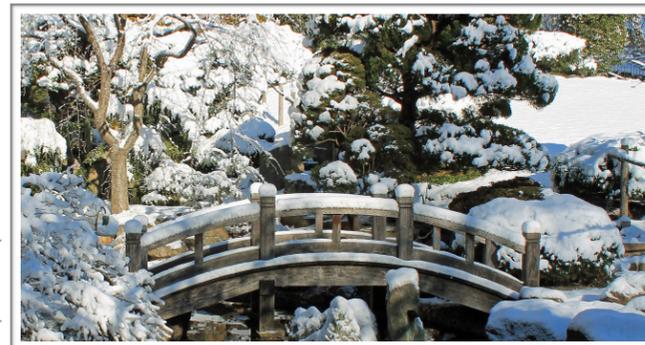


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Pastor's Corder Note

February 2016

Every Week:

Sundays
 9:30a.m. Fellowship
 9:45a.m. Sunday School
 10:45a.m. Prayer
 11:00a.m. Worship Service

Mondays
 4 p.m. Exercise

Tuesdays
 6 p.m. Seminary Classes

Wednesdays
 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 4 p.m. Exercise
 6-7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kidz Rock
 6:30-8 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursdays
 6 p.m. Seminary Classes

Fridays (First of the Month)
 6 p.m. First Friday Fellowship Cancelled

Saturdays
 9 a.m. Exercise
 10 a.m. ESL Classes
 12p.m. GED Class

Mother's Day Out
 Tuesday-Friday 9:30-1:30

January in the Word. This month has held the greatest number of you since I have been here, telling me that you have begun or began again to read through the Word of God. Jim Hix and I read through together a couple of years, Becky and I are really enjoying another perusing of daily Old Testament and New, refreshment. The Carr's are on their way through the Chronological Bible this time around.

This all brings me great joy. However, I was thinking the other day, what is better than getting into the Word? That would be making sure the Word is getting into me, or us! The scriptures tell us it is the word



hidden in us that gives us the ability to not sin against God. Psalm 119:11 *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.* Yet Jesus said of the Pharisees : John 5:38-40 ³⁸ *nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.* ³⁹ *You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me,* ⁴⁰ *yet you refuse to come to me to have life.* Jesus draws a distinction between being in the

word and it being in us. That dissimilarity is one of eternal life consequences.

Allow me to further challenge us in this still New Year, to make sure we are doing more than getting into the word. Rather, as in the saying of our Lord Jesus, making sure the word dwells in us by believing in the one it tells of, and come and follow his teachings and example.

The Bible is so much more than the greatest self-help book, with little adages of how to live better, be happier in our skin. The scriptures reveal; God saying to Abraham "Now I know you love me, because you did not withhold your son, your only son whom you love, from me." It is from internalizing a passage like this that gives us the confidence to say to any skeptic "Now we know God loves us because he did not withhold his son." And Jesus going all the way, without a last moment stay to put in a substitution.

Well, let's all stay in the Word this year, and seek earnestly to be obedient to its illuminations.

Pastor Timothy

Deacon Ministry

Dear Braddockians,

Your deacons have been hard at work touching base with their assigned families and, where needed, assisting their families in a variety of ways. As we write this article, the snow has just passed and I am sure there will be needs. The deacons are there for you to pray, to think through your options and if needed, assisting you in whatever you are unable to do.

Now it is your time to pray for the deacons! We will be "retreating" February 6th and 7th to get away, pray, to be fed physically and spiritually, and most importantly to be refreshed.

We have a wonderful church family and we want to do everything possible to assist you in your walk of faith and build the "House of God" corporately. The Lord bless you.

Mitch B and the Deacon Team

MIHI YOUTH MADE IN HIS IMAGE

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to BBC for supporting your youth in the bake sale on Jan. 31. We

raised over \$800! This brought in enough for each youth attending, to hit the slopes during our retreat. We want to brag just a little and explain to you that this bake sale fundraiser was planned and organized entirely by the youth, led by Samantha Miller. Since we were on vacation, we left them with the responsibility to raise or pay their way, and we are very proud to say they took initiative to raise the money. Thank you for supporting them! Thank you for sponsoring these students!

