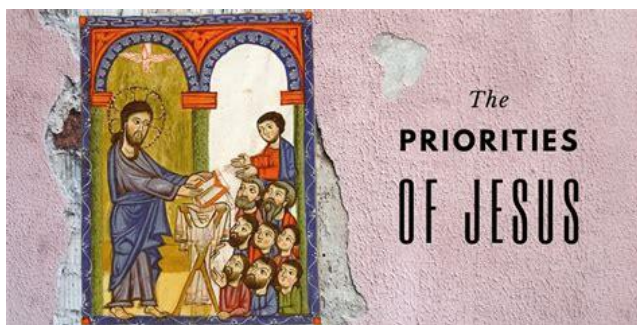




North Bay
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Understanding God's Priorities

By Pastor John

"Life offers countless pursuits, but only a few truly fulfill the heart and spirit. In a world that constantly pulls us in every direction, we must anchor ourselves in what matters most: our faith, our family, and the mission God has set before us. When our priorities align with His purpose, every other area of our lives finds order, peace, and meaning." – David Jeremiah

Throughout the Bible, God's priorities are revealed to us, providing guidance on how we should live, serve, and love in alignment with His will. God's priorities center on His desire for us to seek Him wholeheartedly, to practice love and justice, and to live with an eternal perspective. When we align our lives with God's priorities, we find purpose, direction, and the fulfillment that comes from living according to His will.

1. Seeking First the Kingdom of God: One of God's foremost priorities is that we seek His kingdom and righteousness. Jesus emphasizes this in Matthew 6:33, saying, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"

2. Loving God and Loving Others: The greatest commandments according to Jesus are to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-40).

3. Pursuing Compassion: God's heart for justice is woven throughout the Bible. Micah 6:8 encapsulates His priorities, saying, "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

4. Transforming Our Character to Reflect Christ: Another priority for God is the transformation of our character. He desires us to become more like Christ, showing traits like love, humility, patience, and forgiveness. Romans 8:29 reveals that we are "predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son."

Conclusion: God's priorities invite us to live lives of purpose, rooted in love, justice, transformation, and an eternal perspective. As Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." By placing God's priorities above our own, we honor Him and discover the true joy of living according to His divine will.

Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our church family for your prayers during my recent hospital stay.

I felt your prayers...like being wrapped in a blanket.

Thank you to all for the beautiful and encouraging cards and texts.

Love and thanks to all.

Jane Wentworth

Darrell Didier, Peggy Harding, Ron Rowand 🏌️



Celebrate our three golfers who recently turned 90 years old and are still out there swinging each week with the N.B.C.C. Golf League.

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2025 Community Missions Calendar

- January 19 “Meat” Me Sunday
- February 23 Sock Sunday
- April 6 Easter Food Drive for FEAST
- May 4 Haven House Mothers Toiletry Drive
- June 8 Peanut butter and Jelly Sunday
- July 27 School Supply Drive
- October 12 Undie Sunday
- November 9 Thanksgiving Food Drive for FEAST
- December 7 Salvation Army Toy and Senior Gifts



Meat Me Sunday

425 cans of meat given for FEAST.

Women’s Open Heart Prayer



We’re starting again. It’s the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:00 in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to come and open their heart. Sharon Sterrett

Coffee Fellowship

We need extra help Sunday morning making coffee and putting out snacks. We could use two more regular Sunday morning people (male or female) and substitutes.

Thank you,

Cathy Iaquinto

February Birthdays

Sharon Aldridge 2/1, Barbara Wright 2/2, Desiree Little 2/5, Nancy Tobin 2/17, Louise Schram 2/17, Shirley Frew 2/21, John Tobin 2/27

February Dinner Party

Don’t forget our special Valentine Dinner Party on Saturday, February 8 at 4:30 p.m. in the hall with dinner at 5 p.m. This Sunday is the final day to sign up for you and your guests. Our wonderful entertainers Jason and Sonali will be there to perform, and prizes will be given out. Please come and enjoy our first fellowship of the year!! For those first-time attendees please park on the north side of the school and enter through the double doors and make your way around to the hall entrance.

Cathy Good

March Talent Show

The next fellowship event will be the North Bay Talent Show on Saturday, March 29 in the sanctuary at 2 p.m.

Cathy Good

NBCC COUNCIL MINUTES January 22, 2025

Council will meet monthly.

Executive Committee and Pastor will meet on Saturday with Pastor(s) from Gold Street Garden Church regarding possibility of renting the sanctuary on Tuesday nights.

No news to report relating to the rental of area used by preschool.

New Members induction this will be on 02/28.

Capital Fund for the church has been seeded with a \$10,000 donation from Gary Roosevelt.

Dead trees will be removed from Memorial Garden this week.

Many thanks to Keith Casady for repairing the bridge damaged by Hurricane Helene.

Next Council Meeting will be on February 26th at 2 pm.



February 6 is our first Cantata Rehearsal. We'd love for you to join us 6:30-8:00.

February Concert

Suncoast Symphony presents “Symphonic Sampler” featuring the music of Beethoven, Boccherini, Hayden, Mozart, Schubert, and Tchaikovsky-Sat., Feb.15, 3pm.