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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Look at what Paul wrote in Philippians 2:13, **“It is God Who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.”** God is working in your life. Praise the Lord. He wants to use you *to fulfill His good purposes*. The more Word we have the more we will be able to fulfill His purpose for our lives. So, God bless you as you study His Word this month.

Gladly in His Service,

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Saturday November 1

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31-32

Titus 2

Praise the Lord! I believe this is going to be a great month. I am praying that God will speak to you personally from His Word. I have great confidence that my prayer will be answered because God always speaks to us from His Word and you are doing your part by being His Word. So, get ready for a great month.

Look at 1 Peter 3:8, **“Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.”** It struck me kind of funny that I am starting the verse off, on day one, with the word *finally*. Anyway, Peter tells us five things that we should do in this verse.

We should be *like minded*. That refers to being in unity. God always blesses unity. You have probably been in situations where there was all kinds of strife and I am sure you know that is not God's blessing. Hopefully there have also been situations where everyone was in unity and things were peaceful. That is much better, Amen? The best unity is when people agree on the Word.

We are also told to be *sympathetic*. This is talking about caring about what others are going through. I guess the opposite of this would be being selfish and self centered.

We should *love one another*. Thank God that He loves us and He helps us to love others. He even promises to pour His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to help you to love others and He will. Oh my, I just realized that I have run out of space and there are two more things for me to cover. Thankfully I have tomorrow to continue.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for always speaking to me from Your Word. I know that I am blessed. Help me to always choose to be in unity with others, to have sympathy for others when they are in need and to always love others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday November 2

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33-35

Titus 3

Praise the Lord! I am so blessed I have the privilege to share the Word of God with people like you. I am also able to continue verses when I don't finish them on the day I start them.

1 Peter 3:8, **"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."** There are two things that I didn't get to yesterday.

We should be *compassionate*. We need to have compassion for others when they are going through hard things. We need to feel compassion and we need to act upon it. Look at what James said in James 2:14-17, **"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."**

The last thing mentioned in 1 Peter 3:8 is our need to be *humble*. The opposite of humility is pride. We need to be humble. I know that you are blessed and you know that I believe in our being blessed. I write about being blessed often on here. Having said all that, we always want to be humble with someone that is going through hard things. Look at what James said about our being humble in James 4:10, **"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."** When we are humble God will lift us up.

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for Your blessings and I know that everything good in life is because of Your blessings. Help me to have compassion for others. I also want to be humble. Help me to know that You have blessed me so I can bless others. I am so thankful for all the good character traits that You are growing in my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday November 3

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 36-37 Philemon

Praise the Lord! 1 Peter 3:8 listed five things we should have in our lives and verse 9 tells us things that we shouldn't do and it tells us why. **"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."**

We shouldn't repay evil for evil. Look at Proverbs 20:22, **"Do not say, 'I will repay evil'; wait for the Lord, and He will deliver you."** You may need to read that verse again. Don't fight and defend yourself. Let God do it. Believe me, God can do a better job. Trust Him. Romans 12:14 says, **"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them."** We are not only to avoid striking back at people who persecute us, we are to bless them. (By the way, if this seems like it is really speaking to anyone reading this: That is because it is what God really wants to speak to you and it is for your good.)

Now, look at what the last part of 1 Peter 3:9 says, **"Repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."** I don't want you to miss something here because it is really good. We should *bless* so that you may *inherit a blessing*. The law of sowing and reaping always works. If a person sows curses, what do you think they will reap? If a person has sows blessings, what do you think they will reap?

I feel like I need to add another Scripture is support of this truth because it is that important. Galatians 6:7 says, **"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."**

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for the law of sowing and reaping. I thank You for every area in my life that I have consistently sown good things and I know that I am reaping good things. Please, oh please, help me to know if there are any areas where I am sowing bad things and help me to quit it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday November 4

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 38-39 Hebrews 1

Praise the Lord! 1 Peter 3:10 says, “For, **“Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.”**

Do you *love life*? I am not saying that there aren't things that happen that are bad but, for the most part, do you *love life*? Would you like to *see good days*? Thank God for all the good days and keep believing for more.

