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From the Pulpit.....

“BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER IN BROTHERLY LOVE. Honor one another above yourselves.” (Romans 12:10, NIV) The last part of that verse in the NASB translation is “...give preference to one another in honor.” Then there is a side note of another interpretation: “...*outdo one another in showing honor.*” When it comes to putting love into action, for God and for others, it should be an all-out, no bars held lifestyle of honor, blessing, help, service to, edification and more. Our Heavenly Father and Savior continues to love (honor) each of us. And we are to be doing the same to those around us, in harmony with God’s Spirit within us.



Now, we have a special opportunity to show honor to a man who has devoted his life to the work of God. My brother in faith and service, Bill Platt, has devoted his thoughts, time, talent, life and breath to serving the Almighty Redeemer with this assembly and family of saints for sixteen years. Consider the blessings God has brought to you through the dedicated service and shepherding of Bill Platt. Thank you, brother Bill for your past AND CONTINUED ministry.

The celebration for Bill (and Susie) Platt is this Sunday, February 16th with a CARRY-IN LUNCH (bring a main and side dish to share; drinks provided). A card basket and a money tree will be available for you to show some of your appreciation. Jot down some of your special memories experienced with Bill.

And while you are at it, figure out some other ways to *outdo one another in showing honor!*

PRAYERS CONTINUE for God’s leadership and blessing upon this congregation. I trust you are with me, intentionally setting aside time to pray, possibly at 8:20 pm (20:20 military), or at a time that best works for you. PRAY. God encourages and commands us to pray.

SINGERS ARE WELCOME to join the choir, whether you know how to read notes or not. Try out the practices in the sanctuary this Sunday at 5:00 pm. We will help you in the adventure. Sound tracks for learning are provided. Join us in declaring *THIS WE BELIEVE.*

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND STUDY GROUP SCHEDULES are listed in the Beacon. Adjust your schedule to feed your and your family’s soul, as well as your friends and neighbors in the middle of the week. Watch your Sunday bulletins for changes.

Continue Biblical studies in your home for spiritual warfare, standing with Christ Jesus.

Lifting up Jesus,
David Rorabaugh



The Souper Bowl of Caring announces winners! The Quiz Bowl winner was Ron Richards. The Chili Cook-Off winner was Lori Richards. Congratulations!! Those who attended the event on Super Bowl Sunday had a great time! They got to watch their beloved



Kansas City Chiefs win the Super Bowl, chow down on delicious food and enjoy the company of good friends.



Congratulations to the Nevada Special Olympics Basketball Teams! Players Brandon Richards, Nicholas Bagg and Dan, and Coaches Terrie Ridenour and Lori Richards

participated with teams that received Gold Medals at Regionals. The teams

will advance to State competitions which will be held in St. Louis in March.

Praying Women, presented by Sheila Walsh, has been **rescheduled for Thursday, February 20 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.** We invite all women to join Soul Sisters for this special event.



On behalf of Community Outreach I wish to thank you for your generous donation to help hurting families in our area. I am so proud to be a part of such a caring community.

With gratitude,
Barbara Long, Director

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Lori Richards for organizing the Souper Bowl of Caring and Chili Cook-Off.

Your sister in Christ,
Angie Moore



The Youth Garage Sale needs your stuff! The Garage Sale will be **Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2** and will be in the **Fellowship Hall.** You are welcome to start bringing donations to the Fellowship

Hall after church each Sunday. Becky and Kenny Butterfield and some young people will be there to help you. If you have items you cannot move by yourself, please call Becky at 417-684-7403. **No clothes, please.**

Calling all gardeners! The flower beds and gardens around the church need your help. If you are interested in giving some time to their upkeep please let **Charlotte Buerge** know at **417-684-7336.** She plans to create a text list so that she can text everyone when the weather allows her to schedule some time to work in the gardens. Then, if you are available, you can come work with her.



Children's Church and Junior Church
Still NEED teachers!! (Yep, still do!)

Children's Church is for children ages pre-school to 2nd grade and occurs every Sunday. **Please contact Sharon Webb to volunteer, or sign up on the sheet provided on the table in the Parlor.**



Junior Church is for kids in 3rd-5th grades and happens on the first and second Sundays of each month. **Please contact David Serna to volunteer, or sign up on the sheet provided on the table in the Parlor.**



We need one more Sunday church van driver! If you would like to help with this essential ministry by driving the church van on Sunday mornings please let us know by calling the church office at 417-667-3540 or contacting a board member.



The 2020 Missouri Christian Convention is scheduled for March 13-14 at Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks. The theme for 2020 is "Not By Sight."

The convention will be studying and focusing on Paul's words in 1st Corinthians "For we live by Faith, not by sight." Our faith drives us to not trust in things of this world, but trust in a God whose plans and power far exceed us.



To help support our local **Community Outreach Food Pantry** we are collecting non-perishable food and dry goods. A box is in the parlor for collection.

Suggested February products: Canned tuna, canned veggies, peanut butter, canned fruit, jelly, pancake mix and pancake syrup.



Anyone needing a ride to Sunday School or Church in our vans, please let us know by calling the church office at 667-3540 **BEFORE NOON on FRIDAY.**