCC Prison Ministry.
- ☞ Helped Stranded Folks at Stubs \$60.15 in gas money
- ☞ Purchased glasses for needy older woman \$130
- ☞ Continue sharing concerns and joys on the texting and phone prayer chain
- ☞ Ordered materials for Operation Christmas Child

The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear God,
As I carve this pumpkin, help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;
Cut off the top

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.
Clean out the inside

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
Cut two eyes in the shape of hearts

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You have given me.
Cut the nose in the shape of a cross

Open my ears so Your word I will hear:
Cut two ears in the shape of a Bible

Open my mouth to tell others You are near.
Cut a mouth in the shape of a fish

Let Your light shine in me so others can see.
Place a candle inside



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2025 OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 	29	30 Katelynn Ryan BD Wiggins Community BBQ! 4:30-6:30pm	Kingdom Kidz 1 4:30pm Darrel Lehr, Sharon Bader, Evelyn Schroeder, Thomas Sears & Eric Lingo BD	Food Pantry 2 Delivery 6:30a Kenya Mission Team Returns!! Michael Siedelberg BD	3 Sydney Franzen & Bailey Harmon BD	4
5 Communion Shana Anderson, William Sears & Erin Eppler BD	6 Care Team 5pm Mission/Membership 6pm John Lough BD	7 Craft Day!! 10:30am Women's Fellowship 1:30pm Larry Turner BD	8 Kingdom Kidz 4:30pm	9 Jeanne Schimpf BD	10 Rob Mayer BD	11 Men's Breakfast 7:30a Ashton Jackson BD
12 Pastor Appreciation Day! Mike Schimpf BD	13	14 Jill Bowling & Donniss Cordillo BD	15 Kingdom Kidz 4:30pm	16 Phil Witt BD	17 Food Pantry Delivery 6:30a Cheryl Weinstein, Aiden Meyer & Brandy Canfield BD	18 Shawna Cordillo & Ryan Anderson BD
19 Operation Christmas Child Begins	20 Noodle Making Day! 9am-2pm	21 Board Meeting 6:30pm	22 Kingdom Kidz 4:30pm	23 Joan Wilson, Brynn Lingo & Shayla Lehr BD	24	25
26 Valley View Service 2pm Bauer Widener BD	27 Noah Erker, Treben Miller & Dave Goddard BD	28 Hunter Cuckow, Hannah Herbstman, Kaylee Beauprez & Cole Kerr BD	29 Kingdom Kidz 4:30pm	30 Nahia Siedelberg BD	31 NIGHT OF LIGHTS!	1 Let your light shine so people everywhere may see your good actions and praise God in heaven because of it. Matthew 5:16