"Giving Living"



Godly Character of a Giving Heart from 2 Corinthians 8-9

- 1. Giving Living comes by the grace of God. (8:1)
- 2. Giving Living is not based on our circumstances. (i.e. poor, rich, healthy, etc.)(8:2)
- 3. Giving Living comes from and results in joy in my heart. (8:2)
- 4. Giving Living results in an "overflow" of generosity within and beyond our means. (8:4)
- 5. Giving Living comes when we "give ourselves to God." (8:5, cf. Rom. 12:1)
- 6. Giving Living comes from "genuine love." (8:8)
- 7. Giving Living comes from a compassion like Christ by which we want to enrich others. (8:9)
- 8. Giving Living benefits you, the giver. (8:10)
- 9. Giving Living is not based on what you have but on your readiness to give. (8:12)
- 10. Giving Living seeks to supply the needs of others. (8:14)
- 11. Giving Living results in "sowing bountifully and reaping bountifully." (9:6)
- 12. Giving Living is made possible by a giving God, giving to you, in order for you to give. (9:8)
- Giving Living brings thanksgiving (glory) to God from us, from the recipients of our giving, and from those who observe our giving. (9:12-15)

"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35, Apostle Paul to the Ephesian Elders

Pastor Rusty

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	THURSDAY	Friday	Saturday
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Hand bells—4 pm	Aerobics 5:30 pm Small Group Prophecy Study 6:30 pm Deacons' Meeting 7 pm		Regular Wednesday schedule	Aerobics 5:30 pm		
9 Hand bells—4 pm	10 Aerobics 5:30 pm Small Group Prophecy	11 WMU Heart to Hands 10 am	12 Puerto Rico Fund Raiser Dinner	13 PRECEPT 9 am	14 Happy Valentine's Dag	15 Parking for "Fire & Ice" Event
	Study 6:30 pm			Aerobics 5:30 pm		
16 Communion AM Assisted Living Ministry 2 pm	17 Aerobics 5:30 pm	18 Men's Prayer Time Fellowship Hall 6:30am	19 Regular Wednesday schedule	20 PRECEPT 9 am	21	22 S.A.L.T. Saturday
Hand bells—4 pm	Small Group Prophecy Study 6:30 pm			Aerobics 5:30 pm		
23 Box lunch for Ethington Family (after morning worship)	24 Aerobics 5:30 pm	25	26 Regular Wedneday schedule	27 PRECEPT 9 am	28 ART CONNECTION 6:30—9:00 pm	29
Hand bells—4 pm	Small Group Prophecy Study 6:30 pm			Aerobics 5:30 pm		

WINTER WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun.	9:30 am	Sunday Bible Study		
	10:45 am	Morning Worship		
	4:00 pm	Handbell Practice		
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship		
Wed.	3:30 pm	Painting with a Purpose (1st grade & up)		
	5:00 pm	Dinner is served		
	5:30 pm	Grades 1-6 Kids in the Word,		
		Children's Choir, Children in Action		
		Age 3—Kindergarten		
		Bible Time/Preschool Choir		
		Youth Bible Study—A/Y Center		
		Prayer Meeting/Adult Bible Study		
	5:45-7 pm	ESL Class		
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir Practice		
Thurs.	9:00 am	Precepts		

DEACON OF THE WEEK	CHURCH SERVICE SECURITY		
LARRY WIETHOP	LARRY DYER		
CECIL ANDERSON	Mike George		
Bob Brady	JERRY GORDON		
Shan Culpepper	HOLLIS HOPE		

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES Blessings on Your Special Day!

Hollis Hope

- 1 Don Hall John Carey
- 3 Howard Kent

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- 7 Jordan Chance
- 9 Nancy Elliott Mike Geniesse
- 10 Blon Gordon
- 15 Linda Brady
- 18 Jessica Georae
- 19 Bency Turner Pam Anderson
- 21 Patsy Stuart
- 23 Jackson Thomas
- 25 Della Peek



Friday, Feb. 28 6:30-9:00 pm \$30 Fee payable at registration Deadline to register Sunday, February 16

HOW MUCH BETTER TO WISDOM THAN GOLD! GET O GET UNDERSTANDING IS TO BE CHOSEN RATHER THAN SILVER. PROVERBS 16:16

LUNCH and LEARN Training for Preschool Teachers/Nursery Workers Sunday, March 1 following morning worship. Jenni Carter with GBMB will be with us.

SAVE THE DATE

March 13—6:30 pm—FCLC Winter Banquet - Celebrating 20 yrs. **The Ridge Community Church** March 29—4:00 pm—Church Picnic April 6—10—PASSION WEEK (The Story of the Crucifixion)

April 25—Disaster Relief Training - Registration Deadline: April 19 May 8—5:30 pm—SECRET CHURCH—FBC Activity Center

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What a great start to the New Year! I personally want to thank you for your faithfulness in attendance and ministry participation. Thank you for your generosity in giving towards the renovations and upgrades. God is doing a great work among us, and I thank God for allowing to me to serve you as your pastor.

I want to ask you to lift Pastor Rusty in prayer as he will be making preparations to go to India at the end of this month to minister to and train local Indian pastors. Many of the men Rusty will minister to are coming from areas of Christian persecution. He will be sharing with you throughout the month how you can pray specifically for God's hand to guide this mission. I ask that you especially pray for Nicole and the kids while he will be away. We are thankful that one of our own will help take the gospel to the unreached peoples of India.

Finally, as we look into February many will observe Valentine's day. Let me challenge you to show love to your spouse and those closest to you for more than one day a year. Live to show it everyday!

Let us all follow the example given to us in I Corinthians 13:14-18. "Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

I am able to love because Jesus first loved me! Pastor Bob