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THEME FOR 2023: "O to be Like Thee" 1 Peter 1:7

EVERY GOOD & PERFECT GIFT

by Josh Manning

When we think about the things that God has given to us, could anything be more valuable than the gift of His Son, Jesus? If we categorize the blessings that come from God, in the first case, there are the gifts that many call the gifts of general grace. Jesus taught about God's general care for His creation often: *"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"* (Matthew 6:25-26). One of the reasons we call these type of gifts "general" is because, as the Lord taught, *"He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust"* (Matthew 5:45), meaning they fall on everyone—they are blessings built into the system.

There is, however, another category of gifts. These are the heavenly gifts and blessings that only come to those who belong to God in a covenant relationship. While it would be easy to battle over semantics at this point and argue back and forth about the fact that, as Creator, God is Father of all (there is some merit and validity to this thought), for this article we are going to say that we are talking specifically about the special blessings that come to those who are "In Christ Jesus." What do we mean when we speak about being "in Christ"? (I encourage you to do a New Testament study on being "in Christ" and "in Jesus"). Being in Jesus, to a large degree, is synonymous with belonging to God, being redeemed, having your sins washed away, having obeyed the gospel, being added to the church, and having been baptized for the remission of sins (to name a few). These New Testament phrases all speak to the environment of salvation in Jesus by faith. And to the one who has been baptized, has been added to the Lord's body (which is His church), has had his or her sins washed away, and now stands justified before God in Jesus, God gives special blessings.

And yet, we must acknowledge that before God could bless you *in Jesus Christ His Son*, He first had to give the gift of Jesus. This is why I would say that the greatest blessing is the gift of our Lord Jesus the Christ. Paul wrote, *"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him"* (Romans 5:6-9). You and I did not deserve such a gift. Our actions could never have earned such a gift. Knowing this, grace was freely given: *"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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved"* (John 3:16-17). God's gift of Jesus is the greatest example of the *gift that keeps on giving*. He is the gift through Whom the riches of God's grace are eternally given. Father, we thank you for the gift of Jesus!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday AM Bible Study-9:30am
Worship-10:30am
Sunday PM Worship-6:00pm
Wednesday AM Adult Bible Study-10:00
Wednesday PM Bible Study-7:00

Live Radio Broadcast-10:30am
AM 1000, 97.5 FM

Spectrum-Channel 195
Sunday @ 9:00am

Live Streaming Youtube.com
Sunday 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM,
Wednesday 7:00 PM

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HEAR THE GOSPEL ON CABLE TV AND SATELLITE EACH SUNDAY

Charter / Spectrum Cable:

6:00am In Search of the Lord's Way-
Channel 15
7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way-
Channel 13
7:30am Preaching the Gospel-
Channel 13

