

## **God Is the Giver of Gifts**

God is the great giver of gifts. Sometimes we are guilty of only seeking physical gifts from Him. We want health and prosperity. He actually wants us to desire the spiritual gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, love, the ability to teach, lead and become generous.

Regardless of our level of blessedness, it is possible for us to not think that these blessings are a gift. We may think we earned the blessings or that we deserve the gifts. We may not look on the gifts God gives us as gifts at all. We may think they come to us because of our efforts.

I heard a baseball analogy of this attitude that can help us understand. All of us know a little about baseball. The World Series is going on. Because of the design of ballparks and the number of players in the field, the triple is one of the hardest feats to accomplish in baseball. The analogy says sometimes people find themselves on third base, and then think they hit the triple.

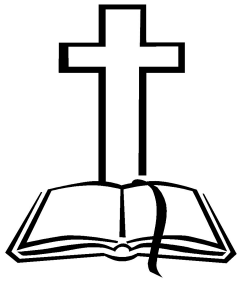
We realize we have some gift, some blessing. We find ourselves in a favorable situation. We realize we are on "third base." Since we feel gifted, we rejoice, we celebrate, we act like we just earned one of the most difficult feats in life. We act like we did it on our own. We act like it was our effort, our hard work, our ability that put us on third.

We must realize we are blessed, and we have gifts. We must also realize we did not earn these blessings or gifts. We do not deserve to be forgiven. God is the giver of gifts.

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## Sunday, October 29, 2017

<p><b>Prayer List Updates</b></p> <p>Bill Key - back in hospital</p> <p><b>Birthday</b></p> <p>Richard Sills                      November 3</p> <p><b>November Service Assignments</b></p> <p>Announcements: Ken Beach Scripture Reading: Josh Vires</p> <p><b>Memory Verse</b></p> <p>For All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like a flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word that was preached as the gospel to you.</p> <p>1 Peter 1:24-25</p>	<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p>Tuesdays      ladies' Bible study 10 am            in activity building;                       children welcome</p> <p>Wednesdays    After School Special; 3:15 pm           sign-up sheet for                       refreshments on                       back information                       table</p> <p>today             fifth Sunday potluck                       and evening singing                       services</p> <p>today             men's business 5 pm               meeting in library</p> <p>October 31      Treat or Treat in 4:30 pm           activity building</p> <p>Nov. 5            time change; fall                       back 1 hour</p>	<p><b>Correspondence Course Ministry</b></p> <p>week of October 23-28: 8 lessons graded</p> <hr/> <p><b>November Haiti Needs</b></p> <p>hard candy toothbrushes toothpaste</p> <hr/> <p><b>Last Week's Attendance</b></p> <p>Sunday morning: 54 Sunday evening: 40 Wednesday evening: 34 After School Special: 56 kids, 12 adults</p>
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## Weekly Service Assignments

<p><b>Sunday Morning</b>                      Bible class: 9:45 am     worship: 10:45 am</p>		<p><b>Sunday Evening</b>                      6:00 pm</p>	
<p>First Prayer                      Raymond Lasley</p> <p>Announcements                  Josh Vires</p> <p>Second Prayer                      Matt Greer</p> <p>Scripture Reading                  Joel Ingram</p>	<p>Lord's Supper      1. Braden Drury                  3. Josh Vires     2. Jerry Bolar                      4. Rudi Cagle</p> <p>Closing Prayer                      Larry Towell</p>	<p>First Prayer                      Josh Vires</p> <p>Closing Prayer                      Larry Towell</p> <p>Lord's Supper                      Matthew Sills     Ken Beach</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Evening</b>                  7:00 pm</p>
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