

Who is YOUR King?!?
His Good Gifts: Grief or Grace? [II]
 Matthew 19:16-22

Introduction: *The cost/benefit ratio of God's greatest gift:*
 [cf. 4:20ff., 5:5, 12; 6:18ff.; 9:9; 10:38; 16:24ff.; 18:1-4]
 • Saving faith's requirement: _____
 • Saving faith's reward: _____

The grief of Riches:
 [cf. Lk. 12:48; 2 Cor. 9:6; 1 Tim. 6:9-10, 17]
 • Money can dull our conscience
 • Money can whet our appetite for more
 • Money can shrink our heart
 • Money can inflate our ego

The grace of giving:
 [cf. 2 Cor. 9:8-15; Rev. 3:21; 4:4]
 • _____ in heaven!
 • _____ on earth!
 • _____ everywhere!
 • _____ to God!

How can we avoid the grief and experience the grace?
 [cf. Mt. 16:24-27]
 • Look to Jesus—the ultimate rich young ruler
 • Imitate His generous humility

Our response:

WELCOME TO BBC! 

Worship Service	
Opening Song	Hark The Herald Angels Sing
	Angels We Have Heard On High
	Good Christian Men Rejoice
Offering	Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel
Sermon	<i>His Good Gifts: Grief or Grace? [II]</i>
	Child Of Bethlehem
We are here to proclaim Christ to the world until He comes, through our worship and our relationships.	

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We Proclaim Christ through generous worship and grace-filled relationships

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Mark Your Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Location	
Today	9:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	5:45 P.M.	AWANA	All over the Place!

Attendance	Last Week	Last Year
Morning Worship	121	313
Sunday School	0	0

Adult Bible Fellowships

Class:	BILD	Couples	Family Focus	Lost & Found	Truth Trekkers
Room #:	206	200	Office	201	110
Topic:	I Corinthians Hope for the Troubled Church	Revelation	Eternity Is Now in Season	John	The Minor Prophets
Teacher:	Steve Cohen	Bob Clarke	Al Siebert	Paul Woodward & Josh Goodlink	Jerry Bollinger

	General Fund	Mission Salaries	Mission Projects
Opening Balance 1/1/20	\$24,716	\$5,398	\$3,332
Budgeted Income	\$320,893	\$66,908	\$7,612
Actual Income	\$320,861	\$59,276	\$3,399
Budgeted Expense	\$320,893	\$66,908	\$7,612
Actual Expense**	\$302,313	\$66,808	\$3,008
Closing Balance 11/30/20	\$43,264	-\$2,134	\$3,723

Christmas Eve Service



Join us on Christmas Eve at 5 PM, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus! Cozy up with a blanket and warm drinks out on the

patio as we sing Christmas carols, hear a story for kids, and enjoy a time of socially-distanced fellowship. We would love for you to join us! Bring a blanket for your family! Hand warmers and pre-packaged hot chocolate will be provided! We can't wait to see you as we dig into our theme of "Rejoicing." In these times, we are leaning into Jesus as "The Weary World Rejoices!"

Church Office Closed

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



The Church Office will be closed Thursday & Friday 12/24-25 and 12/31-1/1

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the middle of a spike in COVID 19 infections and hospitalizations, I find it easier to obey the "pray continually" portion of the above passage than the "rejoice always" portion!

And yet, there it is. God's clear word to us in black and white: *give thanks in all circumstances*. Really, Lord? One line in Adolphe Adam's hymn, "O Holy Night," seems to capsize 2020: "Long lay the world in sin and error pining." This has indeed been a LONG year and more than once I have pined for a return to the same "normal" about which I used to complain!

But, the song goes on to teach us that the "thrill of hope" for our "weary world" is the reality of "a new and glorious morn." We can indeed rejoice and give thanks for Jesus came on that first Christmas day—He came to save and He will return to make all things new.

We will be directing our "Birthday Gifts to Jesus" this year toward our mission budget in order to both meet our 2020 mission commitments and restore the mission fund balance to what it was at the beginning of the year. You can give through the website, via snail mail, or in person during the remaining 2020 Sunday services and the 5 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight service in the patio.

Learning to love,

Pastor Tom