WBBJ-TV/CBS-Charter Channel 708

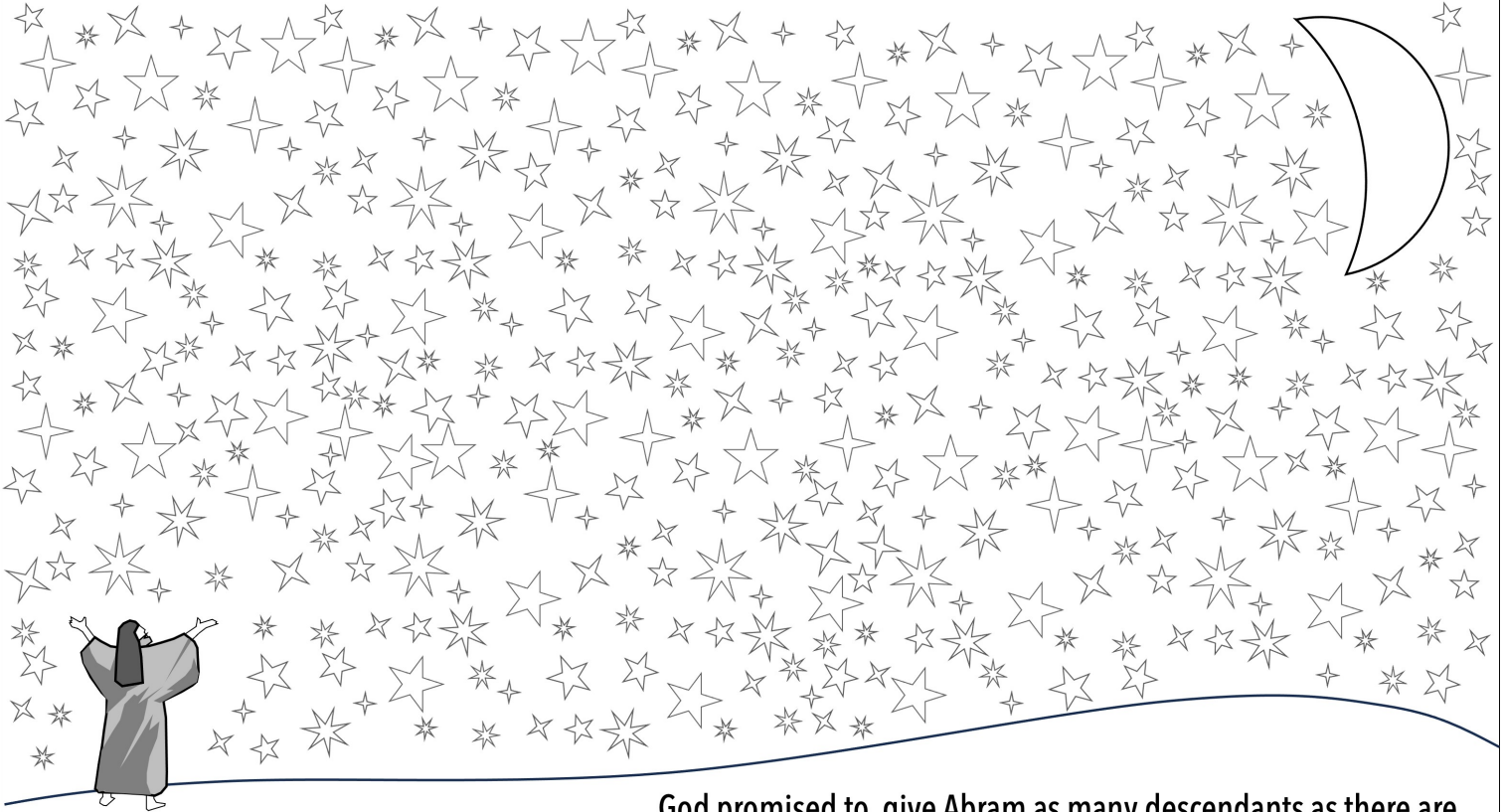
7:00am A Bible Answer

Dish TV 58 & Direct TV-Channel 30:

7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way
7:30am Preaching the Gospel
8:00am Good News Today

STATE OF THE YOUTH

God's Promise to Abram



God promised to give Abram as many descendants as there are stars in the sky! Can you count how many stars are in this picture?

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Family Potluck: Sunday, December 10th in the Multi-Purpose Room after AM Service. We will be planning Youth Events for 2024.

Youth Trip: Discovery Park, December 16th, 2023.

Youth Devotional: Sunday, December 17th at Josh and Erin Coleman's home; 4401 Elkhorn Road / Paris. Guys bring drinks / Girls bring desserts.

Dorcas Christmas Party: Thursday, December 21st, at 6:00 PM at the home of Danette Delaney. 189 Jackson Estates Drive. Bring a snack to share and a \$10 gift to exchange.

New Years Eve Lock-In: Sunday, December 31st after PM Service / Pick up at 7:00 AM Monday.

Basics: Saturday, January 6th from 5-8 PM at the home of Ethan & Alyssa Shulte; 1020 Diggs Road / Paris

Evangelism University 2024 (EU): "LOOK UP" January 12-14th, Savannah, TN.

Youth Devotional: January 28th. Guys bring drinks / Girls bring desserts.

CYC 2024 at Pigeon Forge: "FAMILY" February 23-25th. For all 6th—12th Graders.

BIRTHDAYS

Parker Powell

December 28

Taylor Little

January 20

OUR ATTITUDE

Sunday AM Bible Study.....152
 Sunday AM Worship.....190
 Sunday PM Worship..... 98
 Wednesday PM Bible Study.....116
 This week’s contribution.....\$9,147
 Weekly Budget.....\$8,506

FOOD PANTRY

Canned Beef, Canned Ham,
 Canned Chicken, Spaghetti Sauce, Soups,
 Canned Fruit, Jelly and Peanut Butter

SUNDAY A.M.

Announcements
 Opening Prayer
 Scripture Reading
 Closing Prayer
 Communion &
 Contribution

DECEMBER 10

Rudy Peoples
 Craig Brown
 Phillip Brown
 John McDavid
 Josh Coleman

DECEMBER 17

Rudy Peoples
 Stan Wilson
 Micah Sutton
 Rudy Peoples
 Steve Delaney

SUNDAY P.M.