Well, Peter went on. **Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.** Since we love life and want to see good days, Peter tells us to **keep our tongues from evil and our lips from deceitful speech.**

I was going to write something about Peter switching from good news to bad news but that isn't what he did here. He told us about God's blessings and then He told us how to position our lives to receive those blessings. This is all good news.

The words you speak are powerful and they produce. Some people's words are negative and they produce bad things. Our words are positive and they produce good things. (Did you notice how I put us in the good group there?)

Proverbs 18:21 says, **“The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”** Let's always speak life. It will always produce good.

Prayer: Lord, I do love life and I want to see good days. Help me to know that the words I speak produce and help me to allow that knowledge to make any changes that are needed in my life. I want to speak life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday November 5

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 40-42 Hebrews 2

Praise the Lord! 1 Peter 3:10-11 say, **“Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it.”**

Praise the Lord that we have given our lives to Jesus. We are born-again and look at what 2 Corinthians 5:17 says about you, **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”** We are new creations. The old is gone and the new is here.

We should be turning from evil, we should do good and we should seek peace. Hasn't Jesus made lot of changes in your life? Well, I want to let you know that He is still working in all of us. We need to let Him rule and reign in every part of our lives.

1 Peter 3:12 says, **“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”** When we live for Jesus, we are promised that He will be attentive to our prayers. Doesn't that sound good to you? Look at Psalms 34:15-16, **“The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.”** The first part of these verses promises us that God will hear the prayer of the righteous. We are righteous because we are in Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:21, **“For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”**

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. I surely needed a new start in life and You have given it to me. I want to live for You more and more. Help me to know that with You I can do all things. I also thank You for promising to hear and to answer my prayers. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday November 6

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 43-45 Hebrews 3

Praise the Lord! Let me show you some things about Abraham. Look at Romans 4:18, **“Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”** God had promised Abraham that he was going to have a son and God was going to bless mankind through him. When God made this promise, Abraham was very old and he had never had any children. When God made the promise, the Word says that Abraham *believed God*.

Look at Galatians 3:6, **“So also Abraham “believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”** And Look at Romans 4:3, **“What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”** Don’t miss this. God gave Abraham a promise. That was God’s part. Abraham believed God. That was Abraham’s part. Now please know that when God makes you a promise it is His part, your part is to believe.

Because Abraham believed God he received what God had promised him. Because he believed, he also lived for God. Look at what James said about believing and doing what God says in James 2:22-24, **“You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend. You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.”** Believe the promises God has for you and put your believing into action.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for all the promises You have given me. I believe and I want my life to line up with what I believe. I also thank You for making me righteous in Jesus. I want to live like a person who is righteous, in Jesus, should live. Thank You for never quitting on me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday November 7

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 46-48

Hebrews 4

Praise the Lord! When God promised Abraham a son, Abraham believed God was going to keep His promise. I have to tell you that the promise really did happen but it didn't happen right away, but Abraham kept believing.

Look at Romans 4:19, **"Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead."** Abraham kept getting older and older. In the natural the chance that he would have a son became more and more unlikely. BUT praise God, He was not limited by the natural. God is a supernatural God.

God keeps His promises. Look at Numbers 23:19, **"God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?"** God keeps His promises. (Did you need that reminder?)

Now, for Abraham and Sarah the days and years passed. But *Abraham did not weaken in his faith*. Whenever any of God's people have promises from God they need to believe God and not weaken in their faith. When you have promises from God, don't weaken in your faith.

Here's a very helpful verse. 2 Corinthians 4:13 says, **"It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak."** Believe God's promises and speak what you believe.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that I have given my life to You. I know that You are never limited in Your power and ability to keep Your promises. I choose to believe what You have promised me and I am never going to quit. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday November 8

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 49-50

Hebrews 5

Praise the Lord! Thank God for the Word. Look at 1 Corinthians 10:11, **“Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.”** God had the story of Abraham written down for us! Here’s some more. Romans 15:4, **“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”** God had the story of Abraham written down for us: For our instruction that through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Praise God!

