

CARTHAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Founded by Christ---Grounded in His Word---Committed to His Love

Our God Is a Giver

Dan Jenkins

It is remarkable that so many know the “Golden Text” of the Bible. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...” It is called the “Golden Text” because many who read John 3:16 see it as summing up the story of the Bible. Our God is a giver. He gave His son, but He has given us so much more.

He gives us our food. Paul, in his sermon at Lystra, reminded the pagans that while God allowed the nations to walk in their own ways, they were still accountable to Him. They could know He existed. “He did not leave himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness” (Acts 14:17). That same witness has been given to us, for did He not tell us to pray about God giving us daily bread?

However, far above all of this is the spiritual food He supplies us. He has *given* us access to the fountain of the water of life freely (Rev. 21:6). He has *given* us all things which pertain to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3). He has *given* us the ability to understand the mystery that not even O.T. saints understood (Mark 4:11; 1 John 5:20). He has *given* us access to heavenly wisdom (Jas. 1:5). He has also *given* us exceedingly great and precious promises (2 Pet. 1:4). Our God truly is a giver.

He has *given* us the church and its attendant blessings which come with it. “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom” (Luke 12:32). That eternal kingdom, planned from before the world began and prophesied by the Old Testament saints, has been *given* to us. This was more than part of His plan. It was the plan, and it was His pleasure to *give* it to us!

He has *given* to those in that kingdom the honor of telling others about His plan of redemption. That honor was not given to saints of old—not to Abraham, Moses, David, Elijah or any of the prophets. It was not given to Gabriel or Michael or any other angel in heaven. Paul described it this way: God has *given* to us the word of reconciliation and the work of reconciliation. We stand as the only ambassadors Jesus has on this earth saying to the world, “Be reconciled to God” (2 Cor. 5:20).

The list of what God has *given* to us is seemingly endless. He has *given* us peace (John 14:27). He has *given* us grace (Rom. 12:6). He has *given* us a new name (Isa. 62:2). He has *given* us the right to become sons of God (John 1:12) and what love is shown in this relationship (1 John 3:1). Our God is a giver. What is our response? He allows us to fill in the details, but have we not all sung at various times, “Give of your best to the Master”?

Assignments for this week:

Sunday AM: 2-2-2020:

Announcements: Alan Cook

Greeter: Durham

Opening Prayer: Josh Clements

Lord's Supper: Larry Lawhon

Gary Beach

Marty Block

Jeremy Jadwin

Scripture Reading: Damon Teel

Closing Prayer: Charles Baker

Song leader AM: David Lawhon

Communion to Shut ins: Hartley

Sunday PM: 2-2-2020:

Opening Prayer: Carl Lucas

Closing Prayer: Gary Beach

Song Leader: Kai Clements

Wednesday: 2-5-2020:

Song Leader: Mike Lawson

Devotional: Steve Teel

Birthdays and

Anniversaries for February:

Birthdays:

5: Sara Risley

9: Thelma Albrecht

9: Vicki Fieker

15: Boomer Baugh

21: Judy Korn

28: Sid Teel

Anniversary in Feb.:

24: Bill and Mary Jane

Talley

In Our Thoughts and

Prayers:

Ron Gibson: cancer

Mike Lawson's mother: fall

Becky Lawson's family: death of her sister

Robin Thompson (sister of **Lindia**

Kisling): blood cancer

Emily Anderson's grandfather:

Heart issues

Sharolet Trease (sister of Charlie Baker): cancer

Lorraine Moser: Heart and kidney issues

Laure Bryant (sister of Maureen Dunaway's daughter-in-law): undergoing cancer treatments.

Ben Quade (brother-in-law of Bev Baker) undergoing cancer treatments.

Priscilla Lorton: Health issues

Jo Shrum: illness

Barb Durham's sister-in-law's sister: cancer and her (Barb's) sister.

Kathy Brewer: Health issues

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters serving in the military and their families.

Fair Havens Children's Home

Pantry List for February:

Juice, olive oil, soups, pie filling, salsa, tea bags, cooking spray, pop tarts, microwave popcorn, canned vegetables, canned fruit, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, and spam.

Also, remember to bring in used clothing for donation or to bale, money or gift cards to Walmart, and decent furniture/bedding (no TVs or mattresses).

Elders:

Dennis Hartley 417-674-0018

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Takota Anderson 417-389-7449

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Worship Times:

10:20 AM Sunday

6:00 PM Sunday

Bible Class:

9:30 AM Sunday

7 PM Wednesday

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Supported Works:

Fair Haven Children's Home

Search Program

Gary Reaves

House to House

Weekly Record:

Sunday AM Worship: 67

Sunday PM Worship: 47

Wed. Night Class: 57

Contribution: \$2212

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