



# Blessing of Students & Teachers

SUN, AUGUST 11

FOR AN OUTSTANDING  
2019-2020  
SCHOOL YEAR



**COOKING**  
CLASS with Rob  
Huerta

TUE, AUGUST 13  
@ 7:00PM

Please sign up with Emma



## A PRAYER OF LAMENT

A prayer of lament  
insert is included with  
your bulletin today.

### NO EVENTS

There are no events scheduled the next two Tuesdays:  
Tuesday, August 20 No events  
Tuesday, August 27 No events

### CONNECTION CARD

in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card



AUGUST TEACHING SERIES

# Better

Aug 04 » Better is One Day  
Aug 11 » Better is One Handful  
Aug 18 » Better is Obedience  
Aug 25 » Better is Wisdom

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### ► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason G.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray H.      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gearen Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom M.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K.     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill S.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S.        |

### ► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzie S. » Health Issues   | <input type="checkbox"/> Barb G. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Chrissy M. » Seizures      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological    | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS            | <input type="checkbox"/> Eduardo » Dis. Shoulder    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Ken R. » Health Issues     | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael C. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toni R. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith M. » Cancer          | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill S., Sr. » Cancer      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Craig B. » Leukemia        | <input type="checkbox"/> Roy M. » Int. Care         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danny R. » ALS             | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrine A. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bethany » Health Issues    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cindy S. » Cancer          | <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis L. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Barb M. » Cancer           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L. » Hospice Care     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues    | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. » Heart Rhythm    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S. » Lymphnode Cancer |

### ► OTHER

- Gabe G. » Guidance

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“It’s time to blow out the pity party cake.” —Louie Giglio*

## METRICS THAT MATTER (08/04/19)

ATTENDANCE ► 39    GIVING ► \$1,640    GUESTS ► 0  
VOLUNTEERS ► 22    DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

It is better to have *Less* of what doesn't matter and *More* of what does.

Better one handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind. *Ecclesiastes 4:6*

One handful of peaceful repose Is better than two fistfuls of worried work—More spitting into the wind. *Ecc. 4:6 MSG*

⇒ → *Jesus* hits this principle head-on ← ⇐

Then he said, *“Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”* Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”’ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.” *Luke 12:15-21 NLT*

⇒ → The *gist* of the story ← ⇐

He basically says, “Watch out! Be on your guard. More is not always better. Watch out for covetousness and greed because your life does not consist in what you have.” And then He told a parable...something along these lines:

Once upon a time, there was a guy that had a very successful business here and the guy said, 'Oh man, I'm going to tear down my old barns and I'm going to build new ones, bigger ones, better ones, more! I'm going to kick back, and I'm going to take life easy. I'm going to drink; I'm going to be merry; I'm going to be happy!' And Jesus said, 'On that very night your life will be taken away from you.' Why? Here's what Jesus said, He said in verse 21:



“So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” *Luke 12:21*

Define what matters most:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ → *One-handful* living ← ⇐

## 1 LET GO OF WHAT DOESN'T MATTER

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. *Hebrews 12:1 NLT*

• Cut back • Throw out • Turn off

## 2 FIGHT FOR WHAT DOES MATTER

Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, “Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!” *Neh. 4:14 NLT*

*Ecclesiastes 2:17-23 NLT / Proverbs 15:16 NLT*

# Better

## Have a *Better* handful

Below you will find some ideas for having a better handful. You might try one of the ideas for the entire week, or a different idea each day. Don't make it too difficult (It has to be something you can achieve), but don't go too easy either (you should need to rely on God to achieve it). **The idea is to make room for the stuff that matters.**

### Cut Back

- Eliminate something from your schedule.
  - Don't eat out.
  - Say no to a new commitment.
  - Make a plan for tomorrow.
  - Spend more time relaxing.
  - Sell something.
  - Skip a "great" sale.

### Throw Out

- Clean out one closet full of stuff.
  - Donate some stuff to Goodwill.
  - Get rid of three piles of clutter.
- Throw out things you've saved "just in case you need them."
  - Pack away your season items.

### Turn Off

- Turn off your cell phone.
- No football this weekend.
- Unplug the video game console.
  - Turn off the computer.
- Find a quiet place to avoid distractions.



# A PRAYER OF LAMENT

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Lord, in our shock and confusion, we come before you. In our grief and despair in the midst of hate, in our sense of helplessness in the face of violence, we lean on you. For the families of those who have been killed we pray. For the shooters—help us to pray, Lord. For the communities that have lost members—their anger, grief, fear—we pray. For the churches striving to be your light in darkness beyond our comprehension, we pray.

In the face of hatred, may we claim love, Lord. May we love those far off and those near. May we love those who are strangers and those who are friends. May we love those who we agree with and understand, and even more so, Lord, those who we consider to be our enemies.

Kyrie Eleison. Lord, have mercy. Heal our sin-sick souls. Make these wounds whole, Lord.

—Prayer of the Chinese Reformed Church