

“I Have My Rights!”

If your enemy slaps you on the right cheek, let him slap you on the left cheek also. If someone sues you for your shirt, give him your coat, too. If one of the occupation troops forces you to carry his pack one mile, carry it two. When someone hustles you for money, be gullible and give it to him. When someone wants to borrow something and you're aware that he probably won't repay you, lend it to him. (Matt. 5:39-42). **Gerald Mann's paraphrase**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth’ ” (v. 38). That is an exact quotation from three Old Testament passages (Exodus 21:24; Leviticus 24:20; Deuteronomy 19:21) and represents the oldest law in the world—the law of retaliation, technically known as **Lex (Law) Talionis** (retaliation) (and is parochially referred to as tit for tat). The earliest reference to **Lex Talionis** comes from the Code of Hammurabi in the second millennium B.C.” **R. KENT HUGHES**

“In each of these illustrations the overriding principle is that we are not to seek our own rights.

- When we are insulted, we have the right to retaliate; but we are not to exercise it.
- If we are treated unjustly, we have a right to our possessions; but we are to give them up.
- If we are imposed upon, we have a right to set limits, but we are not to insist on that right.
- When someone has a need, we have a right to our money, but we are not to be tightfisted with it. Instead of being right, we are to be generous.

When we are generous with others, we reflect our Father in heaven. He said, “Let your light so shine that man may see your good works, and in doing so they will see God” (Matthew 5:16). Generosity that doesn't retaliate, doesn't seek what is ours, reflects God. The only people who can live that way are these who know the grace of God. We recognize that in God's grace we don't get what we deserve.” **Haddon Robinson**

“So then, - to simplify the issue at hand, Jesus says to release instead of resist.

My “right” to dignity...to be treated without insult - - - Release your right to personal dignity

My “right” to comfort...to cling to what pleases me - - - Release your right to cling to comforts

My “right” to privacy...to do only what I prefer - - - Release your rights to your own private lifestyle

My “right” to possession... to keep all I wish - - - Release your right to exclusive ownership”

Chuck Swindoll

“There should be such a generosity of spirit about us that we give and give and give (v. 42) just as God has given to us.” **Michael Green**

Morning Worship Services

November 22, 2009

Called Church Conference		Vote on 2010 Budget
Prelude	<i>A Thanksgiving Trilogy</i>	Phillips
Welcome		Dr. Gambrell
Praise	<i>Blessed Be Your Name Give Thanks</i>	Redman Smith
Invocation		Rev. Hayes
Children's Message (11:00 a.m. Children 3 yrs. to kindergarten may leave for Children's Church)		Rev. Hayes
Scripture Reading	Luke 6:27-36	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 637	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (vv 1,2,4)</i>	Alford
Offertory	<i>Count Your Blessings</i>	Ennis
Sermon Text	Luke 6:27-28	Rev. Hayes
Special Music	<i>We Are So Blessed</i>	Choir
Message	“I Have My Rights!”	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 569	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>	Wilson
Response	<i>Doxology</i>	Old 100 th



The flowers on the altar are in celebration of the 56th wedding anniversary of Diane and Thurmon McLamb.

The flowers in the baptistery are given by Harry and Shirley Kesterson in loving memory of their son, Harry Leonard, on his 55th birthday, November 25.



Welcome to Worship

*But I tell you
who hear me:
Love your enemies,
do good to those
who hate you,
bless those
who curse you,
pray for those
who mistreat you.*

Luke 6:27-28

Evening Worship Service

November 22—6:30 p.m.

Message	Children's Music Program	Dr. Gambrell
<u>Morning Worship Greeters - 9:30 a.m.</u>		
Front Door:	Jerry and Margie Branscome	
Side Door:	Larry and Pat Criminger	
Drive-Thru:	Gene and Ramie Tutterrow	
Welcome Desk:	Annie Nobles	
<u>Today's Ushers</u>		
8:30 a.m.	Leon Hayes and Paul Prevatte	
11:00 a.m.	Charlie Bellamy, Chris Bellamy, Russ Courtney, Scott Harmon, Cary Smith	
6:30 p.m.	Ron Ball and Ron Bruce	
<u>Worship Nursery/Children's Church Volunteers – 11:00 a.m.</u>		
Nursery:	Reta Bailey	
Children's Church:	Mylissa Bellamy	
<u>Security Duty Next Week</u>		
Nov. 29—Dec. 2:	Raymond Wilson and Ted Medler	

Notes

Building on Our Heritage

This is the week we celebrate Thanksgiving. Let us be thankful for our Building Program and the opportunities we have to be an instrument to that plan through our giving. Please continue to pray about your contributions to Building on Our Heritage and giving sacrificially.

Prisoner Packets

Christmas Packets for Prisoners are due by November 29. The list for this year's packets is: (no substitutions allowed).

1 blue or black non-retractable pen **(no wire clip)**

1 6 oz. or larger toothpaste

1 adult factory-sealed toothbrush

1 4-6 oz. bar of soap

1 50-page 5 1/2 x 8 or larger writing tablet, 100 page maximum (no wire bound)

5 first class stamp-embossed #10 envelopes (purchased at the U.S. Post Office)

2 rolls of candy (Lifesavers, Mentos, etc.)

Place all items in a gallon resealable ziplock bag. Please do not add any additional items. Larger sizes can be substituted.

Called Church Conference

There will be a called church conference, Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. During this time, the Steering Committee will make their recommendation concerning a new worship service.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, November 22

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Called Church Conference

Vote on the Proposed 2010 Budget

Sunday, November 22

6:30 p.m.

Children's Presentation

Sunday, November 29

Deadline for Prisoner Packets

Tuesday, December 1

11:30 a.m.

Lunch Bunch at the Home of Beady Moore

(Bring Socks)

Wednesday, December 2

6:30 p.m.

Called Church Conference

Steering Committee Recommendation on New Worship Service

Saturday, December 5

7:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast at Friendly's

Sunday, December 6

5:00 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting

Monday, December 7

6:00 p.m.

Widow/Widowers Banquet

Tuesday, December 8

7:00 p.m.

CDC Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13

Christmas Cantata

"God Speaking"

Wednesday, December 16

6:00 p.m.

Church-wide Christmas Caroling

No Evening Service

Sunday, December 20

6:30 p.m.

Rev. Lee Riggs, Guest Speaker

The Wonder of His Coming: The Incarnation of God

Thursday, December 24

5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

Activities for the Week

Sunday

Chapel Choir Practice 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

Coffee, Donuts, Juice 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School (for all ages) 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Cantata Choir Practice 3:30 p.m.

"Living Beyond Yourself" - Beth Moore Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Children's Music Program 6:30 p.m.

Youth Worship 6:30 p.m.

TeamKid 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Quilting 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir 11:15 a.m.

12 Step Program 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Weekly Visitation 6:30 p.m.

"Uplift" Movement Exercise Class 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

RAs, GAs and Mission Friends 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.

12 Step Program 8:00 p.m.

Thursday

Holiday—Office Closed

Friday

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