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## Receive His Gift

.I love the story about the 90-year-old woman who decided a couple of years ago at Christmas time to write out checks for all her family and friends. She decided that getting out at her age and shopping for everyone's presents was a bit much for her, it would work out much better if she could just put a check in each Christmas card. She wrote out her Christmas cards and put "Buy your own present!" after her name and then sent them off.

After all the Christmas festivities were over, she found the checks still in her desk. Everyone had received a Christmas card from her with "Buy your own present!" written inside, but without the checks!

We all love to receive gifts -- especially from those that we love. And we also enjoy giving them. What Jesus said is so true, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*" (Acts 20:35).

I used to think that the greatest joy at Christmas time belonged to children because they get to experience the excitement of opening their presents. I've even heard people say, "Christmas is for children." And I agreed. But I've learned that the real excitement of Christmas comes in being able to give to those who mean so much to you.

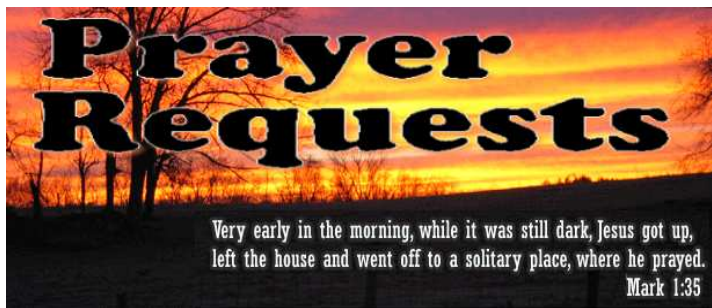
Unfortunately, our gift list seems always so limited. If you're like me at this time of year, you always have a lot of people you would like to get something for, but you just don't always have the proper resources. None of us can give to everyone. But let me tell you, God can. God already has, and there is no one who's been left off His gift list.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16).

It's my prayer that you enjoy giving gifts and receiving them this Christmas. But be especially thankful for Jesus -- the One Who died in your place and made it possible for you to fear nothing.

Receive His gift through obedient faith today.

**William Eudy**  
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**For our nation as we are going through troubled times**  
**For our national leaders and world leaders** as they lead their respective nations.

**For our troops** in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

**For the innocent** who are suffering in the midst of war.

**For the "people in the box"-- the lost** in our families and community.

**For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ** in our own time

**For marriage to stand** in our laws as God ordained it.

**For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri**

**For the churches in Honduras and Haiti** who partner with us in the gospel

**Todd Fulkerson** (Special Forces in Afghanistan--known to Gabe Coriell)

**Toni Ruch** finally back in Ohio after her knee surgery.

**Kylie Berry** continues to recuperate from her eye surgery. The hole in her eye has healed but scar tissue is causing a blind spot. She is now allowed some physical activity and after Christmas will be allowed to participate in sports.

**PTL: Steve Miller** experiencing some improvement this week, but still a long ways to go.

**PTL: Karren Griffith** taken to OSU Hospital on Monday with congestive heart problems and expecting to have another surgery. Karren had an unsuccessful surgery on Wednesday, but a change in medication on Thursday has apparently corrected her problems and she was able to come home on Friday.

**Cheryl Lemon** (Mary Lemon's mother) had surgery on Friday to remove a cancerous mass from her colon. The surgery went as planned. It appears that the cancer was contained. Still waiting for biopsy results of lymph glands.

**Arthur Sullivan** was transferred from SOMC to Best Care on Tuesday for rehab.

**Richard Harner** (patient of Tamera Green at Best Care) diagnosed with cancer and scheduled for surgery mid-December.

**Alex Cram** taken to SOMC with a heart episode on Tuesday. Responded to treatment and was able to be back in school the next day.

**Ruth Miller** taken to SOMC ER on Wednesday for an episode with racing heart beat. Medication was changed and tests made. Scheduled to come home today.

## Special Requests

**Shyann Charles** ( a 4 year old handicapped child who attended our VBS last summer) has had a surgery recently and loves to receive get well cards. She is particularly fond of cards that have Dora's and/or monkeys on them. Her foster mother, Amy Fitch, has asked if our church would send get well cards for Shyann as she recuperates. Address is 6801 Dixon Mill Road; Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

On Thursday morning in Ft Payne, Alabama, the 30 year old mother of two children and daughter of M/M Larry Kirby of Ft Payne, Alabama was murdered by her estranged husband. **The Kirby family** are close friends of Derrick Mooneyham who worships with us. Larry is the minister of the Ft Payne church of Christ. Prayers are requested for the family and children involved. For details see Derrick.

