

Pastor Notes:

December 29, 2024

They are wearing us out, Grannie and Opa are tired. It was a good plan, instead of adding to the ungodly amount of toys our grandkids already have, Susie and I decided to treat our five grandkids to an After-Christmas slumber party. However, we failed to consider a number of factors, like the childhood Christmas high. We will definitely have to tweak this Christmas plan next year, like giving them all a double dose (just kidding) of Tylenol PM at dinnertime.

Christmas is all about God's plan, but all too often our focus gets diverted and God's plan ends up in the backseat of our Christmas plans, of who's hosting, the menu, shopping, traveling, and ...

Actually, we are not very good at joining and building our lives around God's plan. Generally, we make our plans and in our spiritual moments hope and pray God might bless them.

How would you answer if asked, "What do know about God's plans?" or, "How much do God's plans figure into your planning?"

Jesus told an interesting parable to a man whose planning revolved around his greed. The parable tells of a successful man who plans to retire early and finish life living the dream. But he miscalculated, his plan took tomorrow for granted, was completely self-centered, and made no mention of God. Jesus ends the story with, "**But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?' So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God**" Luke 12:20-21 (NASB).

The first lesson of Christmas is that Christ is at the center of God's plans, "**When the right time came, God sent his Son**" Galatians 4:4. "**Now once at the consummation of the ages Christ has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself**"

Hebrews 9:26 (NASB, italics mine). The Apostle Peter reminds us, **If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God**" 1 Peter 1:17-21 (NASB).

Jesus taught in everything our priorities should be to "**Seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness**" Matthew 6:33 (NASB, italics mine). James confronted businessmen/women to quit making plans without God in the center, "**You ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that'**" James 4:15 (ESV).

The Christmas accounts in the Bible (Matthew and Luke 1-2) don't mention Santa Claus, but they are filled with people who were told about God's Christ-centered plan. Once told, they had to decide how to respond, whether they would adjust their lives around God's plan, when it came to marriage, being parents, trusting God's word (the Bible), their travels, how to spend their money, and most importantly who to worship – Christ.

Susie's and my Granny and Opa plans have at their heart being a Christian influence and example to our grandkids. Trying to figure that out practically is the challenge. The good news is that God helps anyone who embraces God's Christ plan with all of their heart and life.

To God and Christ be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



# Lord Hear Our Prayers

## PRAYER REQUEST

Bob Clayton, Philip Law, Bud Guyton, Deanna (recovering from a stroke), Claire Wendel (pneumonia), Janice Joyce, Rachel Aratin, or our Country, Our community, Our Church, Our Families, and those dealing with addiction(s).

## 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, Dylan Briggs

## CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or e-mail **Judy Mahar** at [ldpbcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:ldpbcprayer@gmail.com) with your prayer requests.

## **Church Board Members:**

Hans Frei - Pastor , Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,  
Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler, Jerry Lyman,  
Sarah Storey, April Wilcox

# January Announcements

## Upcoming Events

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

**BUNKO – Monday, January 6th @ 11:30 am**

Fellowship Refreshments were provided by:  
*“Merle's Class”*

**Thank you**

*Next week “Hans’ Class is up!!”*

Don't forget to check out the sermon on our website:  
[ldpbaptistchurch.com](http://ldpbaptistchurch.com) for you and your whole family.  
Maybe even a neighbor ; )

If you notice someone has been absent from Small Group or Worship Services for awhile, why not call them or stop by to let him/her know that they have been missed. A kindness that cost you nothing could mean everything to someone who is suffering in the silence of self-exile.

## Giving

December 22, 2024

Offering:  
\$1,883.00

Facilities:  
\$15.00

Food:  
\$510.00

Lottie Moon:  
\$1,430.00

Women's Ministry:  
\$33.00

Attendance:  
91

## 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

Saturday: Youth Hang-Out 6-9 PM

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# Be Saved

Acts 4:12

**Sunday Services** 10:30am & 6:00pm  
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## Yearly Bible Reading Plan - 2025 December 30th—January 5th

DAY 1 - 2 Chron. 33-34  
(Proverbs 30)

DAY 2 - 2 Chron. 35-36  
(Proverbs 31)

DAY 3 - Jer. 1-2  
(Proverbs 1)

DAY 4 - Jer. 3-4  
(Proverbs 2)

DAY 5 - Jer. 5-6  
(Proverbs 3)

DAY 6 - (Proverbs 4)  
DAY 7 - (Proverbs 5)

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.