



Community Connection

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Verses about God's Gifts

*Every good gift and every perfect gift
is from above, and cometh down
from the Father of lights, with whom
is no variableness, neither
shadow of turning*

James 1:17

*If ye then, being evil, know how to
give good gifts unto your children,
how much more shall your Father
which is in heaven give good things
to them that ask him?*

Matthew 7:11

*Therefore, I tell you, do not be
anxious about your life, what you will
eat or what you will drink, nor about
your body, what you will put on. Is
not life more than food, and the
body more than clothing? Look at the
birds of the air: they neither sow nor
reap nor gather into barns, and yet
your heavenly Father feeds them. Are
you not of more value than they?
And which of you by being anxious
can add a single hour to his span of
life? And why are you anxious about
clothing? Consider the lilies of the
field, how they grow: they neither toil
nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon
in all his glory was not arrayed like
one of these. ... Matthew 6:25-34*

*As each has received a gift, use it to
serve one another, as good stewards
of God's varied grace: 1 Peter 4:10*

*Blessed be the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us in Christ with every spir-
itual blessing in the heavenly places,
Ephesians 1:3*

*Oh, taste and see that the LORD is
good! Blessed is the man who takes
refuge in him! Psalm 34:8*

*I am the LORD your God, who
brought you up out of the land of
Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I
will fill it. Psalm 81:10*

You are probably expecting a "New Years" article from me this month. I was leaning that way but then I read this great devotional by Paul David Tripp and thought that I should share. Yes, it is a new year and yes, it is time to think of ways to improve our lives in every aspect. You know, start fresh and all that! So as you read this, think of how you can be more aware this year of the wonderful gifts that God showers on us every day that we never really appreciate.

"May the glory of the Lord continue forever! The Lord takes pleasure in all He has made! The earth trembles at his glance; the mountains smoke at his touch," Psalm 104:31-32

These are some of God's pleasant gifts to us:

- *the sound of birds in the spring
- *the delicate beauty of a rose
- *the multihued display of a sunset
- *the pristine blanket of new-fallen snow
- *the tenderness of a kiss.
- *the smell of flowers in bloom
- *the wide variety of tastes and textures of food
- *the glory of a wonderful piece of music
- *the bright colors of leaves in the fall
- *the wonder of a master's painting
- *the enjoyment of a great drama
- *the sweet voice of a child
- *the stunning grandeur of a mountain

God created for us a world of amazing beauty where pleasures exist all around us. He created us with pleasure gates (eyes, ears, mouths, noses, hands, brains, and so on) so that we could take in the pleasure. He blesses us with these good and beautiful things every day. That means that on your very worst day and on your very best day, you are blessed with the pleasures right from the hand of God. That tells you that you don't get these pleasures because you've earned or deserve them, but because He is a God of grace. He graces you with good things because He is good, not because you are." Are you wanting to learn more about the gifts God grants us? Do you need a place to fellowship with other believers?

Soldier Christian Church meets in person and online at 10:30 Sunday. Please feel free to join us even if you have never been before. Soldierchristian.com

Some other sources of hope and guidance:

Grace to You, John MacArthur-GTY.org
Dr. David Jeremiah-davidjeremiah.org
Chip Ingram, Living on the Edge-livingontheedge.org
Back to the Bible, -backtothebible.org
Bott Radio Network-92.5 FM
MyFLR.org
88.1 and 90.3 FM for Christian Music Radio



PREACHER'S CORNER

Another year is upon us. **2023!** I can hardly believe where the time has gone. But the New year is also an opportunity to begin afresh, begin anew, begin again! **“Will this be the year you endeavor to come to the house of worship because you have made this year a priority in knowing God, knowing the people of God, and learning more and more as each new week is given to you by God?”**

I happened to come across a **“Backslider’s Calendar”** that was written for the **New Year in 1962**. I hope that you will enjoy it if you are a regular attender to services here at Soldier Christian Church, and, if not, maybe you will see yourself in the writing to follow, and strive to begin **2023** by promising yourself before God that you will endeavor **NOT** to be this person this year.

JANUARY - I hereby resolve to start to Church this year, but I’ll wait until

February. Gotta get over the holidays. They take a lot out of a person you know!

