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# COMMUNICATOR

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## “Salvation Isn’t What It Used To Be for the Army”

“We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God; and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice.” The Doctrines of the Salvation Army

Founded in 1865 in London by William and Catherine Booth, the Salvation Army has long had a great reputation in both the secular world and the Christian world. Its mission statement declares, “Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.” That sounds like something that all of us Christians could support. Many of us have made contributions to their red kettles in the Christmas season.

In 2020 the Salvation Army brought in \$4.2 billion (\$1 billion more than in the non-covid year of 2019), \$2.3 billion of which came from the public. The Army has operations in 131 countries and helps many needy people. The Salvation Army of Southern Nevada says that it helped 91,541 people in this part of the state in 2020.

Despite the Army’s claim to follow only the Bible, its stance on social issues has weakened in recent years. Traditionally its international council has declared, “The Salvation Army believes in the sanctity of all human life” In 2010 the council said that cases of incest and rape justify abortion.

In 2012 the SA issued a position paper in which it said, “Homosexual practice however, is, in the light of Scripture, clearly unacceptable.” Now the US SA has a web page where it expresses its support of the LGBTQ community. “Our hiring practices are open to all, and we provide the same benefits to opposite-sex and same-sex couples.” SA’s Communications and Marketing Manager Ken Forsythe, a gay man, explains, “I’ve been with my now spouse for 14 and a half years. I’ve been accepted by my peers for who I am.... No one’s trying to change me. No one’s trying to convert me.” Salvation and conversion used to be central to the mission of the SA.

In April an SA international commission issued a guide entitled “Let’s Talk about Racism.” The document says that white Americans should “stop trying to be colorblind.” Martin Luther King used to preach that all Americans should judge people by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin. This document appeared to promote a critical race theory approach to ethnic diversity.

The web site of the national SA also seems to embrace transgenderism. Certainly as Christians we can support the idea that Christian churches and organizations should reach out to needy people of all kinds. Our church has been very involved in prison ministry. But that does not mean that we support crime. In the same way it is disappointing to see that the SA is seemingly supporting unbiblical behavior.

No doubt the SA has felt pressure to compromise its positions for the sake of corporate and government donations. The pull of the world system around us is strong. But we Christians cannot compromise our commitment to the Bible and its standards. (Christian Post, 12/5/2021, 12/19/2021) ([salvationarmyusa.org](http://salvationarmyusa.org))

Pastor Kurt

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

8<sup>th</sup> Samuel Buchanan  
10<sup>th</sup> Dan Bunch  
Tina Selb  
22<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Lomen  
26<sup>th</sup> Doris Roederer  
30<sup>th</sup> Sharon Daniel  
31<sup>st</sup> Barbara Forcum

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1st Don & MaryJo Scott



### *Ladies of Bethany*

*New Heart, New Spirit, New Life in Christ*

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he* is a new creation;  
old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

### *Upcoming Fellowship & Outreach*

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Fellowships will continue in 2022,  
beginning with a potluck breakfast on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10AM.  
Hash brown casserole, breakfast pizza, and an egg/protein casserole will be provided.

Please let me know which one of the following you would like to share:

Fruit	Mini Croissants or Mini bagels	Muffins	Yogurt	Juice
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Tracy Brailsford from **Living Grace Homes** will be our guest speaker.

**Living Grace Homes** provides a safe environment, programs and support for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of homeless, pregnant and parenting young women.

**Some current personal needs of the residents of LGH are black hair-care products, hair brushes, Q-tips, nail polish, and polish remover. Any donations of these items on or before January 15th will be greatly appreciated.**

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us Saturday, January 8, at 8 AM for a tasty breakfast in Emmaus Hall on the church campus. We are bringing in a megachurch pastor from Long Island to speak to us in person. Don't miss it.

### CHURCH HIKE

Meet on the church campus on Saturday, January 22, at 8 AM for our monthly hike. You are welcome to check with us ahead of time to find out how strenuous the hike will be.

Ladies will study Daniel as it relates to Revelation on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm at Sharon Peterson's 798 San Remo Way 702-294-2435.

### Joy for Our Journey:

January 8, 10:00 am Bible study on the Book of Ruth. It will be held at Jenny's house, 1290 Browder Place.


The book is \$12- you can pick it up before the first class or at the first class.

Joy for our Journey next meeting is Saturday, January 22, 10:30 in Emmaus Hall.

We will be talking about getting organized and setting goals for the new year.

Any questions, call Jenny at 702-461-7037.

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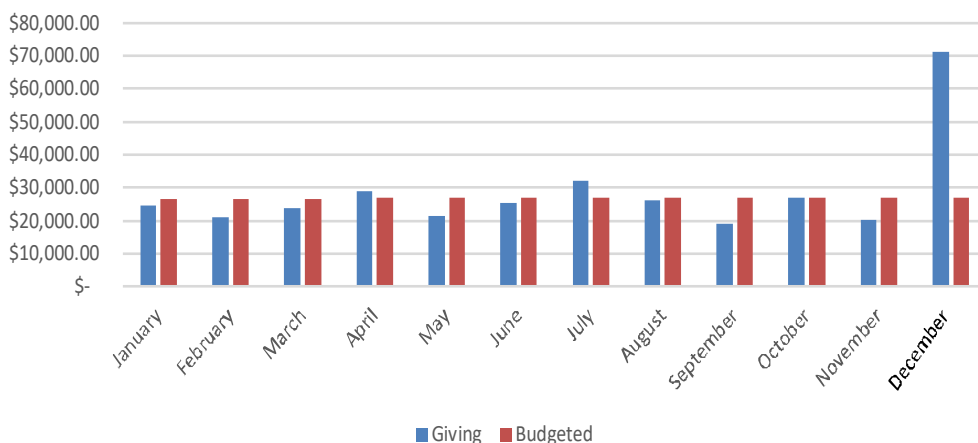
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Bible Study w/ Sharon P. 1pm	5 Ladies' Book Club 10am	6	7	8 Men's Breakfast 8am
9	10	11 Bible Study w/ Sharon P. 1pm	12 Ladies' Book Club 10am	13	14	15 Ladies' Fellowship 10am
16	17 Martin Luther King Day	18 Bible Study w/ Sharon P. 1pm	19 Ladies' Book Club 10am	20	21	22 Hike 8am Widows 10:30am
23 30	24 31	25 Bible Study w/ Sharon P. 1pm	26 Ladies' Book Club 10am	27	28	29

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday:** Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.  
Ladies' Sunday School @ 11:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study @ 11:15 am Bible Study @ 6 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting - 12:45 p.m.

### Bethany Financials



**Bethany's 2021 budget** was based on receiving offerings averaging \$27,057.52 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$322,814.94.

Year to date giving, through December totaled \$341,787.84.  
The difference was \$18,972.90

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**2022 Boards**

**Board of Elders** - *Mac Jaynes, Chairman*

**Board of Deacons** - *Don Scott, Chairman*

**Board of Deaconesses** - *Carol Tyson, Chairwoman*

**Christian Education Board** - *Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman*

**Property Maintenance Board** - *Ernie Eskam, Chairman*

**Missions Board** - *Clive Bevan, Chairman*

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