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From the Pen of Bro. Len:

The Gift for the Person Who Has Everything

In our pocket of society where pampered affluence is rampant, we are often at a loss to know what kind of gifts to buy our friends and loved ones on special occasions. For some people (especially those who “have everything”), the standard gift won’t cut it. Nothing in the shopping mall catches our fancy.

I have a suggestion. It may not seem that expensive or sound very novel, but believe me, it works every time. It’s one of those gifts that has great value but no price tag. It can’t be lost, nor will it ever be forgotten. No problem with size, either. It fits all shapes, any age, and every personality. This ideal gift is . . . yourself. Don’t forget the unusual value of kindness.

That’s right, give some of Yourself away.

- Give some time to someone who is lonely.
- Give a meal to someone who is sick.
- Give a word of compassion to someone who has suffered a loss.
- Give a second chance to the fallen.
- Give a deed of thoughtfulness to someone who is often overlooked.
- Give a gentle response to the frustrated.
- Give an hour of your time to someone who needs you.

- Give a hug of affirmation to someone in your family.
- Give a note of encouragement to someone feeling down.

In the words of [Ephesians 4:32](#), be kind. My sister Luci paraphrases this verse, “Just be nice.” Covering all the *one another* commands of the Bible (and there’s a lot of them!) is the umbrella of kindness. Kindness braids mercy and grace, humility and gentleness all together. Kindness gives grace, requires humility, and asks that we think of others before ourselves.

Ever notice that kindness is most appreciated when life has gone sideways? When you’re having “one of those days,” kindness speaks that thoughtful word and draws you back like a lifeline.

Who should the world look to as a model of kindness but the body of Christ? Unfortunately, ask the man on the street how he would describe the Christians he knows and I dare say *kind* would not be his first or even his second response. I say we change that.

Kindness is something you and I can do today. A gentle response. Being the first to forgive. Giving the gift of time, compassion, and thoughtfulness. In ordinary ways, we can give ourselves away and, by doing so, model God’s *agape* love. Remember [1 Corinthians 13:4](#)—“Love is kind.”

Look for ways today to give *ordinary* kindness, and you’ll find there’s nothing ordinary about it.

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CORNERSTONE

Hello from Cornerstone! Welcome to December.

We hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving.

We would love for you all to join us at our annual birthday party for Jesus on **Sunday, December 7th** in the CLC at **5:30 PM**. Spaghetti dinner and birthday cake will be served. As always, this event is to support the Seashore Mission. "Birthday gift donations" are appreciated. Items needed are McDonald's gift cards of \$5, clean new or used cold weather sleeping bags, blankets, flashlights (LED), hats, gloves (adult sizes), socks, men's briefs (size med to large), non – perishable individually packed snacks. Hygiene kits include bath soap, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, wash cloths, deodorant, dental floss, razors, and shampoo. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.".. "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:35 – 40, NIV



Brothers and Sisters

You are precious in His sight. You are. We are precious enough to Him that He would give us His one and only Son to save us from this evil world and to bless us with gifts to use for His kingdom. Our daily life reflects Jesus in us and therefore, we are to share these gifts with others.

Our Father God expresses His love for us in so many different ways: the earth and its beauty and provisions it provides, the heavens with stars, moon, rainbows, family and friends, and more. The gift of Jesus Christ lasts forever no matter the circumstances we encounter. He is a gift we can take with us no matter where we go. He never breaks, fades, or is destroyed. He is forever alive and present. Hallelujah! Not even Satan can take Him away!! Praise God. He is a gift that we can share with anyone anywhere.

Sunday, November 30th is the first day of Advent. We will reflect on the theme of Advent this month.

November 30th – December 6th: First Sunday of Advent – Hope: The Old Testament predicts the ruler who will shepherd His people. Micah 5:2

December 7th – 13th: Second Sunday of Advent – Peace: God promised peace through His 'Prince of Peace'. Isaiah 6:7 – 9

December 14th – 20th: Third Sunday of Advent – Joy: The good news of Jesus's birth gave great joy to all people. Luke 2:8 – 14

December 21st – 27th: Fourth Sunday of Advent – Love: Remember that salvation is a gift of love from the Lord. John 3:16

December 28th – January 3rd: God's command to love. John 13:34 – 35

The best you can give others is....Jesus Christ. 🙏❤️

Shoebox Ministry

856 shoeboxes!!! God's people are at CUMC. It's all about Jesus and you heard His message about sharing the gospel and delivered 856 boxes.



Many thanks to all who helped: Bro. Len and Patty, Patricia Taylor, packers team, mission team (who did fund raising), Jan and youth, Bob and Karen and loading team, all of you who donated money, all of you who packed boxes. God will bless you. To God be the glory!





Anniversaries

Birthday

Monthly Events

Scheduled Meetings

Weekly Events

CLC – Christian Life Center

FH – Fellowship Hall

S – Sanctuary

CW – Contemporary Worship

TW – Traditional Worship

AB – Administrative Board

BG – BUNCO Group

CB – Cornerstone Band

CC – Cemetery Committee

DT – Daisy Troop

FISH – Young Adults

JAM – Children's Ministry

MT – Mission Team

SL – Senior Luncheon

UMYF - Youth

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◀ November						January ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Ren Nalley 11:30 AM, SL 5 PM, Yoga, CLC 6:30 PM, CB, S	3	4	5 [----Prep for 7 PM, AA, FH	6 BPfJ, CLC----
7 9 AM, SS, FH 10 AM, W, S 5:30 PM, CLC Birthday Party For JESUS	8 6 PM, AB, FH	9 5 PM, Yoga, CLC 6 PM, DT, CLC 6:30 PM, CB, S	10	11 12 – 3 PM, BG, FH	12 7 PM, AA, FH	13 Johnna Harrison CLC Reserved
14 9 AM, SS, FH 10 AM, W, S 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF, CLC FISH, CLC	15 Christine Laird 5 – 8 PM, CLC Reserved	16 5 PM, Yoga, CLC 6:30 PM, CB, S	17	18 Mike Bahm	19 7 PM, AA, FH	20 Matthew Hansen CLC Reserved
21 9 AM, SS, FH 10 AM, W, S Caleb Grant Diane Sindle 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF, CLC FISH, CLC	22	23 Obra Murphy 5 PM, Yoga, CLC 6:30 PM, CB, S	24	25 Joan Cravens – Massie MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 7 PM, AA, FH	27
28 9 AM, SS, FH 10 AM, W, S 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 PM, UMYF, CLC FISH, CLC	29	30 5 PM, Yoga, CLC 6:30 PM, CB, S	31	Backpack Blessings 12/7 – Beanie Weanies 12/14 – Ramen noodles 12/21 – Ravioli 12/28 – tuna		