Romans 4:20 says, **“Yet Abraham did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God.”** Don’t waver, be strong in faith and keep giving glory to God. Doesn’t it seem like these things were written just for you? Well, they are just for you *and me* and for all believers.

That verse is so good that I want to give it to you again and I am going to add verse 21, **“Yet Abraham did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised.”**

We all need to be fully persuaded that God has power to do what He has promised. Let the Word build your faith and remember all the times that God has already done what He has promised in your life and never quit.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You have saved me and I am thankful for Your Word. I know that my salvation was a miracle and I know that You have power to fulfill all Your promises to me. I choose to believe. I know that You are never going to quit on me and I am never going to quit living for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday November 9

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 51-52

Hebrews 6

Praise the Lord! Romans 4:20-22 say, **“Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”** Through this whole process Abraham never quit believing. I am sure he was reminding himself over and over that God has power to do what He promised.

This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness. Abraham was righteous because he believed. Look at 2 Corinthians 5:21, **“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”** When you believed in Jesus and gave Him your life, He saved you and He made you righteous *in Him!* Thank God!

We need to be like Abraham. We need to know the promises of God, we need to believe them and we need to never quit. Don't waver and don't quit. As he did those things he was *strengthened in his faith.*

He was *fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised.* That was having faith. Our faith has to be based on the Word and all of the times God has kept His promises should help us to continue in faith. Romans 10:17 says, **“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word about Christ.”** The more we hear the Word and believe it the more our faith will be strong.

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for saving me and I thank You for keeping me. Help me to live by faith. I don't ever want to waver and I certainly never want to quit trusting You and Your promises. Help me spend time in Your Word, help me to believe it and help me to never quit. I love You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday November 10

Scripture Reading: Lamentations 1-2 Hebrews 7

Praise the Lord! Romans 4:20-22, **“Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.””**

Jesus had made promises to Abraham and He kept them. I want to make sure that you remember what Hebrews 13:8 says, **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”** Jesus made promises to Abraham and He kept them. Jesus has made promises to you and He is going to keep them too. Believe.

Look at what the Word says in Romans 4:23-24, **“The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.”** God is making sure we know that the promises of God are for us. We need to believe these promises.

We believe that God raised Jesus from the dead and we need to believe all the promises. I had someone ask me one time, “Will I ever get to the point where I don’t have to live by faith?” I told him the answer to that question is, “No”. Romans 1:16-17, **“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”**

Prayer: Lord, thank You for giving me faith to be saved. Thank You for giving me faith to keep living for You. I know that I was completely lost without You and I know that, by faith, I am completely saved with You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday November 11

Scripture Reading: Lamenations 3-5 Hebrews 8

Praise the Lord! Romans 4:24-25 say, **“But also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.”**

Jesus died on the cross for our sins and He was *raised to life for our justification*. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, **“For our sake He made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”** Jesus was made to be sin for us so we could be saved.

1 John 4:9-10 say, **“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”** God loved mankind so much that He sent Jesus to die for our sins and so we could be saved. Jesus loves mankind so much that He willingly came and died on the cross so we could be saved.

1 Peter 3:18, **“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.”** Jesus suffered and died for your sins. He was righteous but He was made sin so you could be saved, but death could not hold Him. He was raised from the dead and He is alive forever. Jesus is alive and He is living in us. Thank God.

Prayer: Lord, thank You, Father for sending Jesus to die in the cross for my sins. Thank You, Jesus for coming and dying on the cross for my sins. Thank You Holy Spirit, for revealing all these wonderful things to me. I know that You have saved me and I know that I am going to be with You all forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday November 12

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 1-3 Hebrews 9

Praise the Lord! Aren't you glad that you have given your life to Jesus? Aren't you thankful for the Word? Aren't you thankful for all that God has taught you? Don't you know that there is more for Him to teach you?

Proverbs 1:1-2 say, **"The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight."** We have God's Word to teach us wisdom and instruction and to help us understand the words of insight He has for us. Thank God for the Word.

