

John 8:56-58

Psaln 110:4 Hebrews 5:6, Hebrews 7:1-4, Genesis 14:18-20

1. Jesus is Melchisedec

He is the first order of priests.

Before there were commandments and law of sacrifice Jesus was priest.

When Abraham saw Him he realized Jesus preeminence as the Priest.

2. Abraham reacts to Jesus.

a. Gave a rent of all he had.

b. Recognizes Him as the God who delivers.

3. Jesus has always been.

a. He is God.

b. He made the offering of peace for our sins.

c. The Gospel has always been our salvation.

Galatians 3:6-9

d. Gospel is Death Burial and Resurrection - Jesus taught that to

Abraham.

Announcements

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Monday December 24th at 6pm. Come celebrate the birth of our King!

GIFT FOR CHRIST OFFERING - We will be taking up of gift for Christ this year on the last two Sundays of the month December 23 and December 30. The areas we are looking at: our debt retirement, game changers, or other, and will be determined by the amount collected.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - Everyone welcome to stop by the sound room window to sign for our Pastor Thaddeus and Pastor Carl.

BLESSING BAGS - Our children's church is currently collecting socks, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand sanitizer, hand aides, shampoo, etc for blessing boxes for those in need. We welcome your donations. If you have any questions please see Michelle Roberts.

KALAMAZOO GOSPEL MISSION PROJECT. If you have gently used coats, gloves, hats, stuffed animals or new coloring books, please consider donating them to the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. Teri Wait and friends are serving dinner on Christmas day at the mission and are hoping to collect enough gifts to pass out to families who are staying there this Christmas season. You will find a box located in the Welcome Center for your donations. If you have any questions please see Teri Wait.

ALL VOLUNTEERS & GREETERS - We will be having a short meeting today after our morning service for volunteers within the church or who are greeters on Sunday mornings, also anyone interested in learning how to become involved in church opportunities as they arise. The meeting will be held in the class room behind Pastor Carl's office, across from the library.

SHOVELLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - To assist with shoveling and salting sidewalks this year please sign up at the Welcome Center. Any questions or for further information please see Don Kilburn.

2019 CHURCH T-SHIRTS - We are currently taking orders for our 2019 Church T-shirts. There is a table in the Welcome Center with sample size t-shirts to view. If you are interested in next years "free" T-shirts be sure to sign up on the paper at the table. Sizes run from Adult x-small - to Adult 4-xlarge. **Please do not remove the sample t-shirts from the welcome center.**

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Ages 16 and above begins Monday December 10 at 6:30pm.

UPWARD BASKETBALL - The end is near for early discount registration, which runs through December 15th. Final day for registration will be December 22.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER - Please remember to sign up if you will be attending Wednesday night dinner. This weeks menu is Ham Dinner, scalloped potatoes, vegetable and strawberry jello dessert.

CHURCH CLOSING - On any Wednesday through the winter, if Kalamazoo Christian schools are closed, we will not have Awana or Bible Study and post it by 3pm. Sunday morning we are open if you can safely travel. In the event of a large snow fall, we will post the closing on channel 3 and on our Facebook page.

LET'S PAINT, TEEN BUDDY PAINTING - (13 and up) If you are interested in a Bob Ross Teen Buddy Painting class over Christmas break we have an opportunity for you. Class will be December 26, 27 & 28th. Cost is \$90 per Buddy registration (2). Buddies will share paints and brushes. Registration cut off is December 16. If you have any questions please see Cathy Cline. Parents - What a great Christmas gift idea!

FOOD PANTRY - Help others in need. See Krista or Lynn.

REMINDER LAC LADIES: We will be meeting at the church on Thursday Dec 13 at 5:15pm to car pool to the Wings of God home for Christmas dinner with the residents. Any questions please see Patricia Pillars.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - On Tuesday at 8:30am at McDonald's on 9th Street.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING EVENTS

AMANA, 6pm-7:30pm
YOUTH GROUP, 6pm-7:30pm
BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER 6pm-7:30pm
PERSCOPE CLASS, 6pm-7:30pm
CRISIS 101 CLASS, 6pm-7:30pm
CHOIR PRACTICE, 7:30pm

NURSERY
9 JUDY K, ABBY M, NATE
16 TAMI S, JULIE T, CAYLA S
23 JESSICA W, TRISH P, LEAH S
30 RETHA, AMANDA D, JENNA S

LAST WEEK
TITHES & OFFERINGS, \$16,656.12
CHILDREN'S OFFERING, 10.20
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, 10.00
TOTAL, \$16,676.32

#1 . . . By Sharon Jaynes

#1 . . . decorate my house perfectly with lovely plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny glass balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

#1 . . . slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

#1 . . . work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

#1 . . . trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.

Love is kind though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of your way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Love never fails video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust. But giving the gift of love will endure.