FEBRUARY – Weather is terrible. I’ll start when it warms up a bit. My blood is
so thin this time of year.

MARCH – Lots of sickness just now. Got to keep away from those bugs. A
person can’t afford to take a chance.

APRIL – Easter. Big crowds. You can’t get a decent seat anyhow! They won’t
miss me. It would look strange if I show up on easter!

MAY – I have been holed up all winter and now that the weather is getting warm,
it’s time to attend our yearly reunions with family and friends.

JUNE- I’ll wait until the baby is older. How in the world do some folks bring
their babies at two weeks of age and then never miss a Sunday at worship?

JULY – Boy! Is this heat terrific! That air-conditioning in the sanctuary might
give me the chills, and anyhow we’ve got the cabin and boat we have to pay for, so we need to use it on
the weekends this summer.

AUGUST – Preacher’s on vacation. He’ll never know if I miss. Never liked guest
preachers anyhow. However, when the preacher gets back.

SEPTEMBER – School’s started. Vacation threw me behind in my work and now
I’ve got to make one last visit to my relatives before the snow flies!

OCTOBER – Leaves are sure beautiful. I can worship God outdoors anyway..
Kids will be cooped up all winter, so

NOVEMBER – My heart is bursting with gratitude and thanks giving. The
Christmas season will be a wonderful time to start back to church.

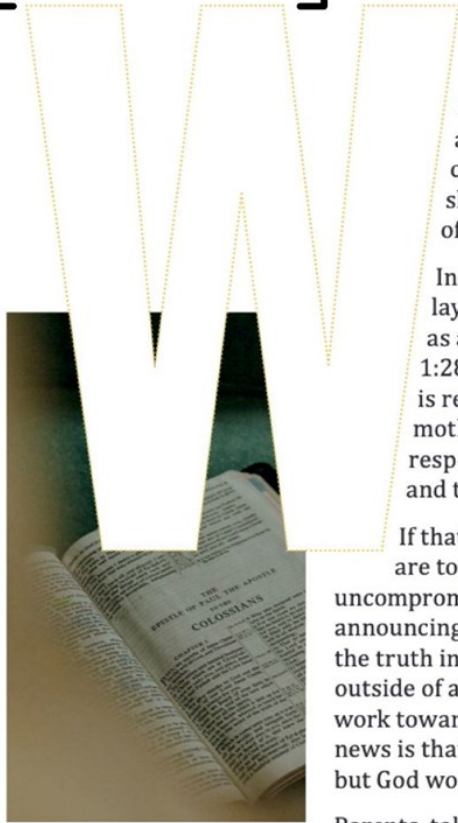
DECEMBER—What a madhouse! After this is all over, my family and I will start
back to church! First Sunday in January! I promise this time!

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YOUTH UPDATE

A page out of the CPYU Newsletter available each month to everyone here at SCC and meant to help equip & inform anyone interested in young people's lives! Written & produced by Walt Mueller & the CPYU Folks.

FROM THE WORD



What is the goal of your parenting? The cultural parenting narrative might best be summed up in one word: "Success." But what does success look like in parenting? Perhaps Ben Franklin's old trio of "healthy, wealthy, and wise" might best summarize what contemporary "wisdom" tells us our kids should become. But is that what the trajectory of our parenting is intended to be?

In his letter to the Colossians, the Apostle Paul lays out a description of the role he played as an ambassador for the Gospel (Colossians 1:28-29). What he includes in that description is really a picture of Christian parenting, as mothers and fathers are those given the primary responsibility to raise and nurture their children and teens in the faith.

If that's the case, what are the tasks we are to pursue with steadfast diligence and uncompromising hard work? We proclaim Christ by announcing that Jesus is Lord. We warn them by putting the truth in their minds and cautioning them about life outside of a relationship with Jesus Christ. We pray and work towards their spiritual maturity. And the good news is that we don't do this through our own efforts, but God works in us and through us.

Parents, take some time to seriously evaluate your parenting goals. Ask the Lord to make clear not only the way to take, but to give you the strength to walk in that way.

"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."

Colossians 1:28-29

PODCAST to check out....