I don't know how long you have been saved, but I am sure God has revealed many things to you since you gave your life to Him and I know there is more for all of us to learn. Proverbs 7:1-3 say, **"My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep My commands and you will live; guard My teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart."** Keep learning and hold on to everything God has revealed to you. If there are things that you don't fully understand, ask God to help you and He will.

Look at Philippians 1:3-6, **"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."** You have people praying for you and Jesus is going to complete His good work in you.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for teaching me so much. I pray right now for all my brothers and sisters who are doing this devotion. Bless them and help them to keep learning Your ways. Help me to be strong in You and strong in Your Word. And thank You that they are praying for me too. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday November 13

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 4-6

Hebrews 10:1-23

Praise the Lord! Look at what Proverbs 1:3 says about the Word. The book of Proverbs talks about many of the things the Word is doing in our lives. **“For receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair.”** The Word instructs us how to live, It shows us how we should behave, It shows us what it right, just and fair.

Look at Proverbs 2:1-9, **“My son, if you receive My Words and treasure up My commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.”**

God wants to teach you His ways and we play a part in that process. Look at how many things we are told to do in these verses. We are told to *receive* His Word and we are told to *treasure* it. When God speaks something to you it is because He loves you and He wants to help you. Value the things He speaks to you and make sure you remember them.

We are also told to be *attentive to wisdom and understanding*. Call out for *insight and understanding*. Seek God's Word and His wisdom like you would seek for *silver and hidden treasure*. Then **you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God**. Thank God He wants to keep teaching us His ways. Let's be sure to do our part.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for all that You have taught me. I also want to keep learning. I know that You are ready and willing to do Your part and I want to be diligent to do my part. Help me to seek You, to hear from You and to value everything You show me. Help me to do my part to remember that You will always do Your part. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday November 14

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 7-9

Hebrews 10:24-39

Praise the Lord! According to Proverbs 1:4, **God gives us wisdom, for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young.**" Thank God for the Word. It gives us wisdom. I am sure we all know that we need wisdom and when we get wisdom we will know that we need even more wisdom. We never have enough and God never runs out.

God's Word and wisdom also gives us prudence. I looked that up and it says, *acting with or showing care and thought for the future.* Have you ever made a decision that later you wished you hadn't made? You might have regretted it right away or a long time later. Either way *prudence* and being *prudent* would have helped you to *take thought for the future* and to avoided the problem. I think we can know that this all ties into being patient. Anyone need more patience? It comes with more wisdom.

This verse also talks about God's wisdom helping those who are *simple* and those who are *young*. We should all want all of the help God has for us as His people. Philippians 4:19 says, **"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus."** All means all. If you need wisdom, God has it for you. If you need patience, God has it for you. If you need provision or healing, God has those things for you too. I could go on and on but I am pretty sure you get my point. Knowing and remembering the truth that God will meet ALL your needs is a part of what wisdom produces in your life.

Proverbs 1:5 says, **"Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance."** Let the wise listen keep listening.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for giving me wisdom. Help me to renew my mind to Your Word and Your wisdom. Help me to let Your wisdom slow me down when I need to slow down and help Your wisdom speed me up when I need to speed up. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday November 15

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 10-12

Hebrews 11:1-19

Praise the Lord! Proverbs 1:6 says that wisdom is, **"for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise."** God wants you to have understanding.

Look at Mark 12:28-33 and notice what is said about *understanding in verse 33*, **"One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important?' 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'Is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."** **"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but Him. To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."**

First of all, notice that this man came to Jesus with his questions. That was a good decision and Jesus told him what he needed to know. He accepted the wisdom that Jesus had given him. Take your questions to Jesus. He wants you to have wisdom and He will help you.

