

CCBC Purpose Statement

We exist to introduce people to Jesus Christ
and to unite them with His family,
to help them grow to Christlike maturity
and commit themselves to ministry
in order to glorify God.

Prayer Requests & Thanksgivings

You can call the pastor or deacons at any time of the day or night to initiate the prayer wheel in our church family. Praying for others is the greatest responsibility and gift we can give to one another.

Family of Kent Thelen
Family of Richard Davis
Anita Yarbrough
Carl Burton Jr.
Gayle Groff
Marilyn's cousin
Remy & Bill Johnson
Martin Moe-continued healing
Shirley Harris-breast cancer
Julie Comparan
Julie Mair
Nancy O'Brien's brother Allen
Patsy Fisher



Chrismons.....decorating the tree at the front of the church are simple monograms of Jesus Christ, as well as a few crosses,

Long ago as the beauty and meaning of Chrismons attracted people, other designs were added and many of these were the signs and symbols used by the earliest Christians.

Next week's Coffee Hour is by Bob Behrends' committee which was formerly Kent's committee.

News and Notes December 20, 2009

**December 22
7:00pm**

**Christmas Tea at the home
of Susan Harding**



December 24

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service**

6:30pm

**Open House
at John and Piper's
after the service**



**Happy Birthday
Jesus Party
Dec. 29 7:00 pm**

Pastor's Pen

by Rev. John C. Harding

On the plane ride back to Cordova Friday I started reading a book I was given by my brother-in-law for Christmas. I am only a couple of chapters into the book, but I am really enjoying it and I am sure I will finish it in the next day or so. The title is "Hidden Power" and it is about the power of God that we are missing out on in our lives.

The power we are missing out on comes from giving. God tells us more than once in scripture that His ways are different than the ways of the world. God's ways are backwards and upside-down. The world says get more and you will be happy. God says give more and you will be happy.

As Christians, we know God has said this and we probably even believe it is true, but we have a hard time actually doing it. God calls us to give of our time, our talents and our treasure, and we will be blessed. He promises that He will care for and make sure we are provided for, but for some reason we think we have to take care of those things for ourselves. We don't give as much as we could and we miss out on His blessings in our lives and on true happiness.

The truth is that we can not outgive God. He will always be there for us and He has proved that over and over. Our celebration of Christmas, that day God entered the world as a little baby, is a reminder of how much God loves us as He gives us Jesus.

The key to giving is the condition of our heart. God gave us Jesus out of love. He didn't give us Jesus because He felt obligated. Jesus was given out of love and God calls us to give in the same manner. Too many Christians are missing out on real joy in their lives because they give out of obligation, to meet some requirement, or because they know they ought to. God wants us to give joyfully and when we do He will bless us in ways we never could have imagined.

May God bless you as you seize the opportunities He has given you to give in love.

John

As you practice Random Acts of Kindness
this week remember.....

Jesus the faithful One

The confidence we have
the trust we hold
the hope we carry
rest in His faithfulness.

Every promise He has made
He purposes to fulfill.

He has the authority to
accomplish all He has spoken

His power is limitless
His character changeless
His love endless!

May you experience His faithfulness and love
during this Christmas season and the coming year.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday: *Worship Services* - 9:30, 11:00, 7:00

Sunday School: 11:00 am

Child care provided for all services

Thursday: *Women's Bible Study*

Pastor Rev. John C. Harding

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