Youth Culture Matters
is a long-format podcast from CPYU hosted by Walt Mueller.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT EPISODE 162:
"THEOLOGY OF THE BODY" WITH
TIMOTHY TENNENT

LISTEN AT WWW.CPYU.ORG/PODCAST

~Quilts for Alpha Christian Children's Home~

Would you like to join us in a day of quilting and Godly fellowship to bless Alpha Christian Children's Home? It has come to our attention that Alpha is in need of 12 twin-sized quilts. We would like to plan a day of quilting in January or February; set-date to be decided after Christmas. All levels of expertise are welcome! If you, and your daughter(s), or if you know of someone who would be interested in joining, please let us know at: sierra.keehn@gmail.com
Merry Christmas!!

Recipe of the Month

We are going to use this space to share recipes with each other from the community. If you have one to share or one you would like us to find, please contact Laura -lmichelle14@yahoo.com or Marty-martywill54@gmail.com

Creamy Chicken and Rice (Linda Rieschick)

4 C. cooked rice	2 tsp. chicken bouillon	1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 C. butter divided	1/2 tsp seasoned salt	4-5 C. cubed cooked chicken
1/4 C. flour	1/2 tsp. garlic powder	12 oz. American cheese-cubed
2 C. milk	1/4 tsp. pepper	2 C. sour cream
		1 1/4 C. crushed butter flavored crackers

Spread rice into greased 9 X 13 inch pan. In saucepan melt 1/4 c butter, stir in flour until smooth. Gradually add milk, bouillon, salt, garlic powder and pepper. Bring to a boil and cook until thick and bubbly. Add cheese and stir until it is Melted. Add our cream and stir. Mix in chicken and pour over rice. Melt 1/4 c butter and toss with crackers. Sprinkle over top of casserole and bake at 425° about 20-30 minutes or until heated through.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Make someone's day! Send them a card, text or call them to celebrate their special day!

JANUARY

Birthdays

3rd- Sue Wheeler & Leo Matthew Grollmes
7th -KJyle Coe
8th-Kenna Grace Grollmes
10th-Ron Ahlgren
16th-Jinsley Dawn Mueller
21st- Luke Halbleib
25th- Matt Grollmes & Rusty Hill
26th -Gary Keehn
27th -Adeline Keehn
31st- Melissa VanDonge

Anniversaries



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

1st-Nancy VanDonge
2nd- Mallori Mulroy
4th-Jeff Terry
9th-Dean Holliday
17th-Shirley Smith
19th- Kortnee VanDonge
21st- Naomi Halbleib
27th- Adalynn Holliday
28th Eden Rieschick
28th- Sarah Halbleib
28th- Nina Reed

Anniversaries

1st-Jay & Micaela Brundage





Something Punny!



- *What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy? A rash of good luck!
- *Why do penguins carry fish in their beaks? Because they don't have any pockets!
- *I never donate money to anyone collecting for a marathon. They just take your money and run!
- *Dartboards on the ceiling are discusting. They make me throw up!
- *Last night my wife asked me if I'd seen the dog bowl. I said "I didn't know he could!"
- *If you drink a milkshake hanging from the edge of a cliff, that's ledge and diary!!
- *Elderly couple in church. Wife turns to husband and says "I've just done a silent fart, what should I do?" Husband says "put new batteries in your hearing aid!"!!

KIDS CORNER

The Christmas season is over and this is the time of year my kids always went a little stir crazy! Here are some fun ideas to do with the little ones in your life to help the month pass.



NO-SEW SOCK WORMS
onellittleproject.com



Who doesn't have some odd socks laying around the house? These NO SEW SOCK WORMS are a fun way to use them. Stuff with fiber fill (or whatever you have Walmart bags would work!) Use rubber bands to separate the units. A pipe cleaner makes an antennae and add some google eyes (or draw some on!) Kids could write a story about their worm!

