

Gifts You Can Give the Year Long

By Edd Sterchi

There are certain times of the year that we plan on giving - and that is good. But there are some gifts that we can give all year long - gifts that don't cost much financially, but gifts that are of great value, nonetheless. Make plans to give:

The Gift of Praise - Acknowledging someone else's qualities or just a job well done is always appropriate and appreciated. Make sure this is done right in front of their face and watch for the smile.

The Gift of Consideration - Try putting yourself in the other fellow's shoes for a while. Make an effort to gain a genuine understanding of their side of the case. Let them know you understand and are truly concerned.

The Gift of Concession - Humble yourself and just at the right time be sure to say, "Sorry, you're right and I'm wrong."

The Gift of Gratitude - Always remember to say, "Thank you very much" and never fail to mean it. People like to know that what they are doing is appreciated by others.

The Gift of Attention - When someone else speaks to you, listen attentively. If their words are directed to you personally, meet their eyes squarely. Undivided attention makes one feel important.

The Gift of Inspiration - Do your best to plant seeds of courage and action in the hearts of others. Do what you can to encourage others. Help others to strive for greater accomplishment and lasting satisfaction.

The Gift of Your Personal Presence - Few things equal the value of your shoulder - given in a hug, offered to cry on, used to move the arm to pat another's back, or just to bring the rest of your body into the presence of others. In times of trouble or joy, your presence makes the difference on other's lives.

These are the gifts that all of us can bestow throughout the year and the great thing is that we will all be the richer for giving them.

"And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:35)



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December 29, 2019

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: [Darkness That Can Be Felt Meets the Light of the World](#)

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Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** January 1st, 6:30pm. Paul will continue our new powerful study of Colossians.
- **Next Potluck:** January 19th.
- **Next Regional Singing: March 29th, 2020**
- **Sojourners-** July 27th- August 6th



NEWS

- December 29th Regional 5th Sunday Singing which was scheduled today @ Endwell has been canceled because of people traveling for the holidays.
- **Muriel McConnon**, who visits us when she is in town from FL, was planning to attend worship with us again today, but has been ill. She wishes us all a **Happy New Year**.
Paul will be preaching in Kittanning next Sunday, January 5th.
- You are all invited to join with us in **reading the Bible through in a year**. If you have a tablet or phone, you can follow using the You Version App, and it's the **Old and New Testament Plan**, starting Wednesday, January 1st. If you like, you can click to have it read to you, and you can choose the version of the Bible that you prefer. See Arthur to get started. If you prefer to use a hard copy of the Bible, the **daily reading schedule will be provided** on paper every few weeks. See below for this week's schedule.
- **Happy Birthday to Darlene on Tuesday, December 31st!**
- **Bible readings:** **Jan. 1** (Gen. 1-3, Matt. 1), **Jan. 2** (Gen.4-6, Matt. 2), **Jan. 3** (Gen. 7-9, Matt. 3), **Jan. 4** (Gen. 10-12, Matt. 4)

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

PRAYERS

- **Please pray for Arthur and Paul**, as they are deciding how to divide up the ministry work and secure support income for Paul.
- **Please pray for Bob Elsbree, Doug's father, as he is in the hospital again. He had surgery yesterday after a trip to the ER.**
- Pray for **Todd** as he is working out his relationship with Michelle, his fiancée in the Philippines.
- We are thankful that **Ted** has managed to find a doctor at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Johnson City, NY to repair his Eustachian tubes and hopefully restore his hearing.
- **Chris Henson and Devon Wolcott's 3-month-old baby son, Jace**, has suffered brain damage from oxygen deprivation and is undergoing rehabilitation in Rochester. Pray for the family and for Jace's healing. They have shown interest in the church, as has Chris' mother.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**, who has lung cancer.
- **Please pray for Mark Elsbree, Doug's brother**, who needs a kidney donor. **Pray for his son and daughter, who are possible matches for him.**
- **Pray for Ted's brother John**, who has a rare blood condition.
- **Pray for Lori Kashorek**, who has lung cancer.
- **Pray for Erin Beiber**, who has metastatic breast cancer. She is not well this week. **Continue to pray that she can learn and grow in the Lord as a new babe in Christ.**
- **Pray for Larry Krause**, minister at Kittanning, who has prostate cancer and will be having surgery in January.
- **Pray for Peyton Chacona**, who has seizures.
- **Darlene's cousin, Denise Higgins**, needs prayer for pain that she is suffering.
- **Clint Jones and Becky Wolcott** are grateful for our prayers for Becky as she has been dealing with breast biopsies. They are thankful that the last one was negative.

If you have any **PRAYERS** or **NEWS** that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.