



OUR MISSION: Connecting Seniors with Christ



SUNDAY WORSHIP

9am & 10:30am

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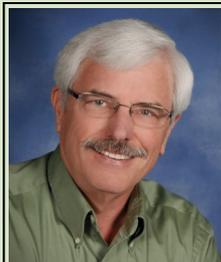
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Matt Malott

What a wonderful time of worship Sunday turned out to be. We had another great crowd and a good offering. Thanks. There were over 40 on stage to lead us in



praising and worshipping God. Our choir and orchestra presented a powerful song titled "Total Praise." From my perspective it was a perfect song for the morning. The words of the chorus are, "You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to you." Thank you to everyone who made Sunday happen.

My dad passed away in February and so my sister, brother-in-law and brother who live close to where he lived, have begun the process of going through seventy-some years of things my mom and dad had saved and stored. It is a big job because Mom was a saver and Dad was afraid to throw anything out that Mom had saved. Connie is going up next week for a few days to lend a hand. She is flying which limits the amount of things she can bring home. Anything the siblings don't want will be sold later in an estate sale. Word has it that my younger brother, Chris, has been trying to claim all the good stuff. But, I think my sister is on to him. I suggested they check his truck each time he leaves the property.

My sister called the other day wanting to know if I wanted any of Dad's fishing equipment. I told her no, because the only reason I would take any of it would be for sentimental reasons and once I started collecting things for that reason I would have to rent a storage unit. The memories of going fishing with Dad is a far greater treasure than the equipment we used.

But that started me thinking about what I really treasure. The words of Jesus in the sermon on the mount came to mind, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)

The first thing I want to know, is how do you store up treasure in heaven? There are probably lots of ways, but I believe one way is to become proficient in spiritual qualities by pursuing spiritual disciplines. Jesus had just spoken about loving enemies, praying, giving and fasting. As we cultivate these I believe we are investing in heavenly things.

The second thing I want to know is, what kind of treasures do I have in heaven? Well, I own a piece of real estate there and it already has a mansion on it. There are some intangible treasures. I think the capacity to enjoy heaven increases as we grow in spiritual things. It is kind of like interest. And of course I have loved ones there. I think they count as treasures. A minister friend in Indiana said one time, "The more loved ones I deposit in heaven the more I long to go." So, what is it that you treasure most and where do you keep it?

Offering April 25, 2021

Offering	\$ 10,282
April To Date	\$ 53,639
April Budget	\$ 48,800
Building Fund	\$ 710

Worship Attendance

First Service: 159
Second Service: 143
Total: 302
Streaming Views: 155

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Prayer Requests

Chris Arnold, recovering well
 Gary Arnold, recovering well
 Marilyn Freeman, surgery recovery
 Vicki Gillotti, health issues
 Roger Long, recovering well
 Lyn Miller, Freedom Pointe Rehab
 Susan Oliver, hip replacement recovery
 Hugh Ralph, Buffalo Ridge Rehab
 Carol Rodier, 6 months chemo
 John Rodier, recovering slowly
 Alan Smith, much improved
 Mike & Amy Thomas, move from AL to The Villages
 Dick Volbruck, surgery recovery
 Marilyn Volbruck, upcoming surgery
 Debi Wilcox, continued healing

*I will give thanks
 To you, Lord, will
 all my heart; I will
 tell of all your
 wonderful deeds.
 Psalm 9:1*

On-Going Care

Michelle Brantley, hospice care
 Kiley Daniels, cancer
 Fred Davis, chemo regimen
 Bob Galster, ongoing health issues
 Ray Miller, Your Life Memory Care
 Paul Rabenold, digestive issues
 Jim Wiggins, ongoing health issues



Message from the Elders

It was another rainy Sunday morning but that didn't stop over 300 of you from attending worship and another 155 watching online. Our streaming numbers have dropped as more are attending in person, but we will always stream our services and appreciate each of you that are joining us by that means.

We are seeing more visitors each week and we applaud your efforts to invite friends and neighbors. We also thank you for making our visitors feel so welcome. I love watching all the members spending time with those that have on a written name tag. It's the genuine love that you show for each other that has given this church the reputation it has as a loving body of believers.

We had someone respond to the request to manage our IT components around the campus but I wanted to mention it again so we could possibly get a couple of people familiar with that sector. If you have an interest in helping in that area, please contact Elder Jeff Buford (jlbuford@outlook.com). Hope to see you Sunday! Please call on us if you have a need. Remember we are here for you!

David Wheeler & NLCC Elder Board



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Gary Arnold	3	Jim Eckler	20
Tom Newkirk	4	Vicki King	20
Susan Poukish	6	Carol Pardue	20
Donna Armstrong	9	Russ Sprung	23
Bev Settlemire	10	Sylvia Miller	25
Charles Kunze	12	Gordon Ewerks	26
Dee Kilgore	13	Chris Roth	27
Darlene Wood	14	Ruby Andres	28
Bob Koogle	18	Rhett Morales	28
David Roth	18	Wendy Miller	29
Bill Edwards	19	Stephen Patterson	30
Janet Daniels	20	Ron Davis	30

Gary & Susan Poukish	6
Mike & Mary Kontoulas	8
John & Donna Armstrong	9
Danny & Cindy Reed	9
Ron & Sharon Jennings	14
David & Pam Perine	16
Randy & Renee Waddell	20
Jeff & Deb Buford	22
Chuck & Cindy Costolo	24



**Prayer/ Card Ministry
 Seeking Helpers**

Terry Hazard has stepped forward to lead the Prayer/Card Ministry. The group will begin meeting every Wednesday morning from 9am to 10am in the Fellowship Center, beginning today.

The prayer/card ministry brings cheer to those who are ill, having a birthday, anniversary, surgery, or dealing with other issues by sending greeting cards and also gathering to pray for those on the prayer list.



If you would like to be part of this vital ministry, please swing by the activities counter and put your name on the signup sheet. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, call Terry at 352-250-7727.

