

Will God pour out blessings?

To me tithing is done not only out of obedience to GOD's word, but out of a desire to surrender and be led by HIM. Tithing is a part of my trust relationship with the LORD, an ongoing opportunity to say "Here I am LORD, use what I bring to You for the good of YOUR kingdom". As a stay at home mom with a husband who does not tithe, I have rarely had the opportunity to bring a tithe. But I find that when I think of my tithe as just my portion, whether it be a true tithe from an odd job, an opportunity to give of time to serve others, or to pass along a possession to those in need, I always have something to give unto the LORD. And I find that GOD honors that as well; HE sees the heart of surrender. HE continues to respond by meeting my needs over and over again, sometimes amazing me with His abundance. So, yes, I will continue to give to the LORD with whatever opportunity I have.



I have been tithing for quite a while now, but for many years, we did not tithe. Each month as we struggled to pay bills and buy the necessities of life, I would think, in my mind, why don't you trust God completely to meet your needs, so after much prayer, we started tithing and GOD has kept his promises and met our needs. Each month our needs are met in a different way, a long forgotten loan to family or friend is paid back, or a refund unexpected, an invitation to dinner. I felt foolish for not trusting sooner. Let GOD keep His promises in your life; it is a great feeling. How is God going to stretch my budget this month? I can hardly wait to find out!

Many people like to give Christmas cards. If you have a mailbox, they will be put in there. If you don't have a mailbox, there is an alphabetical tote by the mailboxes. You can find cards in there by last name.

CARDS FOR ALL - There are Christmas cards from Sean P., missionary in Taiwan and Philippines, for anyone that would like one. He is so appreciative of us, his family. He is so grateful for our prayers, kindness, support, and outright love. He wants to wish all a very blessed Christmas in a personal card. The cards can be found either in your mailbox or at the Welcome Center.

HEALING SUPPORT GROUPS- If you, or someone you know, is struggling with a past abortion, please pray about joining a HEART (Healing Encouragement for Abortion Related Trauma) support group starting in January. Information is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

CHILDREN'S TIME - Available during the 11:00 worship service for children 4 yrs. thru 2nd grade in Room 201/203 during the message time. Kids get to be active and parents are free to listen and learn. Children have the option to stay during the sermon or leave with the volunteers after the children's message and return after the sermon message (about 25 min.). Parents are encouraged to volunteer on a rotating basis. **Leaders: Gwen O and Lacey G**

BSLC Connections

SUNDAY 12/13

8:15/11:00 Worship Services
9:45 am Christmas Program
6:00 pm Women's AA-Spkr/Disc
6:30 pm BSLC Choir

MONDAY 12/14

4:30 pm Sending Committee
4:45 pm Stretching & Breathing
6:30 pm Trustee Meeting

TUESDAY 12/15

6:30 pm Stephen Ministry
7:00 pm Family Ministries Meeting
AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY 12/16

9:00 am Clothing Ministry
10:30 am Pray for all Nations (Women)
4:45 pm Stretching and Breathing
6:00 pm ReFuel Dinner: Beefie Mac,

WEDNESDAY (continued)

6:30 pm salad, rolls and dessert
Kids Community
Jr & Sr High Christmas Party
Pinochle
7:00 pm BSLC Brass Practice

THURSDAY 12/17

7:00 pm Preschool Christmas Prgm
AA Mtg-Big Book Study

FRIDAY 12/18

12:00 pm MS Support Group

SATURDAY 12/19

8:15 am Stretching & Breathing
3:00 pm FPNO

SUNDAY 12/20

8:15/11:00 Worship Services
6:00 pm Women's AA-Spkr/Disc

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Growth Groups

If you desire to connect with more people and/or want to mature in your walk with CHRIST, then check out the groups that would love to have you join. Below are the groups that have openings. Contact Kathy or Paul Potter in the office to get information about a group, including where they meet and contact information of the leader.

Mixed Adults (couples & singles)

Mondays 7pm (Every and 1st/3rd)
Wednesdays 10am (over 55's)
Thursdays 7pm (2nd/4th)

Women

Tuesdays 7pm
Wednesdays 9am (Moms)
Thursdays 9am

Men

Tuesdays 5am & 7am
Wednesdays 10am (Senior Men)
Thursdays 6am
Saturday 7:30am

High School

Wednesdays 6:30pm - 8:00pm



8:15 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. December 13, 2015

Beautiful SAVIOR Lutheran
Church
9800 SE 92nd Ave

Worship

See JESUS

Welcome
Prepare the Way
Confession
Holy Spirit
Family Message
His Story - Ron G
Matthew 1:18, 25
Message

Follow JESUS

Joy to the World/Our
God Saves
How Deep the Father's
Love For Us
Your Name
Announcements
Offering
Benediction

Next Week:
Matthew 1:19-21

The flowers on the altar
are provided by Tom
and Liz D in
celebration of Tom's
80th birthday.
Song of Songs 6:3a
"I am my beloved's and
my beloved is mine ..."

