



WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Lord. If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card found on the back of each pew. Your prayer requests may also be made on the flip side of the card. At the close of service, please put your card in the contribution box at the front of the auditorium as you exit. Or you can hand it to any member.

During the service we will celebrate communion. (Sacraments are available on the table in the entry foyer.) This is a time that we partake of unleavened bread and juice from the fruit of the vine to remind us what Jesus has done for us. Communion is not only about Jesus' death, but his resurrection and triumph over death and sin. His resurrection is the source of our hope that God will fulfill his promise of eternal life through Jesus the Christ.

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Bible Study:	Wednesday 7:00 pm
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Youth Event—Let's try Again

DATE: Saturday, November 27

TIME: 5:00—9:00 pm (*Come-N-Go* event)

LOCATION: Westworth Youth Center and church yard



FOOD: Chili Bar— or you might want to call it Frito Chili Pie. Fritos, chili, cheese and other 'yummy' toppings.



ACTIVITIES: Volleyball and other outdoor games, weather permitting.

Trustee's & Preacher meeting

DATE: T-O-D-A-Y November 14, 2021

TIME: Following morning service — ~ 12:30 pm

LOCATION: Westworth Activity Bldg.

All Members—If you know of a matter you feel needs the attention of leadership, please be sure to let them know prior to the meeting today. **Additionally**, if you have any questions for them, be sure to let them know.

Just a note...

Several have asked—and we want to let you know—we will be returning to the schedule of fellowship meals on each 3rd and 5th Sunday .

FYI: In 2022 5th Sundays occur on Jan 30, May 29, July 31, and Oct 30 .

Spiritual gifts

1 Cor 12:4-11

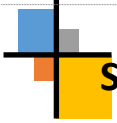
⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. ⁸ To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice^[a]; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.^[a] ⁹ The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰ He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages,^[a] while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. ¹¹ It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

A few years ago, while studying about spiritual gifts a web-site was provided that includes a survey. After completing the survey, the results show you what your spiritual gifts may be. The results include some information to help you understand and act on your gifts also.

<https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/>

If, like me, you've heard about spiritual gifts your whole life, but perhaps have never felt you actually knew what your gift was—even though we are assured that each of us has one—you might find it interesting and maybe even reassuring to take the survey and review the results. You might find that what you've been doing all along is your 'gift', or you might be spurred to do something new.



Slavery in the Ancient World and Old Testament

The experience of losing his freedom was so bitter to my great great grandfather and his family that four of his sons joined the Union Army during the Civil War. At the same time as I was digesting the familial experience I was scouring for information in the Bible and historic records concerning slavery, so that I could understand why and when humanity created this horrific practice. As I followed the trail, I gained a fuller understanding of this scourge on humanity that was alarming.

In ancient times slavery was the destination for people who caused a predicament for society. Really, what do you do with criminals when there are no prisons? Or what do you do with people who are in debt? Do you allow prisoners taken in war to roam through the streets unmonitored? Should they have separated children from their parents if the parents were slaves. The answer to the dilemmas was slavery.

Though there was slavery throughout the ancient world there was no consistent attitude concerning slavery. In Egypt, the lives of some slaves were better than regular peasants. In Greece, Aristotle stated, "all non-Greeks are slaves by birth." But, at the same time it was against the law to strike a slave in Athens. The slaves in the Roman Empire numbered between 1 and 6 million. Rome had slaves from Germany, Greece, Spain, England, Palestine, Parthia, and North Africa. The bright spot of freedom in the ancient world was in Persia where Cyrus the Great outlawed slavery for all except those captured in war.

The idea of slavery is introduced in the Old Testament in Genesis 9:25, where Noah awakens from his drunken stupor after his family exits the ark. Examples of a slave's life in the Old Testament would include Hagar a handmaid (slave) of Sarai (Genesis 16), the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 5), and the Canaanites during Solomon's reign (1 Kings 9:21).

The Books of Law makes allowances for slavery. Israelites could buy foreign slaves (Lev. 25:54). People captured during war could be forced into slavery (Num. 31:9). Those unable to pay their debts could offer themselves as slaves (Ex. 21:2-6). If a thief could not make restitution he could be sold as a slave. A child born to slaves became a slave (Gen. 15:3). In 1 Kings 4:1-7, we find that children could be taken as slaves if

parents could not pay their debts.

The Old Testament did address the treatment of slaves. Israelite slaves were not to be treated harshly (Lev. 25:39-41), and certain injuries done to a slave by his master would result in the slave's freedom (Ex. 21:26-27).

The Old Testament also allowed slaves to gain their freedom (Lev.25). In fact, according to the law no Hebrew could be a permanent slave to another Hebrew. A slave was given their freedom after 6 years of service, and during the Year of Jubilee lands were to be restored and freedom given to all Hebrew slaves (Lev. 25). If, however, an individual wished to remain a slave God made a provision for that (Ex. 21:5-6).

Next week we will examine the early church and slavery.

The question for next week :

Which abolitionist pope had several hundred slaves on the papal estates?

David Keller



1 John 3:18-24

¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Together

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”
- Matthew 18:20

Sunday Morning Services - 10:00am

Today's speaker: John Jewell

Ladies Bible Study

(Virtually over Google meets)

**The ladies study group has hit “Pause”
until after the holidays.**

Contact Tracy Robertson with suggestions or for more info

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The Chosen

Wednesdays — 6:30 pm

Next Wednesday, November 17, our mid-week bible study will feature season 1, episode 5. This is more than “movie night”. The highly acclaimed series is being used as a resource for Bible Study. The objective is that discussion after the viewing may help improve our understanding. Each episode includes a ‘study guide’ with recommended scriptures and questions to consider.

We hope you will plan to join in on Wednesday nights. It will definitely be worth the time in your busy schedule.

- ♦ Food is provided beginning at **6pm** (to help folks add this special study time to their schedule).

Menu for 11/17 — Breakfast for dinner

Invite your friends and family to join with us in the Activity Building to enjoy and learn from this worthwhile study.

Celebrate

November Birthdays

Wanda Bryant	1 Nov	Andy Jewell	26 Nov
Nancy Goochey	13 Nov	Melva Campbell	29 Nov
Bill Jones	17 Nov	Jack Lisle	29 Nov
John Snell	17 Nov	Tom Reynolds	30 Nov
Samuel Flaherty	20 Nov		



November Anniversaries

David & Tracy Burris 17 Nov

Annual Holiday Meal

Sunday, November 21, 2021 (3rd Sunday)

N-E-X-T S-U-N-D-A-Y

Bring your favorite holiday side dishes and desserts.

Turkey and Dressing will be provided



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THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED...

If you volunteered to cook a turkey for next Sunday's Holiday Meal, please be sure to pick up your turkey from the freezer in the kitchen **TODAY**.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Today— November 14
Open/ Announcements	Bill Jones
Usher	Robby Robertson
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty
Communion	Curtis Dunson
Prayer	Sharold Ferris
Bible Story	Curtis Thompson
Reading	Tom Reynolds
Lesson/Sermon	John Jewell
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Nov 21	Nov 28	Dec 5
Open	Max Lisle	Curtis Thompson	
Usher	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones	
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger	
Communion	Mike Lisle	Max Lisle	
Prayer	Cooper Thompson	Tom Reynolds	
Bible Story	David Keller	Randy Fетters	
Reading	Marty Montgomery	Ben Jewell	
Lesson	John Jewell	John Jewell	
A/V	Randy Fетters	Susan Flaherty	

Communion Preparation November: Hettie Keller