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"John and Eternal Life"

"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:30-31

In a brief, three day span our congregation saw three people pass from this life into the presence of Jesus. In an older congregation like our own, the brevity of this life and the reality of the deadline of our own earthly lives is a significant issue. The Gospel According to John has good news for us.

We have already seen in our Sunday morning study of John's Gospel that "life" and "eternal life" together comprise an important theme in this biography of Jesus. The Apostle John uses the word for "life" 47 times and "eternal life" seventeen times. In the Old Testament eternal life was associated with the coming kingdom of God. Daniel in #7 foresaw a coming kingdom that would never end. Thus in Daniel 12 v. 2 an angel told him, "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

We have seen in John #3 that Jesus made reference to this coming kingdom of God and told Nicodemus that a spiritual rebirth was necessary to be part of it. This led to the statement of John (or Jesus) in 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." The future aspect of this life that involves a coming kingdom is also present in #5. In vv. 28 & 29 Jesus says, "Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."

So clearly this eternal life has a future aspect. But the Apostle John, perhaps more than other New Testament writers, stresses that this eternal life has a present aspect and can be a present possession. Thus in 3:36 the author says, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life..." In 6:47 Jesus is quoted as saying, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life." Obviously this present possession is wrapped up with faith in Jesus.

All of this relates to the quantitative aspect of an unending, eternal life. But John stresses that there is a qualitative aspect involved in this eternal life. Thus he quotes Jesus in 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

This qualitative aspect of eternal life is bound up with our relationship with Jesus. In the prayer of Jesus to His Heavenly Father, He says in 17:3, "And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." The Greek word for "know" here is the word that often has a connotation of knowledge by experience. To know Jesus, to draw close to Him, is to experience this abundant and meaningful eternal life.

Such is the tremendous blessing that God offers to us through faith in Jesus Christ, the God-man who died to pay the penalty for our sins that we might have forgiveness of sins and eternal life. - Pastor Kurt

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us on Saturday morning at 8:15 AM in Emmaus Hall for a tasty breakfast prepared by the gourmet (?) chefs of the church. We will watch a video by former NFL player Joe Ehrman who talks about what it means to be a man.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Join us at the Mobergers' home at 819 Pebble Beach in BC at 3:15 PM on Sunday, Feb. 4, to watch the Super Bowl. We will have prizes for those who come closest to guessing the correct score at the end of each quarter. Bring a snack or a drink to share.

Representatives from Southwest Church Connection, the denominational group with which we are affiliated, will be here on Wednesday, February 7th. The 6:00 meeting will be held to discuss what's going on within the organization and the churches. Come for the meeting and stay for a piece of pie and fellowship afterwards!!

February Birthdays

2nd Debbie Smith
 14th Patti Childress
 16th Bill Mossop
 22nd Bill Roush
 Irv Childress
 26th John Ritenour



March Missionary Anniversaries and Birthdays

13th Doug & Nissy Cannon
 20th Eathen Paul Yazzie (son, Ben & Tillie)
 24th Rosamary Bittencort

SUPER BOWL PARTY

You are all welcome to come to our annual Super Bowl party at the Moberger residence at 819 Pebble Beach Rd. in Boulder City. Show up at 3:15 PM on Sunday, February 4th, and bring a drink and a snack to share. Come prepared to guess what the score will be at the end of each quarter. The best prognosticators will receive valuable (????) prizes.



XYZ Potluck



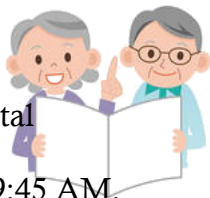
Our XYZ Potluck will take place on Thursday, the 15th. Over 50? Bring a dish to share and come to the 5PM meal!

Ladies: Save These Dates:

March 9th - ASPIRE event at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in LV
 April 21st - Spiritual Renewal Luncheon
 May 12th - Wetlands field trip/lunch
 July 7, 2018 - A Joyful Experience Brunch
 October 19-20, 2018 - Ladies Retreat
 3rd Saturday fellowships 8/17, 9/15, 11/17

CARE CENTER VISIT

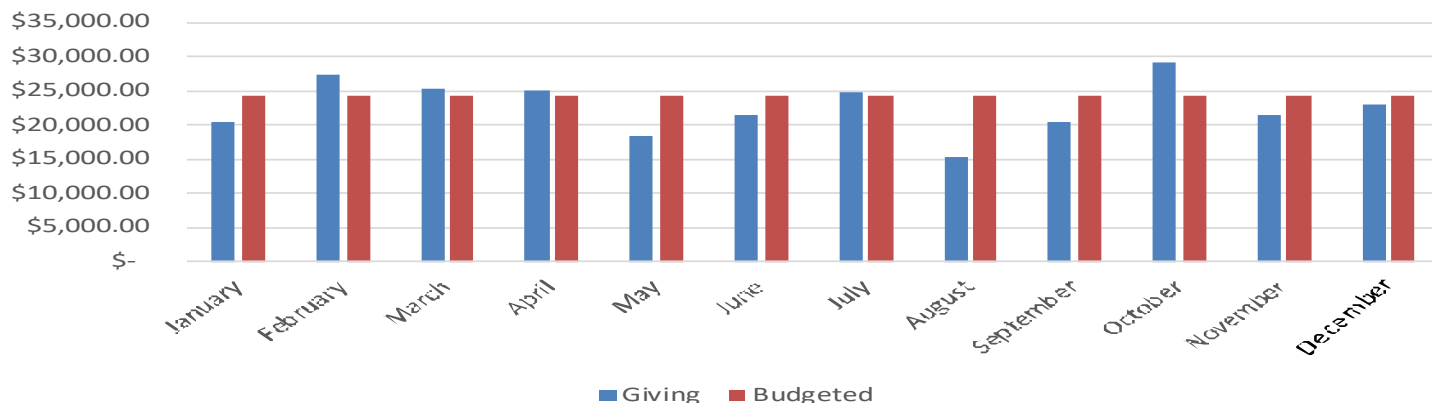
Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 3rd. Meet at 9:45 AM. Come share time and sing some songs with the residents. Spend some time with those not able to attend a Sunday service!




Bethany's 2017 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$24,224.36 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$290,692.32. Year to date giving, through December, totaled \$287,033.85. The difference was (\$3,658.47). Bethany's 2017 general budget, through December, was underspent by \$6,349.26.

Bethany Financials



February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Care Center Visit 9:45 am
4 Super bowl Party 3:15 pm	5	6	7 Southwest Church Con- nection Mting 6:00 pm	8	9	10 Deaconess 9am
9am 11	12	13	14 	15 XYZ Potluck 5PM Missions 2:30p	16	17
18 Christian Ed Meeting 12:30 pm Deacons after church	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22	23 Elders' Mting 9:30 am	24
25	26	27	28			

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: Prayer Time - 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.
Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
Women's bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m.
Praise Team Practice - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.





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