## Shepherd's Prayer Session

The elders of the congregation will be meeting this Thursday evening at 7:30 pm for prayer for the families and members and concerns of this congregation. If you have something that needs to be included in that prayer, please give it in writing to one of our elders before Thursday.

## Homeless Shelter Needs

There are currently about 20 people in the county Homeless Shelter—5 are children: 3 boys ages 4,6, and 10 and 2 toddlers. The shelter is currently needing the following items: toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, cleaning supplies, large garbage bags, personal hygiene supplies and food items such as milk, bread, juice, cereal, etc. If you have any questions see June Book.

## Lost and Found

We have quite a few bibles, umbrellas, toys, plates, etc., that have accumulated in our Lost and Found department over the last few months. (Lost and Found seems to be on the shelf over the coat rack in the foyer.) Anyway, it's time to clear things out. Stop and take a good look at the table in the foyer and reclaim anything that is yours. We'll leave things out for a couple weeks to be reclaimed and then we will be disposing of the items in some appropriate way.

**YOU HAVE BEEN  
 BOUGHT WITH  
 A PRICE, THEREFORE  
 GLORIFY GOD  
 IN YOUR BODY  
 1COR 6:20**

## New Hearing Devices

The congregation recently invested in a new system to aid those who have trouble hearing the words spoken in our worship services and bible classes in the auditorium. In the foyer on the small table a case has been placed with 6 hearing units available. These units are available for anyone to use while in our services. You will need both the ear pieces and the receiver units in order to make the system work. The ear pieces are designed to be plugged into the receiver units. The receiver units have one control which turns the unit off and on and is also the volume level. At the end of services we ask that all equipment be returned to the case. The receiver units should be set in the case so that they will recharge. The ear pieces can be used on either the right or left ear and they do not insert into the ear but slide on to the ear. If you have questions about the system, see Jacob Miller. PS Let this also be a reminder to those speaking during bible classes and worship to be sure to speak into the microphone.

## Bible Study Curriculum

### **Sunday**

12/13 James 5  
 12/20 1 Peter 1  
 12/27 Preaching Service  
 01/03 1 Peter 2  
  
 01/10 1 Peter 3  
 01/17 1 Peter 4  
  
 01/24 Preaching Service

### **Wednesday**

12/16 2 Samuel 1-2  
 12/23 2 Samuel 3-4  
 12/30 2 Samuel 5-6  
 01/06 2 Samuel 7-8  
         Psalm 23  
 01/13 2 Samuel 9-10  
 01/20 2 Samuel 11-12  
         Psalm 51  
 01/27 2 Samuel 13-15



## **Coming Events**

12/13 Deacon's Meeting - 5 p.m.  
 12/17 Shepherds Prayer Session - 7:30 p.m.  
 12/21 Christmas Program - 7 p.m.

## Verses of the Month

**Psalm 34:13** Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

**Matthew 5:14 & 16** You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

## Christmas Program Coming

Our annual children's Christmas Program is set for Monday, December 21, at 7 pm in the building. It is not too late for a child to sign up for the program. See Jamie Riley or Aaron McCray if you have any questions.



## Class Room Switch

Starting this Sunday the 4 and 5 year olds and the K-1st grades will switch class rooms due to size and number of students.

## Spirit Club Tonight

Tonight at 6 pm.

## Sunshine Girls Tonight

6 pm in the Annex

## Sunshine Slimdown

While all in anticipation of heavenly wealth,  
 Let's not overlook our bodily health.  
 The food, the family, the holiday stress,  
 It is easy to fall prey to an unhealthy mess.  
 Praying and learning we will all understand,  
 How good health is achieved with the help of a hand.  
 So let's come together for one and for all,  
 Teams or a solo, join in have a ball.  
 Sunshine Slimdown is the name we hold dear,  
 So make sure you are ready the first of the year.

Interested? Well, join us for a meeting right after Sunday services on December 20th. We would like to get started the first of the year. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions please contact Mandi Coriell or Jodi Kallner.



It's time for our annual "Coats for Kids" and "White Christmas" drive. We are asking for donations only once. Coats will be purchased first, then with any leftover money, White

Christmas will take place. Please give money to Kristine Coriell, Eugene Risner, or drop it in an offering box in an envelope marked "Coats for Kids."



Tumbleverse Solution:

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. - James 5:16

