



#### Pastor Note:

#### Always and Never

Have you ever been hit with the "You Always" club or were bruised by its cousin the "You Never" switch? Or maybe you're the one who has developed a habit of using those verbal weapons? It is rarely the truth, however, but most often it is an exaggeration, a form of manipulation, or a statement of great frustration. It certainly is not helpful in resolving things or bringing about change.

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There isn't just a negative side to "You Always" or "You Never." "She always made time for others." "He never spoke an unkind word." Those are some serious compliments.

#### Always and Never

Those are two very important words to anyone who is serious about following Jesus, pleasing God, and being and good and godly person. God's word (the Bible) instructs and commands us to practice numerous "always" and "nevers."

- Always live out your love for God by following His ways and obeying His commandments. You shall therefore love the LORD your God, and always keep His charge, His statutes, His ordinances, and His commandments. Deuteronomy 11:1 (NASB)
- Always choose the path of a clear conscience. In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men. Acts 24:16 (NASB)
- Always be involved in and tenacious about God's work.
   Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NASB)
- Never let evil entice you to do evil, but always do what is right and good for others. Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.

Respect what is right in the sight of all men. Romans 12:17 (NASB) See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. 1 Thessalonians 5:15 (NASB)

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- Always watch your words and how you respond. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person. Colossians 4:6 (NASB)
- Always have a hopeful and good attitude. Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—

  2 Corinthians 5:6 (NASB). Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Philippians 4:4 (NASB)
- Always rejoice, pray, and be grateful. Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB)
- Always be ready to tell others about Jesus and your faith in Him. Always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; 1 Peter 3:15-16 (NASB)

This short "always" and "never" list is by no means comprehensive, but it will get you started with changing how "always" and "never" define you and are spoken about you. I've always thought you could, and you will never be the same.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



## **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 (Tonsilitis), Carolyn Jeffers (health), Cherylann Schimmelfennig, Dan & Sue Hankemeier (travel safety), 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 Iannett 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







Sermon Notes:

## **April Announcements**

## **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.

**Communion Sunday-April 28th** 

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided By - "Merle's Class"

## Thank you

Next week "Hans' 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



to just be a listener."

## **Giving**

April 14, 2024

**Offering**: \$1,495.00

Food Basket: \$.00

**Books & Material:** \$5.00

**Facilities:** \$250.00

Attendance: 70

## **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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DAY 1 - Deut. 9-10 (Psalms 51) (Psalms 54)
DAY 2 - Deut. 11-12 (Psalms 54)
DAY 5 - Deut. 17-18

April 22nd - April 28th

(Psalms 52) (Psalms 55)

DAY 3 - Deut. 13-14 (Psalms 53)

DAY 6 - (Psalms 56) DAY 7 - (Psalms 57) 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.