We're excited to go away for the weekend and focus on *loving Jesus and living Jesus*. Please pray for each of our students: that their hearts will be open to the things of the Lord, and that their resolve will be for Him only.

Mark your calendars also for Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14 when all are invited to the 2016 annual Youth Sponsored Love Lunch. Enjoy lunch with your family and loved ones while your youth serve you. Hope to see you all there!

Love, **Hector and Cristina Riojas**



We are continuing the series on the Biblical guideline to giving.

Last month we had the opportunity to gain insight on giving with SIMPLICITY and WILLINGLY.

Let us learn more in depth about giving SACRIFICIALLY. The widow's mite provides us the example. It is not the amount which concerned Christ, but her giving deeply, wholeheartedly, unselfishly, and sacrificially. (Mark 12:41-44)

God the Father sacrificially gave His only begotten Son for us. (John 3:16) Are we able to verbalize to God everything we own? Actually, everything belongs to Him anyway, because He is our creator, provider, and so much more. (Genesis 1:1 Elohim...God the Creator; Genesis 22:14 Jehovah-Jireh...the LORD Provides, etc.) Can we release our offering to Him simplistically, willingly, sacrificially, and with joy? When we present Him our offering, it is to be used for His glory.

Renew your dedication and commitment to God with your finances-your assets. Your assets also include who you are in Christ Jesus. Do not wait until you have arrived on "Easy Street." During our times of intense, deep needs, we need to be:

- Cognizant about the truths from His Word as reflected in both the O.T. and N.T.
- Are we reality based in our commitment to God and His purposes?
- The level of our relationship with God, is it shallow or an on-going process of maturation?
- Never forget His covenant is with us eternally. He will never walk away from us!

Can we release our offering to Him with our faith "feet" standing on His Biblical principles? Even the offering of the "mite" brings the release of His love and supernatural provisions in unexpected ways. Obedience leads to blessings from God. (Deuteronomy 28:1-14)

Birthdays

- 02 Dallas Rodriguez
- 06 Patricia Lewis
- 07 Christopher Marshall
- 10 Brenda Carr
- 11 Janine Murphy
- 13 Valeria Owens
- 15 Wendy Perry
Thomas Perry
- 16 Virginia Owens
- 21 Sandy Shifflett
- 22 Kay Abbott
Diane Carr
Benjamin Lewis
- 24 Charlene Bowser
- 27 Kevin Lazo

Consider our giving to be done in an ungrudging fashion with CHEERFULNESS. Money is not to have a hold upon us. We are to be holding unto the truths of the Word which causes our hands to relax and give in thanksgiving and peace. Walking in disobedience to God, when motivated by our flesh to give can lead to a trail with a fork in the road. One direction leads to resentments/bitterness, and the other fork in the road leads to murmuring while giving. Both leave an individual in an awkward position before the LORD. One does not want to dwell upon..."if I had not given...I could have had this, that, and the other thing(s)." Remember to stay on the straight and narrow path which leads to life. (Matthew 7:14)

When we give faithfully and with a cheerful attitude, we are automatically in God's Biblical plan to reap blessings. Remember the reaping of any blessings from God is at His disposal. He chooses the timing, how, what, etc. Remain yoked to the Savior and you shall not be disappointed. (Matthew 11:28, 29, 30)

Consider these verses to illustrate a point.

- II Corinthians 9:7 "Everyone must make up his own mind how much he should give. Don't force anyone to give more than he really wants to, for cheerful givers are the ones God prizes." (TLB)
- II Corinthians 9:7 "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (NIV)
- Next, we have II Corinthians 9:10 "For God, who gives seed to the farmer to plant, and later on, good crops to harvest and eat, will give you more and more seed to plant and will make it grow so you can give away more and more fruit from your harvest." (TLB)

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A snowy bridge in the Japanes-Style Garden at Hillwood Estate Museum and Gardens, Washington D.C.

