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Dear Ones,

We probably don't think so much about the Christmas season when we read some of the last recorded words of Jesus in Matthew's story of His life. I am thinking of what Jesus said to his disciples about meeting the needs of others. ***"Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."*** Matthew 25:37-40 (ESV)

A challenge was put before church family and Friends Sunday morning. God has given us an "incredible gift" in loving us so much that he would give his one and only Son for our eternal benefit. What might we do or offer as a gift to Jesus this year? I suggest that we can offer many gifts when we are motivated to give as if we are doing it to or for Jesus' sake. ***"As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."*** Paul said it like this, ***"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*** Colossians 3:17 (ESV)

"Intent" forms will be available on Sunday Mornings through Christmas day. You are being challenged to write down your intended gift to present to Jesus as we come to worship each Sunday. You are asked to commit to something you would like to do in Jesus' name. So many opportunities are before us! You may want to volunteer time to serve in a ministry, mentor someone spiritually or seek to be mentored. You may want to adopt a child to support on a mission field. You may give a bad habit over to Jesus. You may purpose to restore a fractured relationship. If you need help with an idea, let me know! You will be asked to put your form in an envelope with your name on it. We will have a box to collect all the "gifts." After the 25th, you will be presented with your unopened envelope. It will serve as a reminder to you of your gift to Jesus.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Preacher's Post

In the Bible, particularly the Old Testament, a unique law code was established by direct revelation from God to direct people in their worship, in their relationship to Him, and in their social relationships with one another. Israel was not the only nation to have a law code. Such collections were common among the countries of the ancient world. The biblical law code, or the Mosaic Law, was different from other ancient Near Eastern law codes in several ways. Biblical law was different, first of all, in its origin.

Throughout the ancient world, the laws of most nations were believed to originate with the gods, but they were considered intensely personal and subjective in the way they were applied. By contrast, the biblical concept was that law comes from God, issues from His nature, and it is holy, righteous, and good. Furthermore, at the outset of God's ruling over Israel at Sinai, God the great King gave His laws. These laws were binding on His people, and He upheld them. Furthermore, His laws were universal and an expression of His love for His people (Exodus 19:5-6).

If salvation has always been by faith and never by works, and if the covenant of promise to Abraham was fulfilled in Jesus Christ, what purpose did the Law have? Paul's answer is direct and sobering. The purpose of the Law was to demonstrate to man his total sinfulness, his inability to please God by his own works, and his need for mercy and grace.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Please Pray For...

John Wheeler
 Jim Kratzer
 Ron Alexander
 Sam Berkowitz
 Marjorie Durham
 Joe Welsh
 Stephanie Sumption
 Mary Morgan
 Orin Sanders
 Dalene Bergman
 Emmett Phillips

Shut-In:

Dixie Drummond
 Roberta Small
 Roberta Beckert
 Jean "Effie" Allen
 Viola Heiner
 Georganna Lister

**Church Family
 Residing At:**

Scotland Co. C C & R.C.F.

Donna Meeks
 Georgia Couch
 Bette Herbert
 Donna Wheeler

Schuyler County N.H.

Marietta Garrison



**November
 Book of Month**

II Corinthians

STATISTICS

November 27, 2016

Sunday School...56
 Worship....85

General Fund.....\$1,533.00

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
 Budget needs.....\$155,098.53
 Gifts.....\$144,098.53

ANNOUNCEMENTS



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

**Children's Christmas Rehearsal
 December 10th
 2pm Church auditorium**

**Children's Christmas Program
 Sunday, December 11th**



**All Church Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner
 December 11th**

Following the morning service plan on staying, visiting, and eating some wonderful food.

All Church Christmas Caroling

**Sunday, December 18
 at 2pm**



If a member has a neighbor, friend, or family member they would like to have visited by carolers please contact the church office

with the name and address or share their name and address on the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.



All nominees for 2017 Church Officers received favorable support from the congregation. Thank you for your input.

Sunday Services

Sunday School.....9:20 AM
 Worship.....10:30 AM
 Junior Worship (Ages 3 to 5yrs).10:30 AM
 Super Church (Grades K—6th).....During sermon

Church Staff

Jack Sumption.....Preacher
 Josiah Holloway.....Youth Minister
 Kelly Cochran.....Secretary

Reminder December 04, 2016

West Greeter.....Julie Clapp
 West Usher.....Fred Clapp
 East Greeter.....Edna Gundy
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
 SCCC Pianist.....Alisa & Elsie Kigar
 Nursery.....Marie Alexander & Jacob Kapfer
 December Bus Driver.....Lee Parish

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