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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."-Ecclesiastes 12:13



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SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP - 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY - 6:30 PM

Don't Eat What Dogs Eat

By Phil McIntosh



Bear with me for a minute if you're not an animal lover. Human beings have had varied experiences with the animal kingdom throughout our co-existence. Interestingly enough, some animals are actually older than us, though not by much (**Gen 1:20-28**). Animals were created by God with various and unique purposes in mind. Mankind has seemingly shifted away from some of the more ancient, rudimentary purposes to view various species in a different light. One example is dogs. Dogs are mentioned in the Bible in various ways; sometimes in ways that viewed them as dirty, low, or insignificant. At some point in our history we stopped using dogs to alert, hunt, or track and we started using them as family companions. Take the terrier family of dogs for instance who, according to Britannica, were originally "bred to rid barns and stables of vermin, to dig out unwanted burrowing rodents, and to make themselves generally useful around the stable," but they now are often used as boutique dogs who wear bows and bowties (like the Yorkies, Silkies, and Maltese breeds). The family position of "pet" isn't restricted however to just dogs. Some people have domesticated animals living in their home such as cats, snakes, lizards, hamsters, guinea pigs, pot-bellied pigs, and even skunks (yes skunks).

Some people love their pets dearly. They bathe their dog and brush their coat frequently; they might even pay quite a bit to have their little family member (*ahem* pet) groomed at a local business. They might spend money on clothing, fancy bowls, and organic natural foods. Most people feed their dogs regular dog food though. They might slip them some food from the table, not quite like the lady speaking with Jesus meant in **Matthew 15:27**, but the principle is close. More than likely though, the dog is not eating what the people eat. Dogs who aren't the kings or queens of the home they live in are given regular dog food (like the huge 50lb bag of Ol' Roy at Wal-Mart) or even scraps that the people don't want anymore. Dogs will eat almost anything, especially if they have no choice. I remember an old joke where this guy was at the home of another man and the homeowner took some greens and threw them out the back door to the dogs and they immediately scarfed them up. The other man was shocked and said, "My dogs won't eat greens." The homeowner who threw the green to his dogs replied, "Mine didn't either, at first." If scraps are thrown out there with no other options and thrown out often enough, the dogs will love them. Too many people are like those dogs, loving the scraps that are given to them and filling their belly with them.

Scraps aren't usually what we think we want though. The nicest things in the world generally cost the most. The finest cars, clothing, jewels, food, and bags all carry a premium price. You can get things that look similar to them, but they're only cheap knockoffs; they're not the real thing and they won't last. The true finest thing in this world has been paid for already and provided to us. God paid the highest price for the most valuable material ever introduced to the world, shedding the blood of Jesus to purchase redemption of our souls (**Acts 20:28; Matt 20:28**). God then, through the gospel and the inspiration of His Holy Spirit, called us to live a life of richness, feasting on the fine things of life. We don't have to eat what dogs eat; we don't have to eat the scraps. We should taste how good the food from God is (**1 Pet 2:1-3**) and decide to leave the scraps, to which so many have become so accustomed, alone. The world has

the finest food available to them and yet have chosen the scraps so often that they prefer them. The Spirit has called us to leave the scraps alone; He has taught us the importance of dining on nutrition from God rather than the food dogs eat.

What are the foods dogs eat? Read a portion of the letter from Paul to the church at Philippi:

“But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”

-Philippians 3:7-11

There is a word I want you to see in verse 8. In English the word is translated as “rubbish” (NKJV, ESV, NASB), “dung” (KJV), “refuse” (ASV, RSV) and “garbage” (NIV). While I do not recommend using the NIV for one’s primary reading Bible for various problems of inaccurate translation and translational philosophy, the rendering of the word “garbage” in Phil 3:8 seems to be the closest to the Greek word used by Paul. The Greek word he wrote was *skubala* which is a compound word; the word being comprised of *kyon* or “dog” and *ballo* or “throw.” The word then essentially discusses the scraps/trash that is so worthless as to be thrown to the dogs. So then God, through the pen of Paul, tells us the things of this world that the majority hold in high position of value we should estimate as trash that is thrown to the dogs. Instead of filling our stomachs with these things, we should fill ourselves with true nutrition (***Jms 1:21***). True nutrition is the righteousness which comes “through faith in Christ” that can only be obtained from God (***Rom 1:16-17***). Don’t eat what dogs eat; don’t let yourself be tricked into thinking the scraps of the world are actually good. God has invited you to take the finest thing in life, don’t miss your invitation (***Rev 22:17***).



