

**LOOKS LIKE ICY RAIN
WILL BE HERE SUNDAY
WE WILL NOT HAVE CHURCH
THIS SUNDAY**

**PLEASE JOIN US THE SUNDAY AFTER
THIS ONE AS WE OBSERVE THE LORD'S
SUPPER TOGETHER**

2025 FINANCE REPORT

Budget \$145,000

Received \$156,362

Spent \$141, 626

From Preacher Bob

Our Church sends out a great big "Thank You" to each and every one of you for catching up on your offerings in December. It is the individual members of a Church who determine how much ministry their church can minister.

The \$15,000 surplus between spending and receiving will enable us to keep on helping Bethel Baptist Church serve 200 sacked lunches on Wednesday nights. Some of these people we help through Bethel are homeless and some are on the verge of being homeless.

Every night when I put my head on my pillow, I thank God that I am still on this earth, I can still help people physically and spiritually. I can't do much but I can do my part and that is all God asks. But you and I working together can do a lot. Thank you!

Why Did Jesus Suffer so Much?

He could have called 10,000 angels to destroy the world and set him free. He could have called 10,000 angels but he died alone for you and me.

Because He chose to do it for You!

WORRY – DEAL WITH IT

. Give God Your Situation

Phil. 4:4-6

"Don't worry (be anxious, all torn up) about anything; but pray about everything. Tell God what you want and thank Him for what you have. If you do this God's peace, which far surpasses anything we can imagine, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in your union with Christ Jesus." (Paraphrased)

Worry produces fear and faith is fear that has said its prayers. Paul wrote this from jail (Acts 28) where he could be tried, condemned, and beheaded at any time. If I were I will jump every time I guard came through the door.

But it was when he was in this horrible situation when he said more about joy in this Letter than in all of his other letters combined. He told God what he wanted, thanked him for what he had, and in chapter one said, "Thy will be done!" He found a calmness and peace he himself could not understand.

This was a gift from Jesus. When he was arrested, dragged like an animal, slapped, beaten, crucified and mocked – read it and you will see He was the calmest one there. He was in complete control. And just before it happened He said to his followers, "I give you My peace and it is not the peace the world gives."