In verse 33, this man listed several things but among them he said we need to love Jesus *with all our understanding*. So, ask for *understanding*, let Jesus give it to you and then love Him with *all your understanding*.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for all the wisdom and understanding You have given me and please give me more. I want understanding for myself and so I can help others. I am determined to use all that You have given me to live more fully for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday November 16

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 13-15

Hebrews 11:20-40

Praise the Lord! Look at Proverbs 1:7 for today, **"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."**

Often times in the Word there are verses that compare two different kinds of people. This verse is like that. There are wise people described and there are fools described. Here's another example. Proverbs 3:35 says, **"The wise inherit honor, but fools get only shame."** Now, let me ask you a question: Which kind of people do you want to be?

Ok, back to Proverbs 1:7. Some people fear the Lord and gain knowledge and the others despise wisdom and knowledge. Which kind of people do you want to be?

We have been talking about God's wisdom. We have seen that those who have God's wisdom are blessed and those who don't have God's wisdom come to ruin. I am going to go to some New Testament tomorrow, but I want to remind you that when a person knows what the Word says it is always good and they also need to do what it says.

James 1:22 says, **"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."** Go for wisdom. James 1:25 says, **"But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do."**

Prayer: Lord, thank You for making Your wisdom available to me. I also thank You for speaking to me, from the Word, about my part. I want to seek wisdom and I want to put the wisdom You give me into practice in my life. I also pray for all my brothers and sisters that they will be blessed as they go for Your wisdom too. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday November 17

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 16 Hebrews 12

Praise the Lord! Let's start with Ephesians 4:1, "**As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.**" Paul wrote the book of Ephesians. He had been traveling and preaching the Gospel and many accepted him and his message. Others rejected both him and the Gospel. Eventually they threw Paul into prison and while there Paul wrote the book of Ephesians and other books of the Bible. Paul was writing to the Church in Ephesus. He had been there and actually helped start the Church there.

Paul referred to himself as a *prisoner for the Lord*. He had given his life to Jesus and never looked back. As we cover what he wrote, I want to encourage you to receive what he said as God speaking to you.

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. These believers had given their lives to Jesus, just like we have, and Paul wanted them to *live their lives worthy of their calling*. Paul said they had been called. Did you know that you have been called too. Ephesians 1:11 says, "**In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will.**" God had chosen them and He has chosen you too

Ephesians 1:18 says, "**I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in His holy people.** Jesus has called you too.

Prayer: Lord, I am amazed that You chose me and I am so thankful that You did. Help me to know how to live my life worthy of Your calling. I know that no matter what I go through I have hope and I know that I have an inheritance in You. I don't ever want to miss out on anything You have for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday November 18

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 17-19

Hebrews 13

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:1-2 say, “**As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.**”

If Paul told us to be *humble and gentle, patient, bearing with one another in love* it would be great advice, but that is not all that Paul said. He told us to **Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.**

Now that we have noticed that Paul wants us to *be completely* doing these things. Look at Hebrews 7:25, “**Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.**” Jesus is able to *save us completely*. Here’s my point. Jesus saved us *completely* and now we need to live *completely* like He wants.

If this feels overwhelming to you, I have some good news for you. When Hebrews 7:25 talked about Jesus saving us *completely* it also tells us that we can come to Him, and live for Him, **because He always lives to intercede for us.**

Jesus chose you. He laid His life down on the cross so you could be saved. He has given you a new life in Him. He has made you a new creation. He has given you His Word to learn His ways. AND He is interceding for you. Hebrews 7:25 says He has saved you *completely* and He *always lives* to intercede for you. Praise God for all He has done for us and for all He is still doing for us.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for revealing to me how I should live and thank You for praying for me. Help me to be completely humble, gentle, patient, and bearing with one another in love. Holy Spirit, I know You are always with me. Speak to me if am ever settling for less than how You want me to live. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday November 19

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 20-21

James 1

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:3 says, **“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”** God wants us to live in unity with each other. Paul even said we should **Make every effort** to live in unity.