Opening Prayer
 Scripture Reading
 Communion &
 Contribution
 Closing Prayer

DECEMBER 10

Jon Davidson
 Donald Drinkard
 Bob Comer
 Edwin Carrington

DECEMBER 17

Javan Winders
 Stephen Blackwell
 Matt Ellis
 Gavin Watkins

WEDNESDAY

Song Leader
 Invitation
 Closing Prayer

DECEMBER 13

Billy Hensley
 Ethan Schulte
 Eddie Lane

DECEMBER 20

Ethan Schulte
 Jason Smith
 Rick Moody

BOYS TO PICK-UP CARDS

Wednesday, December 13th: Clint Wynn and Charles Atkins
 Wednesday, December 20th: Ty Davidson and Owen Smith

DECEMBER

USHERS: Levi Dodd / Brad Smith
EAST SIDE DOOR: Adam Killion
CONTROL ROOM VIDEO: Philip Davidson
BENEVOLENCE: Jason Smith / Lance Winders

KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Amanda Alan: (Jim and Darla Russell’s daughter) asks for prayers.

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mike Bryson	Darlene Humphreys
Leon and Carolyn Bumpus	Dale & Kathy McCant
Buddy Goad	Claire Mayberry
Zet Presson	Stan Summers
Peggy Shepherd	Marcia Wimberley
Jim & Darla Russell	
Ray Tucker	
Valerie Wynn	

CONGRATULATIONS

We are officially a family of four! We are thrilled to announce the birth of our second sweet girl Eden on December 5th, 2023. Big sister, Ruthie is in love with baby sister. Proud parents are Billy and Lacey Hensley

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Helen Wilson with the passing of her brother, Charles H. “Togie” Rushing. He passed away Saturday, December 2nd, 2023. Funeral Services were conducted Wednesday, December 6th, 2023 at the Oak Hill Union Church.

STEPS OF SALVATION:
 FROM SINNER TO SAVED

GOD'S PART

- God Sent His Son (Jn 3.10; 1Jn 4.10)
- Jesus Shed His Blood (Ep 1.7; 1Pe 1.19)
- Spirit Revealed Word (Jn 16.13)

MAN'S PART

- Hear Gospel (Ro 10.13f; Jn 6.44, 45)
- Believe (Jn 8.24; He 11.6)
- Repent of Sins (Ac 2.38; Ac 8.37)
- Confess Faith, Ro (Mk 16.16; 1P 3.21)
- Baptism into Christ
- Remain Faithful (Co 1.21f; Re 2.10)

SAVED

SINNER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIA Team 2: are meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room at 8:30 AM today, December 10th. Javan Winders is hosting the breakfast.

Deacons Budget Worksheets: Budgets for 2024 are due, Today, December 10th.

“My 5 Favorite Things” Christmas Party: Monday, December 11th at 6:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room.

242 Fellowship Meeting: both groups will meet at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, December 12th at the home of Michael and Evonne Williams; 69 Creekside Drive / Paris

Mighty Oaks Potluck and Dirty Santa Party: Thursday, December 14th in the Multi-Purpose Room at Noon for lunch and a gift exchange that costs no more than \$20.

Christmas Fruit Plates: to be picked up for delivery by FIA Teams 3 & 4, Sunday December 17th, they will be located in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Adult Ladies Ornament Party: Tuesday, December 19th @ 6:00 PM at Danette Delaney’s home. Bring an unwrapped ornament and finger food.

Christmas Eve Service: December 24th Evening Service will be at 3:00 PM.

ELDER’S CORNER

REMINDER: The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, the elders would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 10: FIA Team 2 at 8:30 AM in the MPR, breakfast being hosted by Javan Winders
Youth Family Potluck in the MPR after AM Service

December 11: My 5 Favorite Things Christmas Party at 6:00 PM in the MPR

December 12: 242 Fellowship, both groups will meet at 6:00 PM at the home of Michael and Evonne Williams for a potluck meal

December 14: Mighty Oaks Potluck & Dirty Santa Party
For lunch at 12:00 PM, \$20 gift limit in MPR

December 16: Youth Trip to Discovery Park

December 17: Eiffel Gardens Singing at 2:00 PM
Christmas Fruit Plates to be delivered by FIA Teams 3 & 4
Youth Devotional at Josh & Erin Colemans home. Guys bring drinks/Girls desserts

December 19: Adult Ladies Ornament Party @ 6:00 PM at Danette Delaney’s home. Bring an ornament and finger food

December 20: Fellowship Meal Team B, MPR at 5:45 PM.

December 21: Dorcas Christmas Party at Danette Delaney’s home at 6:00 PM (see Youth Page for details)

December 24: Christmas Eve PM Service will be at 3:00 PM

December 25: Office Closed for Christmas Day

December 31: New Years Lock-In begins after PM Service / Pick up at 7 AM Monday