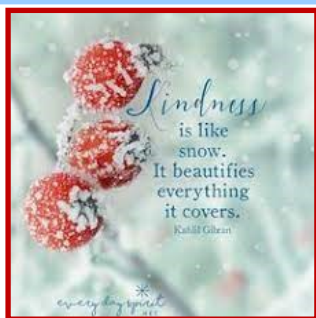
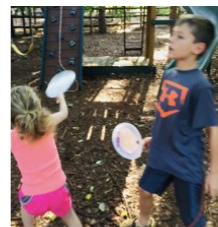
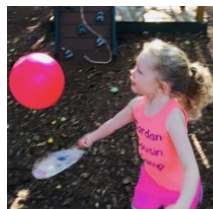


FrugalFun4Boys.com



BALLOON TENNIS PADDLES can be made from paper plates and craft sticks. Design with crayons, markers, or paint. This is a fun and safe inside game to play on cold and wintry days. Make sure you have a balloon to toss back and forth with the paddles.

Lots of fun can be had with these PENNY SPINNERS. You can use cereal box cardboard or card stock for the base. Use a cup, lid or something round to get a perfect circle drawn and cut it out. Design anyway you want. The adult should cut the slice in the center with a craft knife and insert a penny. See how different designs look when they spin!



Upcoming Church Specials

January

1-Hill
8-Lane
15-Ohlsen
22- R&S Rieschick

February

5-Elaine Stephenson
12-Halbleibs
19-McKenzies
26-Stantons

Soldier Christian Church

Ron Ahlgren, Pastor 507-329-1643
Luke J. Schreiber, Youth Minister 785-364-0779
Larry VanDonge, Elder 785-834-5475
Henry Williams, Elder 785-834-2500
Bill Brown, Elder 785-834-2552
Kyle Coe, Elder 785-834-5147



Soldier Christian Church

*We at Soldier Christian Church exist to
Glorify god, Evangelize the Lost, Mature
the Saints and Serve one another*

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Would you like text notifications? Information
and Prayer concerns? Please text the numbers
below and join in!

Send to:
81010

Text the message:
@sccinfo

Send to:
81010

Text the message:
@sccpray

We are here to HELP! What can we do for you?

Do you have a need? Medicine pick up? Grocery pick up? Help with chores?
Child Care? Do you need a ride to an appointment? Yard mowed?
Seriously, We have people who are willing to help with whatever your current
needs are. Please contact anyone from the list on the left and we will try to get
your need met. That is **why** and **what** we are here for.

WEEKLY SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Sunday Morning

Pre-Sunday School Sing 9:30
Sunday School (K-Adult) 9:45
Church 10:30

Wednesday Evenings

Middle & High School Youth
@Circleville Christian Church 6-8 pm

ReVive Modern Praise Night

Last Saturday of the Month
7pm Annex

Tuesday Mornings

Women's Bible Study & Prayer
9:30am West Room of Church

Elders Meetings

Last Wednesday of the Month
10 am

Women's & Men's Business Meetings

1st Sunday of the Month 5 pm
Women - SCC Men-Annex

Soldier Christian Church
130 Jackson St.
Soldier, Ks 66540

Below are the addresses of local nursing homes and assisted living centers. Below the address you will find the number of residents each facility currently houses. If you have time on your hands, please consider sending notes, pictures, letters, anything to brighten their days.

Medical Lodges

1121 w 7th
Holton, Ks 66436
31 Residents

Vintage Park

410 Juniper Drive
Holton, Ks 66436
39 Residents

The Pines

725 Iowa Ave.
Holton, Ks 66436
6 Residents

The Pines South

14005 214 th
Holton, Ks 66436
11 Residents

Red Bud Plaza

205 W. 9th
Onaga, Ks 66521

Eastridge

604 First St.
Centralia, Ks 66415

Prayer Requests

Carry each other's burdens...and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ
Galatians 6:2

Personal Prayer Requests :

*Kent Miller
*Jerry Reed
*Dan Brown
*Dennis Holliday
*Randy Perez
*Jamie McKenzie
*Sherry Ann Durst
*Mark Grollmes
*Prine/Wheeler Families
*Carl Farley
*Nina Reed
*Ron Young
*Anita Schafer
*Eden Rieschick
*Hank Reid

By this shall all men know that ye are my
disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 13:35



*Kyle Coe
*Ron Ahlgren
*Jacey, Jorge, & Family

If you have any requests
To add, please contact
Laura Holliday 785-305-0727

Other Prayer Requests:

*Pray our country.
*Pray for the elections
*Pray for persecuted Christians
*The conflicts in the world
*Pray for our country's leaders