Look at what Paul wrote in Romans 12:16-18, **“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”**

Paul was serious about our living in unity with each other. Actually, I have to tell you that GOD IS SERIOUS ABOUT OUR LIVING IN UNITY. Paul was writing what God wanted. Look at the first and last part of Psalms 133, **“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity! . . . For there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life forevermore.”**

God always wants us to live in unity and He always *bestows His blessings, even life forevermore* on our unity. God always wants to meet your needs and He wants to bless you. This is a wonderful truth that we need to settle in our thinking and we often need to be reminded. Look at what Jesus said in John 10:10, **“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”** The devil is always trying to steal, kill and destroy but THANK GOD Jesus is always giving us life and life to the full. Thank God that we have given our lives to Jesus.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You are my Lord and Savior. I am thankful for all that You have for me. I see that both the Old Testament and the New Testament confirms this truth. I believe. Help me to do my part by making every effort to live at peace with all my brothers and sister in the Lord. I know Your ways are right. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday November 20

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 22-23

James 2

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:4-6 say, **“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, Who is over all and through all and in all.”**

There are a lot of things I could comment on in these verses but you probably notice that I underlined the word one. One is mentioned seven times. The verses we talked about yesterday talked about how we need to be in unity. As I thought about this, I think these references to one are illustrating the unity that God has for us. God doesn't have a lot of ways to work in our life. He has one plan and one way.

Check this verse out. John 14:6 says, **“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.””** Jesus is the one way, He is the one truth and He is the one life. **No one comes to the Father except through Jesus.**

I preached on this verse and I said that Jesus was either a liar, a lunatic or He is Lord. Let me explain. If Jesus knew that He was not the only Way and He said He was, He would have been a liar. If Jesus wasn't the only Way and He thought He was then He would have been a lunatic. The truth is this: Jesus is the only Way! He knew that was the truth and He was not wrong when He said it. He is the only Way! You may hear some people say, “There are many ways to heaven” but they are wrong. They may say, “It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you believe in something.” They are wrong. Jesus is the only Way.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that I know Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. I am so thankful that I have given my life to You and I know that it was the best decision I ever made. Help me to show others the way to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday November 21

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 24-26

James 3

Praise the Lord! I have a verse to show you that I am sure I have read many times but I don't think I have given it the attention it deserves. Ephesians 4:7 says, **"But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it."**

Here is what stood out to me. This is a promise **to each one of us**. There are literally millions of believers all over the world and I am thankful for them all. We are all blessed and again I am thankful for that. But this verse uses the phrase **to each one of us**. All of God's people are special to Him. You are special to Him.

Now, look at what this verse talked about. **To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it**. Now, again I know that God's grace is for everyone and I am certainly not discounting that truth but think about this: **To each one of us grace has been given**. God has grace for *you*. Take this promise personally.

Look at John 1:16, **"From the fulness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another."** This is for everyone and that includes you personally. God has one blessing after another for you because of the fullness of His grace.

Romans 5:1-2 say, **"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God."** We have access to God's peace, by faith into grace and we stand in hope.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for loving me. I thank You for all the blessings for all of Your people and I also thank You for ministering **to each one of us**. Thank You for all Your blessings. I want to be blessed more so I can be a blessing more. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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Saturday November 22

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 27-28

James 4

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:7-8 say, "**But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: "When He ascended on high, He took many captives and gave gifts to His people."**

God has gifts for His people. Look at Romans 12:6-8, "**We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.**"

Look at the first part of these verses. **We have different gifts.** It doesn't say: IF we have different gifts. We all have gifts. They differ but we all have gifts from God. Believe that God has given you gifts. Grow in the gifts He has given you and use them. Don't be distracted by what gifts others have. Just thank God and use the gifts He has given you. Now, I am not going to go through this list one by one but I do have an important thing to say about them all. We are told over and over to *use the gifts God has given us.*

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 say, "**There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.**" God has gifts for you. Use them. Your gifts are needed. God is working through you.

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for Your grace. I know that I am saved by grace and I know that You have given me gifts by grace. Help me to know and accept the gifts You have given me and help me use them more. I believe that You have given me the gifts You want me to have and I believe they are needed. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday November 23

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 29-31

James 5

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:8-9 say, **“This is why it says: “When He ascended on high, He took many captives and gave gifts to His people.”** What does **“He ascended”** mean except that He also descended to the lower, earthly regions.”

