

December Announcements

- Sun., 2nd** Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am
Church Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center
Pastor Fred's Family 25th Anniversary Celebration at DLBC
Luncheon following the Service in the Fellowship Hall
- Mon., 3rd** Student Ministry Spirit Night at Sonny's all day Monday
- Tues., 4th** Ladies Bibles Studies at 6:30 pm in room 103 C&D
- Wed., 5th** A Time to Pray 6:30 pm —7:00 pm in the Faith room
Ladies Bibles Studies at 6:30 pm in room 103 C&D
Youth Night at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Kids Ministry at 6:30 pm upstairs in the children's area
Daniel Bible Study at 7:00 pm— 8:00 pm in the Faith room
- Sat., 8th** All About That Baby Musical Rehearsal from 9 am – 12 pm
- Sun., 9th** Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am
All About That Baby Musical at 10:00 am – Worship Center
Missions Meeting at 11:30 am in room 103 C&D
- Wed., 12th** A Time to Pray 6:30 pm —7:00 pm in the Faith room
Youth Night at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Kids Ministry at 6:30 pm upstairs in the children's area
Daniel Bible Study at 7:00 pm— 8:00 pm in the Faith room
- Sat., 15th** Ladies Christmas Brunch at 10:00 am in the Faith room



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<u>Financial Update</u>	<u>Financial Giving</u>
Total Weekly Budget \$ 12,857.00	"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!" Malachi 3:10
Weekly Offering Received November 25, 2018	
\$ 7,145.50	

Learning to Endure

Dear brothers and sisters, **WHEN** troubles of any kind come your way, **consider it an opportunity for great joy.** ³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, **you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.** ⁵ **If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.** He will not rebuke you for asking. ⁶ But when you ask Him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.....¹² **God blesses those** who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward **they will receive the crown of life** that God has promised to those who love Him. James 1:2-12

We must remember God is not primarily concerned with our _____ now!

He is preparing us for _____ (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

He is primarily interested in doing what it takes make us into the _____! (Romans 8:29).

God's method of teaching—He gives the _____ first then teaches us the _____!

FIVE LESSONS ABOUT TESTINGS

1. **ENJOYMENT**—**when** troubles of any kind come your way, **consider it an opportunity for great joy.**

³⁴ You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, **you accepted it with joy.** You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever. Heb. 10

2. **ENLARGEMENT**—⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, **you will be perfect and complete,**

Perfect ≠ sinless It denotes completion, maturity (Gr.--*teleos*) see Heb. 2:10
We do not grow when the sun shines but when the storms come!
See Psalm 4:1

3. **ENLIGHTENMENT**—⁵ **If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you.**

He will not rebuke you for asking. ⁶ But when you ask Him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.....

Sign of Maturity when we quit asking **WHY?**

And start remembering **WHO!**

Knowledge comes from looking **AROUND...**

Wisdom come from looking **UP!**

4. **ENTHRONEMENT**—¹² **God blesses those** who patiently endure testing and temptation..... **they will receive the crown of life.**

If You don't bear the Cross you will never wear the Crown!

5. **ENRICHMENT**— *needing nothing.* Trials help us understand what is really valuable!

“Valuable”-- what money cannot buy and death cannot take away!!
⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing **if we don't give up.**
Galatians 6:9

Conclusion—Don't give up (endure, remain under)
and God will give you true riches!

Answers:

Happiness, Eternity, Image Of Christ, Test, Lessons