

The Gift Of God

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Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As a consequence of our sins we will all die physically and if the sins are not forgiven we will also die spiritually. Before God ever created us He knew we would sin and knew this sin would result in our death. Still God chose to create us knowing the cost for man to be able to live forever.

1 Peter 1:18-19

knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Any time someone gives you a gift it is understood that they are paying for the gift from their end. It does not cost you anything. The gift of God was also purchased by God to give to us freely. The gift was not purchased with silver or gold. To redeem us from our sins it took the blood of the Christ dying in our place so God could give us this wonderful gift of eternal life.

2 Corinthians 9:15

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

When I sit and think about the gift of God, eternal life, I find that I have a difficult time getting my mind around the magnitude and the reality of eternal life. We live in a world where everything has a beginning and an ending. It is always someone's birthday and we are asking how old someone is. We are always looking to see what time it is. Unfortunately death is a natural part of our existence. When I try to understand eternal life I seem to always think OK so what is on the other side of eternal life? However, eternal life never ends, ever. There will be no more death. We will be with God forever in Heaven. Even God Himself describes His gift as indescribable. I got the feeling it's going to be more than I will ever be able to imagine.

When I sit down and think about the mercy of God, how He will not punish me even though I know I deserve to be separated from Him, all I can say is thank you. When I think about the grace of God and the magnitude of what He was willing to give for my soul's salvation by giving His only Son to die for me, all I can say is thank you. When I think about the indescribable gift of eternal life that God purchased for me with His Son's blood and His desire to give me this indescribable gift, all I can say is thank you. I know that what is driving God's mercy and His grace toward us all is His great love for us and I find myself loving my God back even though I have never seen Him. More than anything I am looking forward to being with my God and finally being in His presence for eternity enjoying His gift.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

No Sunday PM Service

Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.



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Condolences

Donald Young, Tyler Young's father, passed away Thursday in a hospital in Olean, NY. Tyler is a former preacher here.

Prayer List *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Those that attend: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Bev McArthur, Maria Swindlehurst, Jean Cameron, Sonny Stine, Marvis Garrett, Brenda Nelson, Diane Mellott, Heather Bennett.

People in other places: Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Betty Leistner, Denise Garlitz' grandchildren and her son Jeff, Mary Lou, Carol's sister Holly, Frank's niece, Tony & Eglia Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, George Beckwith, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Cheryl Wheeler, Cindy, Levi, Jeanne Johns, Lionel & Bonnie Weir, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Mary Lou, Gloria, Linda Mudd, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Billie Jo Potter, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, Martha, Andrew, Vanessa Lewis, Jurek family, Mary - daughter of Don & Virginia Hipwell in Fenwick, ONT. , Williams family, Mary, Jean Fitzgerald, Mary Lou & Louise (Anna Brink's sisters), Malissa Layton, Th'alise Robinson, Ashley, Bill Fisher, and Noreen Andrews.

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Updates:

Dennis Reed was admitted to St. Mary's (room 615) on Wednesday morning with pneumonia. Word was received Thursday they discovered an aneurysm. He has to have a CAT scan in two weeks.

Bev McArthur, Jean Cameron, Carol Jones, and Sharron Gannt have all been under the weather lately.

Noreen Andrews. Word was received Sat night 2/24/18 that she was moved to rehab at Elderwood on Bailey Ave. Phone number is 819-1281

John, Maria Swindlehurst's brother in law is in a hospital in Lockport. He has Huntington's Disease. He remains hospitalized in serious condition.

Oscar "Red" Crow. Word was received Sat. Mar. 3 that he was in St. Mary's with severe lung problems and that he did not have much time left. Word was received Wed Mar. 7 he was being discharged from the hospital. As it turns out the diagnosis of not having much time left was incorrect.

Edna Mueller has been under the weather lately.

Susan Barrett, Frank Marsden's daughter, has been sick recently.

Holly Brown, Carol Jones' sister, has been improving.

Mary Lou, Anna Brink's sister in PA, had an MRI recently and she is cancer free. Surgery is planned for Mar. 15 to have the port removed.



Please check the
"Love One Another" and "Answered Prayers"
boards in the back of the auditorium.

Today is Logan Bennett's birthday.

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 2nd Corinthians

Sermon Topic Today: Believing In A Bigger God

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:32-40

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 2nd Samuel

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Mar. 17 Ladies Day Horseheads church of Christ Please see posting.

Mar. 18 Men's Business Meeting

Mar. 23 Ladies Devotional 6:30 PM Facilitated by Denise Garlitz

Mar. 25 Congregational Mtg. to elect one trustee from men nominated Mar. 04th.

Apr. 01 Easter

Apr. 08 Great Lakes High School Chorus 6 PM Here at LaSalle.

Looking Ahead

July 29 Area Wide 5th Sunday Singing hosted by Sardinia church of Christ.
Also at Sardinia, "Mortgage Burning" celebration.

Is Your Bible Red?

A preacher once observed in a sermon that every Christian should own a "red" Bible. At least that was what people heard. He actually said, "Every Christian should own a 'read' Bible." Regardless of the color, it should be well-worn by the constant study of its owner.

It is amazing how little people know about the Word in this generation, even in a land with full access to the Bible (electronic, apps, websites).

Tonight Show host Jay Leno frequently does man-on-the street interviews. One night he collared some young people to ask them questions about the Bible. "Can you name one of the Ten Commandments?" he asked two college-age women. One replied, "Freedom of speech?" He said to the other, "Complete this sentence: Let he who is without sin . . ." Her response was, "Have a good time?" Leno then turned to a young man and asked, "Who, according to the Bible, was eaten by a whale?" The confident answer was, "Pinocchio." Such misunderstandings are both humorous and tragic.

Trays Today

Sharron Gant



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