



Nuggets of Treasure

Giving



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We live in a world where greed, selfishness, and materialism are widespread. People of the world are more concerned about themselves, what they have and how they can have more. They usually are not concerned about others. As believers, we should be different from the world's ways. We should be givers and giving should be a part of our lives daily. We should love to give year-round, not just at Christmas, as giving reveals our heart condition.

What is giving for the believer? Giving is a measure of our love for God. Giving expresses our faith and trust in the Lord. Next, we must realize that we will never out-give the Lord God. We should never have a fear of giving too much. Some people have a fear of giving because they believe it will threaten their family's welfare. Giving begins with gratitude.

Giving is the act of transferring something to someone. It is presented voluntarily and without expecting compensation. We are not expecting personal gain from giving. The Lord God is the supplier of the resources

we must give. What we have was first given to us by Him.

Just as God is a giver and happily and willingly gives, we should happily and willingly give. God loved us so much that He gave Jesus so we could have eternal life. We have been given the Holy Spirit. He gives us forgiveness, grace, and mercy. The list of all that He has given is endless. If we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, God puts it in our hearts to give. We will love to give. Giving is in our new nature.

Giving is more than just treasure, but also includes time and talent. Part of giving is giving forgiveness, compassion, and love. Giving is always doing our best and not taking advantage in any situation. Do we give 100% in our job, or do we steal from our employer? Do we take time for people that need our help? Do we give forgiveness when someone has offended us? Do we give time to serve at church? Giving draws us closer to others and strengthens our empathy.

Luke 6:38 (NKJV) "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." The picture of good measure being returned is a bushel basket, filled to the brim, pressed down, and shaken together to make room for more, then running over so that we must hold up our shirts like a basket to catch the rest. However, we measure something that will be measured back to us. If we are reluctant or stingy givers, we will receive similarly. As we give mercy, we will receive mercy. When we give forgiveness, we will receive forgiveness. Not only should we be generous in giving, but we should also be faithful in giving in all areas. Corinthians tells us whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. We often misinterpret this to mean if we give financially, we will be rewarded with much financially. We need to think about being healthy as a financial blessing. It is a financial blessing if our

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Upcoming Events 2022

- December 21 First Day of Winter
- December 24 Christmas Eve
- December 25 Christmas



December 31 New Year's Eve

2023

January 1 New Year's Day



February 14 Valentine's Day



February 20 President's Day

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"Joy cannot be pursued. It comes from within. It is a state of being. It does not depend on circumstances, but triumphs over circumstances. It produces a gentleness of spirit and a magnetic personality."—Billy Graham

"When we allow others' perceptions of us, or even our perceptions of their perceptions, to control how we live, we are enslaved, we become entrenched in the ways of this world and do not live as citizens of heaven, which is another kind of Kingdom altogether."—Francis Chan

"There will come a time when every step of the journey God is taking you on will make sense. Until then, keep trusting Him."—Toby Mac

"We cannot pray in love and live in hate and still think we are worshipping God."—A.W. Tozer

"The world needs to see Jesus in you."—Jesse Duplantis

Happy Birthday

12/12 John Westing
 12/24 Joe McHenry



Our Helping Hands Show A Loving Heart

Get involved, find a place to help. We all have something to give. We need greeters, ushers, maintenance, socials, visitations, children, youth, food center, music, socials, driving etc.

VOLUNTEER



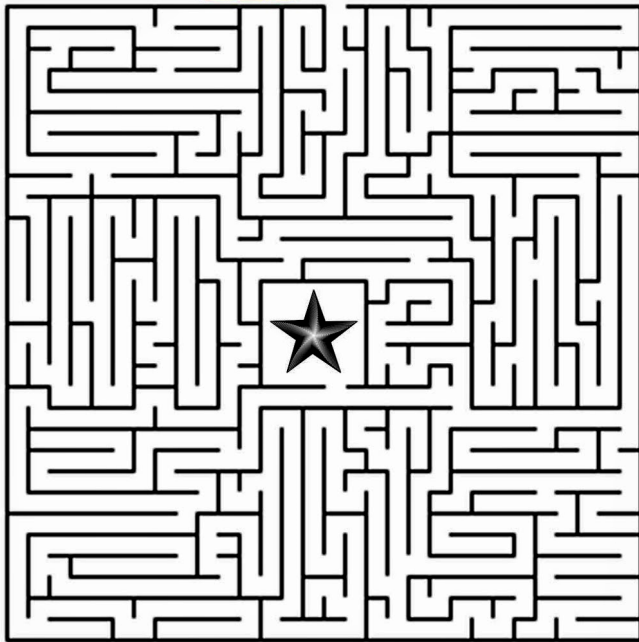
Oasis Food Center Update

November 2022
 Families: 1,272
 New Families: 76
 Total People: 5,014

Year to Date 2022 (as of 12/1/22)
 Families: 14,248
 New Families: 719
 Total People: 56,527

Year to Date 2021
 Families: 11,969
 New Families: 546
 Total People: 48,245

Can you help the wise men follow the star to find Jesus?



