

*We wish everyone a Happy New Year!*

## The Gift We Have

1 Peter 1:10-12

We live in a world that requires constant change, continual upgrades in order to keep our attention. I don't know about you, but I get physically tired from the constant barrage of new technology. I get email ads each week offering me countless things that I had never heard of or desired. (Let us not even talk about the daily political solicitations).

We get bored if there isn't something new just around the corner. This tendency of our human nature does what might seem to be impossible. It sometimes causes us to become somewhat ho-hum about the gospel and other very meaningful things in life.

How many times can we hear about Jesus dying for our sins, rising from the dead, until we are ready to move on to something fresh? The truth of the matter is this: the gospel of Jesus Christ is a body of truth so infinitely deep that it only gets old to the person who is content to stay on the surface. The person who can deal with only the shallowest of concepts.

Peter didn't want that kind of shallowness for the recipients of this letter, especially in light of their suffering. The shallow answers don't work for a person in pain, or the persecuted Christian who wonders if God has left him. We are part of a plan so grand, so massive in scope, so infinite in purpose, that sometimes it is very difficult to find our place in it. Clearly, Peter believed that if we could get a glimpse of the grand design that we have been blessed to be included in, it could change our whole perspective on life in general and the Christian life in particular. To be a Christian, in this time and this place, is a blessed privilege beyond anything we could imagine. Here's why - We Experience the Faithfulness of God, without the daily challenge of persecution or death.

The difference between being an Old Testament saint and a New Testament saint is huge. Perhaps we envy them the physical manifestation of God in fire and smoke, thunder and lightning the temple, the ark, the sacrifices. But it's important to recognize that those, who lived in that time were the most attuned to God, would have given anything to be where we are. In verse 10, Peter speaks of "the prophets," men to whom God spoke, through whom He transmitted His truth, His word. They wrote hundreds of prophecies that they didn't quite understand. Peter said they wrote the message for us, those in the Church.

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#### Schedule of Services:

*Sunday Morning  
Bible Class 9:30 am*

*Sunday Morning  
Service 10:15 am*

*Sunday Night Bible  
Class 4:30 pm*

*Sunday Night  
Service  
5:10 pm*

#### Monthly Activities:

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
Nursing home at  
3:00 pm*

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Night  
Men's Participation  
Night*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Night:  
Lesson by different  
Member*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Night  
Singing Night*

*2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
Nursing Home at  
10:30 am*

*We invite you to  
come worship with  
us!*

**Sick List**

- Johnny Tooley
- Darrell & Kathylene Tade
- Hartzel & Bobbie White
- Lois Wright
- Sam & Clarice White
- Chris Dubree
- Ethan Ford
- Gloria & Leslie Kell
- Bradley Williford
- Tony Emberton
- Ricky Cleary
- Susan Warren
- Ricky Bartley
- Thomas Montgomery
- Shell Walker
- Carroll Montgomery
- Janie Teeters
- Kathy White
- Mary Taylor
- Calvin & Becky Shaw
- Jodi Deckard
- Josh Wheat
- Gaye Short
- Mary Birch
- Geoff Pare
- Allen Michael Jones
- Wayne Vinson
- Jean Wade
- Anna Dubree
- Ranese Gearlds
- Levi Abbott
- Gunnar Eaton
- Michael Pruitt
- Brookie Baxter
- Cody Norris
- Brance Thompson
- Tim Wheat
- Donnie Starnes
- Radford Flippin
- Rachel Bartley
- Joey Garmon
- Mary Lena Hammer
- Randy Bartley
- Bobby Gentry
- Judith Cunningham
- David Gordon
- Robert England
- JT Harrison
- Amanda Newton
- Bobby Shirley
- Kenny Westmoreland
- Seth England
- Marshall Miles
- Jonathon Lowe
- Michelle Norris
- Betty Anderson

Imagine being the prophet Micah, and writing this prophecy. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting".(Micah 5:2). WHAT?? A baby is to be born but this baby is an everlasting being from the ancient past.

Imagine being Isaiah, writing about the suffering of God's servant to pay for our sins, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5) I can picture Isaiah scratching his head and wondering what is this talking about. But they knew, as Peter points out, that they were writing about what later generations would see.

Today, you have the opportunity to understand the scheme of Redemption because you have the inspiration of the New Testament writings of the Apostles and Prophets. We are the recipients of promises kept, of prophecies fulfilled, of faithfulness manifested. Old Testament sacrifices were only the shadow of the reality promising what we now know has been kept. The complete forgiveness of sins that Isaiah could only dream about is ours through the blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.

To us has been given the greatest of all gifts, to be reconciled to God through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. And the Gift each of us needs to open is spoken in the words: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11) Please make a New Beginning, make a commitment to read your Bible daily. Read 1 chapter from the N.T. and 3 chapters from the O.T. daily. *(LMB)*

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
11-29	94	\$1446
12-06	116	\$1743
12-13	121	\$1755
12-20	97	\$1619

**Birthdays:**

Kaman Page	1/1
Bobby Richardson	1/1
Carter Walden	1/1
Matt Sheffield	1/3
Tom McMurtrey	1/4
Katelyn Reagan	1/5
Joe Hammer	1/6
Pamela Blythe	1/7
Matthew Hammer	1/7
Denise Bean	1/11
Kollier Page	1/11
Kellen McKale Page	1/12
Beverly Capshaw	1/16
McKena Nation	1/16
Bobbie White	1/18
Ginger Richardson	1/21
Rayna Page	1/23
Pamela Ryherd	1/24
Kyndra Reagan	1/28
Tim Cronwell	1/30
Joyce Harper	1/31

**Anniversaries:**

Jerry & Denise Bean	1/10
Larry & Faye Hurt	1/10

**DATES TO REMEMBER!**

*New Year's Party: Donnie & Diana Cabin. December 31st*

**Work List for:**

**January, 2016**

**Announcement:**

**Dale Page**

**Preparation Reading, Lords Supper:**

**Herbert Franklin**

**Bible Reading:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Alex Page
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Billy Bartley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Ethan Hammer
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: John Page
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:

**Opening Prayer:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Donnie Page
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Doug Page
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Joyal Hodges
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Greg Strode
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:

**Closing Prayer:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Tom McMurtrey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Darnell Hunter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: John Page
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Michael Page
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:

**Lord's Table:**

- Herbert Franklin
- Carter Walden
- Clint Walden
- Hartzel White

**Night Table: Trevor Bean**

**Nursing Home Team: Dale Page and David Page**

**Greeters: Faye Hurt and Marilyn Norris**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Night Lesson:**

**Willie Capshaw**

**Money Count: Brian Nation and Jackie Gearlds**

**Head Count: Mason Page and Denny Page**

**Cards: Geenett Fish and Marilyn Norris**

**Contact person for Flower Distribution: Kathylene Tade**

**Contact person for Food Distribution: Rayna Page**

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