

SUNDAY 11/19/23

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THE CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

- 1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts.
- 2. To express my love for family and friends in moredirect ways than presents.
- 3. To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family.
- 4. To examine my holiday activities in light of the true meaning of Christmas.
- $5.\,\mathrm{To}$ initiate an act of peace making within my circle of family and friends.

Thank You
for your Change
Wars Gifts!

\$1000





Free Kid's Club & Youth Group

6:00-8:00 P.M.

The 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month.
Open to everyone Pre-K through High School.
ames, activities, lessons, crafts, snacks & more,

NEXT SESSION: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14



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WHAT WE LOSE WHEN WE KEEP SCORE

Nov 05 » Lose Count of Offenses Nov 12 » Lose Count of What We Have Given

Nov 19 » Lose Count of Our Righteousness Nov 26 » Lose Count of Our Failures

Prayer REQUESTS

SALVATION —	
Walter Miner III Gearen Family Tom M. Stein Family	
Ryan K. Tyler M.	Mandy W. Dave. O
HEALTH ISSUES	
Art B. » Health Issues	Kevin K. » Health Issues
Armando » Back Issues	Angela A. » Health Issues
Karla D. » Cancer Recovery	Michelle H. » Leukemia
Mandy W. » Cancer	Janschek » Family Grief
Maggie B. » Chemotherapy	Jonathan H. » Viral Meningitis
Merle » Health Issues	Lucille S. » Health Issues
Carlos V. » Health Issues	Bill L. » Health Issues
Angie & Family » Life Issues	Kim » Family Issues
Samantha B. » Health Issues	Laura S. » Health Issues
Bob A. Healing/Kidney	Augustin A. » Sobriety
Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg	Hector S. » Job Issues
Robert G. » Health Issues	_

METRICS THAT MATTER (11/12/23)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 30 GIVING ▶ \$916 GUESTS ▶ 0

VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0





ROMANS 12:2

NIV "Do not conform to the pattern of this world..."

NLV "Do not copy the behavior and customs of this world..."

CSB "Do not be conformed to this age..."

ASV "Be not fashioned according to this world..."

CEV "Don't be like the people of this world..."

GNT "Do not conform yourself to the standards of this world..."

WE ARE CALLED TO BE DIFFERENT, ACT DIFFERENT, LIVE DIFFERENT AND RESPOND DIFFERENT. MATTHEW 23:1-3

"Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach."



MATTHEW 23:4

"They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them."

MATTHEW 23:5-6

"Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues;"



MATTHEW 23:7-8 + 10

"They love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others. But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers."

"Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah."



MATTHEW 23:9

"And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven."



MATTHEW 23:11-12

"The greatest among you will be your servant.

For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those
who humble themselves will be exalted."

WHEN WE KEEP SCORE/TRACK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WE LOSE IN THE END.

OUR MOTIVES IN DOING/SAYING THINGS ARE THE REAL REFLECTION OF WHAT IS IN OUR HEART.

WHEN WE ARE TRULY FOLLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT THERE WILL BE NO MENTION OR THOUGHT OF OURSELVES.