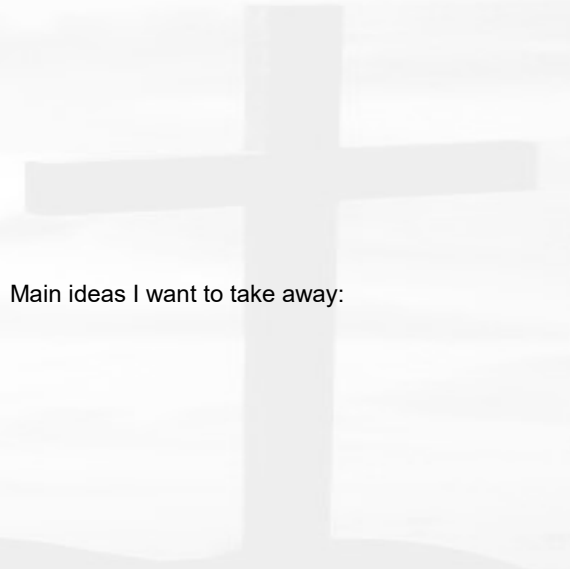


Message Outline

Prayer ministry is available in the prayer chapel
during the worship after the message.

The Incarnation

Ways people try to avoid punishment:



Main ideas I want to take away:

Pray for One Another

We would like to pray for you! If you have public prayer requests you
can share them on your communication card or call the office.

Pray for Family

- Provide strength and comfort for those struggling physically:

Pray for Community

Draw to faith in CHRIST JESUS: Leslie, Ross, Heather, Kelly, George,
Elizabeth, Dylan, Brittany, Windi

Pray for the World

For Sean P., an LCMS career missionary in Taiwan and the Philippines

- For Sean and his family as they continue to grieve the Homegoing of his dad. Pray for time to grieve, but even more so, for JESUS to fill their grief with comfort, joy, hope and purpose.
- Decisively finding time to be organized.
- Capacity to focus on each day's priorities as God brings them.
- Praise for being healthy.
- Safe and SPIRIT-led travels whenever he travels
- SPIRIT-led interactions with leaders, followers of JESUS and those that don't yet know JESUS.
- A sense of God's presence in the flurry of work and relationships.

Children's Christmas Program TODAY at 9:45 a.m.



All BSLC kids, 3rd through 6th grade, are invited to create Christmas gifts and wrap them for family & friends on Monday, December 21st, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch and supplies will be provided, so this is a free event. Transportation is available if necessary. All kids need to have a permission slip unless your parent(s) join in the fun. We need volunteers to help with this event, so let Julie G or Judy G know if you can help.



There are periods in our life when God pulls us aside to mature in a new way. Sometimes we don't quite know what JESUS is calling us to, but we have this sense that it is something more. If you feel like you are in that place, it may be because He wants you to see His perspective about the things that really matter to HIM. One way to see that is to enroll in The *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* course starting in January at Oregon City Christian Church. It could be the next step in God's plan for you. Brochures about the class are in the lobby. If you would like to know more, talk to Kathy I, Chris L, John & Trish R, Marie W, Eunice M, Steve H, Zida D, Julie & Scott F, or Ron G.

Holiday Services



Christmas Eve Services - Thursday, Dec 24
5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Traditional carols, family message,
and affecting sermon

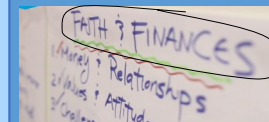
10:00 p.m. - Reverent readings interspersed with intimate
songs (no sermon)

Classes Coming in January



Sacred Marriage - Your marriage is much more than a union between you and your spouse. It is a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. Sacred Marriage shifts the focus from marital enrichment to spiritual enrichment in ways that can help you love your mate more. Whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God. We will utilize a DVD series from Gary Thomas, facilitated by Tom and Liz D.

Apologetics - This class for divas, doubters and do-rights will present the reasonableness of the Christian faith and the unreasonableness of competing world views so that we will then be better equipped to communicate the gospel to a non-Christian, encourage a fellow believer, and strengthen our own faith. We will learn how to stimulate curiosity and interest in God and faith, not by debating, but through wise responses and real dialogue with the people in our world. Facilitated by Jan W



Faith & Finances - Navigating a maze of financial challenges is difficult for everyone. In this class we will get a glimpse of God's plan for our finances in a practical, be-in-control kind of way.

People from varied financial backgrounds will help us explore money-management skills and biblical stewardship principals that will lead us to long term change. Facilitated by Steve C

Our Monthly Verse

For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16