



April 7, 2024

Pastor Note:

I've decided to begin this pastor's note on a cheerful note by reminding you that this coming Monday is April 15. I am sure you have been looking forward to this year's tax deadline. When it comes to income tax, I am always reminded of my former supervisor at the Don Pedro Recreation Agency whose April 15th comment was, "I wish I had to pay a million dollars in taxes!" Of course, he was also hoping to have the kind of income that would generate that size of a tax bill.

Now that you are in a good mood let me enhance it with some words of Jesus after he was asked a malicious question about paying taxes to the imperial Roman government, **"Show me a Roman coin. Whose picture and title are stamped on it?" "Caesar's," they replied. "Well then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God"** Luke 20:24-25 (NLT2).

Since you are now feeling thoroughly upbeat, let me focus you on the most overlooked part of Jesus' answer to his greedy, money-loving questioners (Luke 16:14), **"give to God what belongs to God."** Be honest, is that the part you focused on, contemplated? Or, did you join the choir of the tax grippers?

If you and I are going to live in a relationship with God, be followers of Jesus, and adopt God's word (the Bible) as our guide, we will have to learn to have a different relationship with money, possessions, wealth, and stuff. Those religious leaders, who were trying to squeeze Jesus into saying something that would make the majority of people unhappy with him, were all about themselves, about hoarding as much as they could, they had God on their lips but wanting to be rich and the love of money in their hearts (Mark 7:6-13). God got the leftovers, certainly not the first and the best.

So, what belongs to God? That's the right starting question.

- **The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it** Psalm 24:1 (NASB). This truth, this fact, has some serious implications. The laptop I am composing this p-note on – God's. The cars sitting outside my window, with

Susie's and my names on the registration – God's. The house we hold title to – God's. The current balance in our bank accounts – God's. My body, skills, and know-how – God's. Today, tomorrow, and hopefully the rest of this and many more years – God's. This reality of God being the owner makes you and me a steward, a manager, accountable to God, which means what pleases Him, and what He wants is vastly more important than our desires and plans. Have you surrendered all that you have to God?

- **Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God** 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NASB). **Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way** Colossians 3:17 (MSG). This requires a differently ordered heart because **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also** Matthew 6:21 (NASB). This is a heart that is focused on God, exalting God, continually and in everything praising and thanking God, a heart that wants to involve everything in our lives in our relationship and worship of God. This is a heart that lives out a full-time, all-of-the-time, everywhere and anywhere relationship with God. Have you surrendered all of yourself?
- **If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content** 1 Timothy 6:8 (NASB). **But you, ... pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness** 1 Timothy 6:11 (NIV). In my experience, most tax conversations reek of discontent, which is why they put the tax question to Jesus, but if you and I are going to focus on rendering the things that are God's to God there are much more important things to pursue than tax issues, **For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it** 1 Timothy 6:7 (NIV). Imagine what your life would be like if you'd spend as much energy, time, and effort on pursuing righteousness, godliness, faith, love, ... than you are on discussing and paying less taxes? Are you pursuing what will transform you into Christlikeness?

To God be all glory. Happy April 15th, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

NAMB - Austin & Shauna Jackson (Church Planters) pray for our church to have a consistent place to gather that meets our congregation's needs, Cecil (healing), Gary & Jan Hartley, Ken Seifarth, Dani (Tonsillitis), Carolyn Jeffers (health), Cherylann Schimmelfennig, VBS 2024

Specific Prayer Request for The Downings:

Pray for our schedule. It's becoming clear to us that we can't do all the things we need to do between now and end of June, particularly since they extended the teaching to last until after our departure. Our girls who normally help around the house are attending the teaching 2 days a week, which has rearranged our entire schedule quite a bit. We have no clue how we will host our 10 day language evaluation and 12 day workshop without the help we need. Pray with us that God will show us what to prioritize and what needs to go!

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin,
John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker,
Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner.

If you are interested sign-up, or turn your name into Jannett in the office .

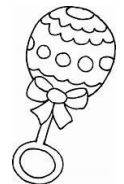
Women of the Church
you are invited
to a
"BABY SHOWER"

Who: Jennie & baby Mateo

Date: Sunday,

April 28th @ 3:00

Gifts: Picture Story Books



April Announcements

Sermon Notes:

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Women's Morning Bible Study— Wed. @ 10:00 AM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided
By - "*Beverly's Class & Youth*"

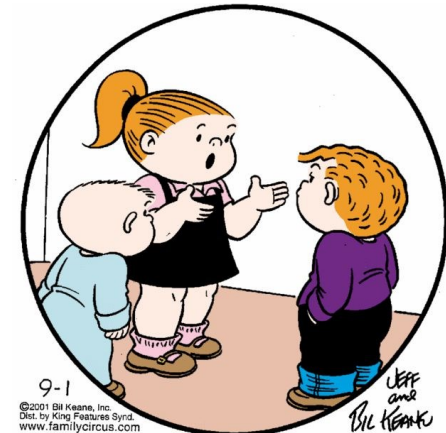
Thank you

Next week "Merle's Class is up!!"

The following people have been voted into membership
by the Church Board:

Barbara Lyman - Yskander & Elena Saucedo

A Bit of
Humor
Corner



"God never takes a vacation 'cause He can't find anybody good enough to fill in."

Giving

April 7, 2024

Offering:
\$2,970.00

Food Basket:
\$113.00

Books & Material:
\$5.00

Annie Armstrong:
\$500.00

Facilities:
\$135.00

Attendance:
118

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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Sunday Services 10:30am & 6:00pm
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April 15th - April 21st

DAY 1 - Num. 34-36
(Psalms 44)

DAY 2 - Deut. 1-2
(Psalms 45)

DAY 3 - Deut. 3-4
(Psalms 46)

DAY 4 - Deut. 5-6
(Psalms 47)

DAY 5 - Deut. 7-8
(Psalms 48)

DAY 6 - (Psalms 49)
DAY 7 - (Psalms 50)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.