Jesus came to the earth from heaven. He came to seek and to save those who are lost. John 3:16, **“For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”** Thank God that He came to save us. He didn't come to condemn us. John 3:17 says, **“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”** Thank God!

When Jesus died on the cross He descended into the *lower and earthly regions* and He led those who had faith in God in the Old Testament to freedom. Death, hell and grave could not hold Him. Ephesians 4:10 says, **“He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.”** Praise God.

Jesus became sin for us so we could become righteous in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, **“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”**

God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit were all working together and they provide complete salvation for us and everyone who puts their faith in Jesus.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for all that You have done. I know that everyone for all eternity would have been lost if You hadn't paid the price for our sins. We were all lost but You became our salvation. Jesus, You came to seek and to save the lost. Thank You for seeking me and for saving me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday November 24

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 32-33

1 Peter 1

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, I wrote to you about many of the things that Jesus did when He died on the cross for our sins, was buried and rose from the dead. He opened the way of salvation for all who accept Him as their Lord and Savior.

Now, Paul wrote about Jesus' ongoing work. Ephesians 4:11-13, **"So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."**

Ok, now that I gave you this whole section I want to go through it at a much slower pace. Actually, first of all, the last part of these verses tells us that God gave these gifts **so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.** God wants us to grow up. So He gave the five-fold ministry to the Church to help us to grow.

So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service. First of all notice that **Christ Himself gave** these gifts. Matthew 7:11 says, **"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!"** God only has good gifts for us.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your ongoing work in our lives. I really do want to grow up into all that You want me to be. I want to be mature and I want to be more like You. Help me to know that You only have good gifts for us. Thank You for apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday November 25

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34-35

1 Peter 2

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:11-12 say, **“So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”**

God’s plan for us is good. He only gives good gifts to us as His children. He wants us to grow. He gave *apostles* to the Church because He is good, because He only has good gifts for us and so that we can grow.

Now, there are some people who believe that God gave apostles back in the old days but they don’t believe there are still apostles today. Well, look at what verse 13 says they were given, **“Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”** Apostles help God’s people to be in *the unity of the faith* and so God’s people can have *faith and become mature attain to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ*. We still need to be growing, we still need to become more mature and we still need to become more like Jesus. So, we still need apostles. Apostles are gifts from God and they are good gifts. Apostles are leaders in the Church and we still need leadership.

Prophets are mentioned next. Prophets speak for God. The Apostles and Prophets often work together. The Word speaks of them laying foundations. That was certainly needed in the early church and it is still needed today. I will write some more about them tomorrow, but remember God only has good gifts for His people.

Prayer: Lord, I know that You only have good gifts for Your people. I thank You for the gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. I don’t ever want to miss out on anything You have for me. I pray for my church that we will all continue growing in You and Your ways. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Wednesday November 26

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 36-37

1 Peter 3

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:11 says, **“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers. . .”**

I started writing to you about prophets yesterday. Here are some Scriptures about prophets from the book of Acts. Acts 11:27-30 say, **“During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.”** God warned the people of a famine that was coming and He spoke to the church through a prophet. The people believed and they took action. They helped God’s people. These are good things. God only gives good gifts.

Acts 13:1-3, **“Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”** In this case, there were prophets and teachers there. God wanted some people to be set apart to spread the Gospel. They heard from God and they did what God wanted them to do. Like I said before, they believed and they took action in line with what God said. These were all good things. God only gives good gifts.

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for the good gifts You have given the church to help us to grow and to become mature. I always want to be listening to what You are saying and I want to be open to hear from the ministry gifts You have placed in the church. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday November 27

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 38-39

1 Peter 4

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:11 says, **“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers. . .”** Remember that God loves us all and He has blessings for us. He only has good things for us as His people.

Evangelists are a blessing. Evangelists have a gifting to reach unsaved people. Look at Acts 21:7-9, **“We continued our voyage from Tyre and landed at Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and sisters and stayed with them for a day. Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven. He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.”** Paul was an Apostle and as he traveled he stayed at the house of Philip who was an evangelist. Thank God for His gifts to the Church.

