

EPHESIANS 4:7-13

1. Gifts or abilities used in positions in the Church to help everyone:

1. Come to unity of the faith.
 2. Knowledge of the Son of God.
 3. To a perfect man. Complete maturity.
 4. To the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.
- Grow into the complete person Christ desires us to be.
2. Gifts or abilities used in the body to accomplish their different functions
- ROMANS 12:4-8**

These gifts are to be used by us.

3. Gifts or special acts of the Holy Ghost.
- HEBREWS 2:2-4**

1 CORINTHIANS 12

Sign or supernatural gifts.

The goal was to validate His Message and His teachings that were all new through the Apostles. So the sign gifts proved the message or teaching was actually of God because only He could do them.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

4. What are the best gifts?

1 CORINTHIANS 13 all gifts done in love or they are worthless.

1 CORINTHIANS 14: 1, 3, 5, 6, 12

1. **EPHESIANS 4** had described the best gifts: The ones that edify each other bring unity, and bring maturity.
 2. **ROMANS 12** describes the best gifts: The ones that build up the body and bring the body together in maturity.
 5. Sign or miraculous gifts were gifts meant for Evangelizing the lost.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 14:22**

As salt the best way to be salty is to participate in the interests and abilities we have.

6. Now here is how the "gifting" comes into full view:
 1. When the teacher teaches the Spirit gifts by amplifying the teaching.
 2. When the preacher preaches the Spirit gifts by amplifying the preaching.
 3. When those who have administrative and serving abilities use them the Spirit gifts them by amplifying the effects of their service.

In Summary:

Be Salty

Use your giftedness

Put your talent or ability to work for God.

Watch God amplify the work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS COMMITTEE - Short meeting today immediately following the morning worship service

DEACONS MEETING - Wednesday March 27 at 7:30pm

BUSINESS MEETING - Sunday March 31 immediately following the morning worship service

VOLUNTEERS FOR UPWARD CLOSING CEREMONY TONIGHT - Thank you for volunteering your time, please be here by 4:30pm for instructions. For questions see or call Pastor Carl 313-320-4121.

AWANA - Awards Ceremony on March 27 from 6-7:30pm. Wednesday dinner is over for the season.

SERMONS - On March 31st Pastor Carl will be preaching and on April 7th Pastor Scott from Galilee Baptist Church will be preaching. Pray for the Stout Family while they are away on a Mission Trip to Jamaica.

MEN'S WIFFLE BALL - ages 16+. Join us in the gym on Tuesday March 26 and April 2nd at 630pm. Knock a little bit of that winter rust off and get ready for spring. Any questions please see Ralph Balkema.

ANNUAL GUESS WHO IS COMING TO DINNER - April 12th or 13th. Sign up in the Welcome Center today to either host or be a guest for this fun crazy event. Hosts will decide how many guests and provide the main dish. One week prior guests will be paired with a host and asked to bring a salad, vegetable, rolls or dessert to accompany the main entrée. For questions call Pastor Carl at 313-320-4121.

EASTER SUNDAY - 12th Street will be serving breakfast on Easter before the morning service. Please sign up in the Welcome Center if you will be joining us so that we can prepare enough food for everyone.

EASTER EGG HUNT - An Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 20 at 3pm. Donations for prizes and candy appreciated! Sign up sheet in Welcome Center. For questions see Chad Kilburn or Krista Asher.

LAC MOTHER, DAUGHTER & FRIENDS TEA - May 4th from 11am-1:30pm. Please sign up under a hostess name. The event is free of charge, please bring a dish to pass for the brunch. MEN - Delicious Food and fellowship in the youth room during the tea in exchange for breaking down the event when it is over.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER - Don't miss the social event of the year! The Hogget and Windsor families request your presence at the wedding of their children, Jewel and Jimmy John on Saturday, May 11 at 6pm. Tickets/rsvp go on sale soon at the youth table for \$25 or \$40 per adult, depending on your seating preference. Proceeds go to youth mission trip to Kentucky in July.

ANNUAL ADULT VBS - May 15th, 16th and 17th.

GRADUATION SUNDAY - May 19th we will recognize students who are graduating this year.

DETROIT TIGERS HOME PLATE - June 8. Event includes several athletes speaking about their career in sports and their faith in Jesus Christ, an on the field baseball clinic and baseball game between Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins. The cost is \$39 per person. The church bus is limited to the first forty people who sign up in the Welcome Center. For questions see Brian Cooper.

VBS JULY 7- 11 - We need volunteers this year to decorate, set up and execute. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or see Angie Layton for more information.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP - July 14 - July 20th.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 1-2:30pm in the Welcome Center.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP - Sunday 5:30pm-7pm at the home of Jim and Amanda Deters at 7585 Northport Avenue in Kalamazoo. Jim Deters 269-330-8883.

MEN'S SOFTBALL - Sign up at the Welcome Center.

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Monday at 6:30pm for ages 16+

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - Tuesday 8:30am at 12th Street

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

For more information www.12thstreetbaptist.net

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

AWANA AWARD CEREMONY 6p-730P

BIBLE & PRAYER MEETING 6p-730P

CHOIR PRACTICE. 730P-830P

SUNDAY EVENING EVENTS

SMALL GROUPS INFO IN WELCOME CENTER

YOUTH GROUP 5P-630P

YOUNG ADULT GROUP 5P-630P

SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MORE INFO

NURSERY

24 AMANDA D, EMILY W, JENNA S

31 JESSICA W, TAMI S, LEAH S

7 JULIE T, RETHA K, GOLDIE L

14 TRISH P, ALANNA S, ADIA PERSEE

21 ABBY MACK, NIKKI POWELL, CALLISTA

LAST WEEK

TITHES & OFFERINGS. \$7,647.76

BENEVOLENCE - CARPENTRY 40.00

MISSIONS JOINT 130.00

YOUTH MINISTRY 19.00

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS. 6.80

COFFEE DONUTS FELLOWSHIP 12.00

TOTAL. \$7,846.56