O HOLY NIGHT

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ANGEL
ANIMALS
BABY
BETHLEHEM
DONKEY
FRANKINCENSE

GIFTS
GOLD
JESUS
JOSEPH
MANGER
MARY

MYRRH
PEACE
SAVIOR
SHEPHERD
STAR
WISE MEN



Bring Your Friends and Join the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning
10:30 am





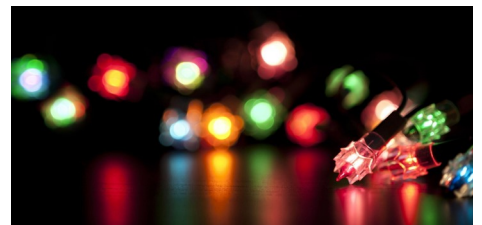
RECIPE CORNER

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automobiles or appliances do not break down.

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV) "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." The Philippians were not wealthy individuals who could spare finances, but they supported Paul anyway. Paul then promised them that God would supply their needs according to Lord's resources. This scripture promises that as we give, He will supply all our needs according to His resources, not the world.

There should be joy in giving. Once we feel the joy of giving, we will understand the blessing of giving. Paul states in Acts it is more blessed to give than receive. As we are grateful for all that the Lord has done for us, it will create in us a desire to give and keep on giving. The giving flows out of our gratitude. We believers should be motivated by love to give, not out of a sense of duty. Giving is a gift. Giving benefits the one receiving but also benefits the one giving. As spirit-filled believers, we should always desire to find ways to give. We should ask ourselves how we can be a blessing.



Coconut Macaroons

Ingredients:

- 14 ounces sweetened shredded coconut
- 14 ounces sweetened condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 extra-large egg whites, at room temperature
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.

Combine the coconut, condensed milk, and vanilla in a large bowl.

Whip the egg whites and salt on high speed in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment until they make medium-firm peaks.

Carefully fold the egg whites into the coconut mixture. Drop the batter onto sheet pans lined with parchment paper using either a 1 3/4-inch diameter ice cream scoop, or 2 teaspoons.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until golden brown.

Cool and serve.

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Attitudes play a crucial role in our daily lives. We view all of life through our attitudes. What is an attitude? Attitudes are a settled way of thinking. Attitudes can be right or wrong. We should ask ourselves, are my attitudes positive or negative? People justify negative thinking and attitudes by just saying they are being true to life. We should not let negativity affect our day. It is not the situation but whether we react negatively or respond positively to it that is important. Regardless of the circumstances in life, we can have a positive attitude.

Do we have an optimistic or pessimistic attitude? Our attitudes set the atmosphere and decide our day and how we interact with others and respond to situations. Attitudes come through our minds and what we think. Our attitudes affect our behavior, actions, and speech. Our attitudes are a driving force in our life.

Many people suppose that when they are born again, it at once changes their difficulties and flaws. We get a new, recreated spirit, but our minds, will, and emotions change or transform as we renew our minds to the Word of God.

Attitudes are how we view things. It is our perspective. It is how we approach life. It is our frame of mind. We cannot always change circumstances or situations, but we can change our attitude. Or we

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might say we cannot control what happens to us but can control how we respond and what happens to us. Do not surrender your attitude to negativity. Everyone has issues, circumstances, and situations in life. What counts is how we respond to it.

How do you change your attitude? First, we need to believe we can change through the help of the Holy Spirit. Romans 12:2 (AMP) "Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]." We cannot live a life based on feelings or bad attitudes. Ephesians tells us to be renewed in the spirit of our mind. Change begins in our mind, where all thoughts, attitudes, and actions begin. Being renewed in the spirit of our mind is a continual daily process. Transformation starts in the mind and results in renewed attitudes and behavior. Our thoughts and attitudes make us what we are. We can never go higher than our thoughts, so fill yourself with positive thoughts. We can change our life and future by

changing our attitudes. Joyce Meyer wrote, "Faith is having a positive attitude about what you can do and not worrying at all about what you can't do."

People judge us by what we wear. The most important thing we ever wear is our attitude. What should we do when we have a terrible attitude when we need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us adjust our attitude? We probably will not feel like praying, but we must stop and ask for help with our bad attitude. We keep our attitude right if we stay focused on God and His Word.

Another way we can change our attitude is to remind ourselves of what the Lord has done. Start your day by writing down things you are grateful for in your life. Count your blessings. When your attitude needs a check-up, go back, and read all the things you have written down. Develop an attitude of gratitude and then give thanks.





DECEMBER 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	2	3
4 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	5	6	7 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	8 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	9	10
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25 Christmas 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 	26	27	28 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	29 Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	30	31 New Year's Eve