Now look at 2 Timothy 4:3-5, **“For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.”** Paul told Timothy to keep doing the work of an evangelist. Paul said that times were getting worse and worse (does that sound like today) and Paul told him to keep preaching the Gospel and getting people saved. They needed evangelists back then and we still need them today. Amen?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the gift of Evangelists. I sure know we need them. Please help us all to share the Gospel with those who are lost. I may not be called to the office of evangelist but I know that You want all of Your people to share the Gospel. I thank You for giving me boldness. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday November 28

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 40

1 Peter 5

Praise the Lord! Here's an example of Philip, an evangelist, in action. Acts 8:26-38, "Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He did not open His mouth. In His humiliation He was deprived of justice. Who can speak of His descendants? For His life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When evangelists encounter people who are not saved they know what to do and they do it. Thank God. We all need to be sharing the Gospel more.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for the Gospel. Thank You for everyone who shared the Gospel with me. I know that You gift and use evangelists in special ways and I bless them. I also know that You want me to share my testimony with people who don't know You. Help me to have boldness and courage to speak to those You bring into my life like others have shared with me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday November 29

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 41-42

2 Peter 1

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:11 says, “**So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers. . .**” Praise the Lord for the five-fold ministry gifts that He gives to the Church. Believe me they are good and we need them.

Ok, one of the ministry gifts God gives to His church is the gift of pastors. They are good and they are a good gift to the church. They are a good gift to you. I hope and pray that you are a part of a local church and I hope you accept and honor your pastor.

I have been saved over 50 years and I have seen and been around many pastors. I have to tell you that they really do vary in many ways but God has uses for them all. They are called by God and they are gifted by God.

We all need to accept the five-fold ministry gifts that God has given to the Church. I have seen people who didn't accept the ministry gifts God had for them get off track by not listening and learning from the people God had placed in their lives. So, I want to encourage you to find your place in the body of Christ and know that God, Himself, has people that He wants you to have in your life to help you. God only has good gifts for you. So, don't ever reject what God has for you.

I want to encourage you to accept the men and women who are called to the ministry and I want to encourage you to bless them in any way you can. Pray for them and bless them.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You have saved me. I know that everything You do in my life is right and I know that they it is good for me. I want to accept and honor those who You have called into the five-fold ministry. Help me to know who You have called to be my pastor. Help me to pray for them and to bless them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday November 30

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 43-44

2 Peter 2

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:11 says, **“So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers. . .”** God has blessed us with the five-fold ministry. They are given to us to help us to grow. They are also given to keep us on track.

Look at 2 Timothy 3:1-5, **“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.”**

These things happened back then and they still happen today. We need to stay on track and not be led astray. There are people who are called to be teachers. They are a gift from God and they are so needed. They teach the truth and correct errors. We need them.

The verses I started with talked about people who were teaching error and leading people astray. We are told to **have nothing to do with such people**. That is a great truth and this is what we need to do. We need to know those who are teaching the truth and we need to **be open to them and the truth God is sharing through them**. Receive them and all that they have to teach you. They are used by God to help you.

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for all the five-fold ministry gifts You have given to us. I thank You for those who are called to be teachers and I want to stay them and the truth You share through them. I don't ever want to get off track and I know that staying open to the gifted people You have brought into my life is what I need to do. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Up and Coming Events

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

Every Wednesday morning at 7:30 AM the men meet for coffee and/or breakfast at the Church Office and a time of fellowship. Contact us here at the Church for more information.

WOMEN'S BRUNCH

The first Saturday of the month, the women of Creative Ministries meet for a carry-in brunch at 12pm. Contact us here at the Church for more information and location.

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Sunday Morning

Event	Time	Location
Main Service	10 -11:30 A.M.	The CCI building LCCC
Sunday School	10:45-11:30 A.M.	The CCI building LCCC

PLEASE JOIN US THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:30
BEFORE CHURCH FOR SOME COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS AND
LOTS OF FELLOWSHIP!

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