



#### Schedule of Services

##### Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

##### Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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## The Gift that Keeps on Giving

**J**esus is the gift that keeps on giving. He is the most practical gift that can be given to anyone. During this time of the year, people are searching for the “perfect gift.” There is no other perfect gift than the gift of Christ and everything which comes along with accepting Him. How is Jesus the gift that keeps on giving?

1. He can be counted upon all year long. Food gifts are devoured, battery operated gifts become inoperable, monetary gifts are spent. Once these gifts are gone, they are gone. Jesus is not like that. Once Jesus is given as a gift, He will be with a person as long as that person is with Him. No matter what happens in a person’s life, Jesus can always be counted on, no matter what time of year.

2. He keeps washing us in His blood. What a wonderful gift, knowing that when we commit sin, we can ask for forgiveness and the blood of Jesus cleanses us. Everyone needs to have access to the blood of Jesus, because all have sinned (Rom. 3:23). Since sin separates us from God, we need to have a means by which to be reconciled back to God. His blood is the gift that keeps on giving.

3. He keeps advocating for us. Jesus is our advocate. He continues to plead our case before God. Jesus understands how difficult this life can be because He too experienced the highs and lows of life as a man. He can speak to the Father on our behalf. What a priceless gift!

4. He keeps on serving as our High Priest. Because of His position, we can hold fast to our profession of faith (Heb. 4:14). Jesus, being our High Priest gives us bold access to the throne of God so that we can obtain mercy and grace when we need

it. As life becomes tough, our High Priest provides for us the essentials to make it through.

Jesus is the gift that keeps on giving –K.A. Pugh

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Mary and I have four grandsons, separated by about ten years. Over the years, you could always tell which ones were growing by sitting down at the dinner table with them. Whether it was the oldest, the youngest, or one of the two in between, someone had a big appetite. Usually, that was the one that was having a growing spurt and his pants were a little short.

I have also observed that those who are growing spiritually are the ones that are feeding themselves the most. They desire the sincere milk of the word. They cannot seem to get enough spiritual food.

*And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy... Col 1:9-12 ESV*

Feed your soul today. Sit down with the word of God, spiritual food for the soul. I am sure you will grow in strength spiritually and in good works. -TLM

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