2024'S 1ST YOUTH DEVO



TEX-MEX CHRISTMAS DINNER AND TWISTY GIFT EXCHANGE



**JANUARY 14 | SUNDAY | 6:30PM
CHURCH PARSONAGE**



- The teens are invited to a Tex-Mex Christmas Dinner & Twisty Gift Exchange
- All the teens- please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$10 in value
- We will meet for a singing & devotional and then the festivities will begin
- There will be a buffet of Tex-Mex foods followed by a game to see who gets which gift

Please make plans to attend and bring your friends!

**If anybody is coming who is under 13 please let us know so some small gifts can be purchased for them too.*

**If anyone would like to donate or has any questions, please see Phil or Michelle McIntosh*



VISITOR INVITES: Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone to our services with the visitor brochures located in the foyer!



MEMBERS' PICTURES



If you need your picture taken for the picture board, or want to update an older picture, please see any of the elders, deacons, or secretary, following worship.



CHURCH COMMUNICATION:

Please check your email for the Monday Morning Message.

Members: If you are not receiving our Flocknote texts or emails, please let us know.

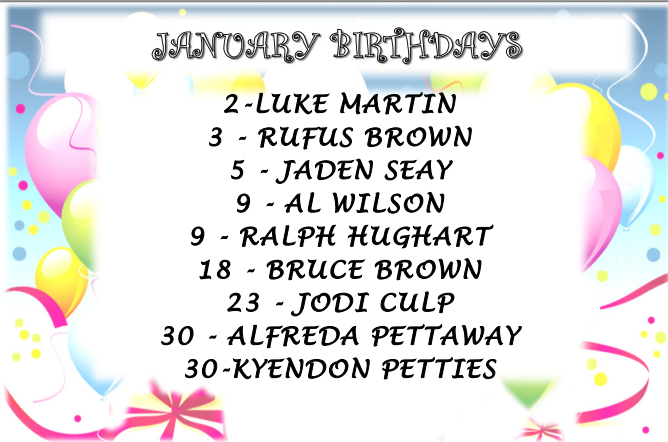
SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY

- ♦ **Group # 1-VISITORS**
Team Leader: Paul Portley
- ♦ **Group #2-NEW CONVERTS**
Team Leader: Roger Deem
- ♦ **Group #3-WIDOWS**
Team Leader: Gaylen Williams
- ♦ **Group #4-DELINQUENT MEMBERS**
Team Leader: Phil McIntosh

*All groups will meet for visits in December after morning worship on January 14th.

*All groups will meet for visits in January after morning worship on February 18th.

*Note: if team members are unavailable, leave your information with your group leader.



January Nursery Schedule

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| 7-Brenda & Gayle | *We are in need of more ladies to help in the nursery. If you would like to be on the nursery list, please contact the office. Thank you! |
| 14-Briana & Brittini | |
| 21-Natalie & Victoria | |
| 28-Amanda & Nichole | |
| 2/4-Victoria & Josephine | |

January Cleaning Calendar

- May be done any time before the next Sunday.
 - Please consult with your team leader for further questions.
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| 7-TEAM LEE
Natalie
Ken | 21-TEAM ZACK
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Ruby | 2/4-TEAM PHIL
Michelle
Beverly
Josephine
Lois
Marcella |
| 14-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Linda | 25-TEAM KINGSFORD
Kim-Marie
Jaden
Barbara
Gaylen
Nichole | |

ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** TOM HOLUBEC
- ♦ **SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- COMMUNION:**
JONATHAN SMITH & LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **OFFERING:**
JONATHAN SMITH & LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ **SECURITY:** SCOTT DAVIS & KINGSFORD ASARE
- ♦ **NURSERY:** BRIANA & BRITNI GRIFFITH

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: “Do We Notice God More in the Hard Times?” (Psalm 68:7-10)

- ⁷ O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah:
- ⁸ The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- ⁹ Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.
- ¹⁰ Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.”

Sunday PM: “A Patience That Rivals Job” (Psalm 110:1-4)

- ¹¹⁰ The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
- ² The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
- ³ Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
- ⁴ The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

