

"Have You Received the Inexpressible Gift?"
2 Corinthians 9:10-15

If something is inexpressible, the emotion is too strong to be expressed in words. It is too intense or great to be accurately or adequately described. Something so profound that language fails to capture it.

All Christian giving is to be an act of worship that flows from our thankfulness for the inexpressible gift. From Christmas morning, to birthday celebrations, to corporate worship on Sunday, all giving is to be about Christ and because of what Christ has given.

"If God's love, grace, and generosity doesn't baffle us, we have not yet come to truly understand the magnitude of these realities."

- Unwrapping the Gift:
 - **Eternal life:** *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 6:23)
 - **Forgiveness of sins:** *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace."* (Ephesians 1:7)
 - **Righteousness:** *"For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."* (2 Corinthians 5:21)
 - **A New Creation:** *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - **The Love of Christ:** *"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 8:38-39)
 - **Generosity:** *"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."* (2 Corinthians 9:11)
 - **Jesus Christ Himself:** *"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ."* (Philippians 3:8)
- Will you call God a liar?
 - *"Whoever does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."* (1 John 5:10b-11)

Worship: Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103) — Sovereign Grace Music

Come Adore the Humble King — Matt Boswell

Away in a Manger (Preeminence Lay) — Jake McElfresh

Closing Song: O COme, All Ye Faithful — Various Artists

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9/Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Slides Team. If you have any questions about this or are interested in serving on this team, please see Elder Jake or Shanelle.

★**WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE/CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Andy's Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange/Christmas Party is TONIGHT, at 5:30pm, at his house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). Andy will be providing the main course for dinner (either turkey or ham). If you plan on attending, please bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone. If you plan on participating in the White Elephant Gift Exchange, please bring one wrapped gift with a value of \$15. Plan on sticking around after the Gift Exchange to play games and fellowship with one another!

★**CHRISTMAS EVE EVE SERVICE:** Our Christmas "Eve" service is on Christmas Eve this year. Please plan on joining us THIS Tuesday, December 23rd, at 6:30pm. There will be no Children's Ministry offered for this service. This is a great opportunity to invite unsaved neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family to join you to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed. We will NOT be having church THIS Thursday, December 25th, on Christmas Day!

★**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** Our annual New Year's Eve Party will be on Wednesday, December 31st, starting at 6pm, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). Please bring your favorite appetizer, snack, fingerfood, or dessert to share, as well as your favorite board or card game to play. EVERYONE is invited to join us for this great time of fun, food, and fellowship! There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up if you plan on attending and what food item you plan on bringing with you!

★*For all other announcements, please see the December Newsletter!*