

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:
Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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**THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY, MAKES
 CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY.
 THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COMPOSED
 OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE NOT
 JOINED A DENOMINATION.**



**StoneRidge
 Church of Christ**
 where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone
 1 Peter 2:7

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REMEMBER

This little story appeared in *Reader's Digest* a few years ago. It was written by Wendel Lincoln of Kansas City. I hope it impresses you as much as it did me. (You can adjust for inflation).

I have a brother who operates a small business in Oregon, manufacturing rubber stamps. Our father, who lives in Denver, asked my brother to mail him a stamp with his name and address on it and to "enclose the bill with the merchandise."

The stamp came promptly, but no bill was enclosed. After a few weeks, our father wrote again insisting that my brother send a bill. He finally received the following:

1 Rubber Stamp\$2

Credit Memo

Teaching me that no work is degrading, if honorable.....	\$35,000
Raising me in your belief not to compromise a principle for money.....	\$40,000
Showing me how to respect all, no matter where they stand on the Economic or social ladder.....	\$25,000
TOTAL.....	\$100,000
NET CREDIT DUE YOU.....	98,998

This is a beautiful story with which I find no fault. But, there is another credit which is far greater than any of the above. I speak of a child's gratitude to his or her parents for their having taught the child to "love God and keep His



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commandments! The best way for any child to show this appreciation is to faithfully cling to God's Word down through the vicissitudes of life.

The word of God says: "Honor thy father and mother" (Eph 6:2). This involves remembering! Do you remember and respect the principles of truth and right taught you by your parents? Try remembering, it will do you good. There is nothing more destructive than the spirit of *ingratitude*. It will warp your attitude and distort your values until absolutely nothing seems worthwhile anymore.

Remembering parents on birthdays, holidays, and other special events is important to parents. But, all such is rite when compared to spiritual things. The greatest gift to Christian parents is to see their offspring glorifying God, honoring our Savior Jesus Christ, and working with diligence in his church. ++



As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

It's a funny thing about life, once you begin to take not of the things you are grateful for, you begin to lose sight of the things you lack.

The heart that gives thanks is a happy one, for we cannot feel thankful and unhappy at the same time.

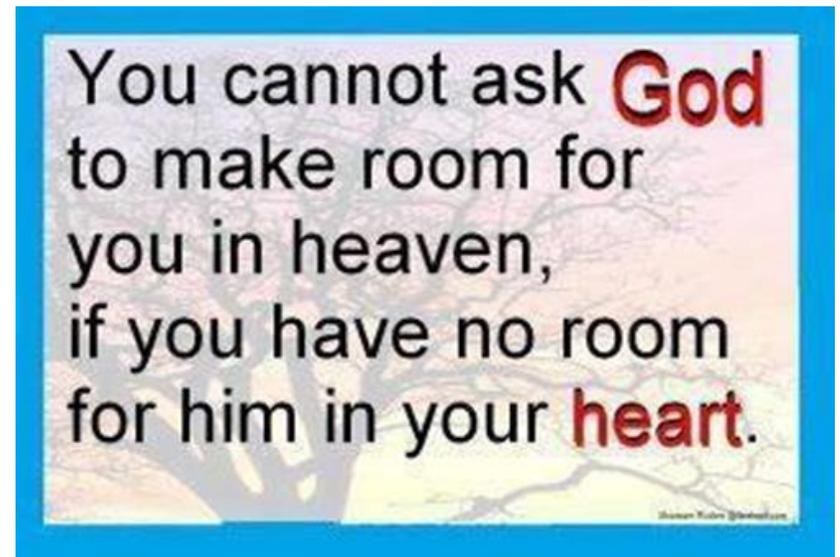
In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. **Beth Cossey** continues to show improvement. As of last Thursday night she was breathing on her own. Her vital signs were also good. We are grateful to God for any improvement. Let's continue to go to God on her behalf. J.D. McGregor has been in St Bernard Hospital last week and was still there as of Thursday. He had an infection and had some surgery. Let's continue to pray for his healing...Continue to remember **Jane Cureton** as she continues to recover from a stroke. We're glad she has been able to come to services recently... **Charles Wayne French** (Nola Christenberry's brother) was due to begin his cancer treatments again....Continued prayers needed for all of these...**Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer...Remember our shut-ins: **Madonna Vines** is confined at home. **Bob** and **Jean Evans** are also confined at home...**Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village...**Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... **Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth's Place... Continue to remember all of these in your prayers.

BEREAVED. We continue to share in the sorrow of Steve Lands on the death of his father, **Marshall Lands**. His funeral was conducted last Thursday afternoon.

PODCAST! Hear a lesson from God's word each morning from John Mundy on Facebook & YouTube, 8 am.



***If any offense comes out of the truth, it is better
that the offense come than the truth be concealed.***

The only nation that, in some way, does not become Babylon is the holy nation of God, the body of Christ. God's nation today is not marked off by physical boundaries or ruled by earthly kings. It is the nation of which Christians are citizens first and foremost. Let us act accordingly:

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."
(1 Pet 2:9-10)

"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain." (Phi 2:14-16)

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." (Phil 3:20-21).



If every member were just like you, would we need to build more seats or close the doors?

