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SPIRITUAL FOOD SOURCES

TV Programs

“In Search of the Lord’s Way” with Phil Sanders at 7:00 a.m. Sundays on Channel 9 (Fox 23)

“Good News Today” at 7:30 a.m. Sundays on Channel 49

“A Bible Answer” at 8:00 a.m. Sundays on Channel 24

Internet

Capechurchofchrist.org (<https://www.facebook.com/CapeChurchofChrist/>)
Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

From Harding University: Collegechurchofchrist.org
(<https://www.facebook.com/CollegeChurchofChrist/>) Sundays at 8 a.m.

Blessings

Blessings probably aren't what you think they are. I may be way off base, but I have a sneaky suspicion that when most people think of blessings, they only think one dimensionally. Blessings are things that make us happy or satisfied or comfortable. For most people, blessings are only things that are good and/or pleasing, such as good health, good jobs, good families, good times, good church, etc. Blessings are things like having a safe trip or having a good meal or having a comfortable place to sleep. Indeed, these truly are blessings, but

On the other hand, it's rarely considered a blessing to have a car wreck or to lose a job or to get sick. It doesn't seem like much of a blessing to have the stock market drop or to not get a promotion. Things that happen which are not only unpleasant but that may even be harmful are rarely seen as blessings. Generally speaking, from the world's view point, blessings are defined as things or events that are good within themselves. That's why the dictionary defines "blessing" as "a thing conducive to happiness or welfare."

Thankfully, God sees "blessings" much differently and enables Christians to see "blessings" through His eyes, not the eyes of the world. While the world seeks events and circumstances that bring pleasure for the moment, God sees a much broader picture. He works things out for our good in relation to eternity (**Romans 8:28**). The journey may not be pleasant at all, but the destination brings the greatest possible reward (**Hebrews 11:25-26; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18**). God knows how to turn tragedy into triumph. But even more important, He has promised to do it for each and every one of us who "love him, and are called according to his purpose."

For the Christian, blessings must be seen only through the eyes of God. Knowing that God wants only what is best for us, knowing that God can turn anything Satan can do into victory for His people, and knowing that God is more concerned about creating God-like character than about providing pleasant circumstances, allows us to understand His "blessings" in a much different way. Job's faith and understanding of God made it possible for him to endure the loss of his flocks and herds, his children, and even his own health without blaming God. In fact, he "fell to the ground in worship" and said "may the name of the Lord be praised" (**Job 1:20-21**).

So, when you don't get the job you wanted, you know it is a blessing from God. When your prayers aren't answered in just the way you expected them to be, you know that God is blessing you in greater ways. When life hands you a lemon, you don't have to make lemon-aid. Just see the lemons as blessings from God and wait on Him to make whatever He wants out of those lemons. One thing's for sure – it will be a blessing!

*Joe Chesser
Fruitland Church of Christ
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SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Kevin Plemons (A member at East Ridge CofC) They just found a brain tumor on Monday and things are not looking good. He has a wife and two young children.

<u>OUR MEMBERS</u>	<u>FAMILY & FRIENDS</u>	<u>WEEKLY REPORT</u>
Ernie Adams (Monticello House)	Betty Allen (hospice)	Sunday a.m. Worship: 32
Elaine Catlow (surgery)	Donna Barnes (cancer)	Contributions: \$1,086.00
Helen Coburn	Tom & Mary Bollman	Budget: \$3,059.12
Joan England (Life Care Ctr)	Michele Campbell (back)	
David Mattingly (rm 308 Life Care Ctr)	Liam Clark	
Mark McAllister (glioblastoma)	Angie Northern Fabing	
Carson Pitman III	Scott Hartline	
Pat Smart (stroke/fall)	Karen Hubbs (brain cancer)	Please remember to leave your contribution in the tray on the table at the back of the auditorium.
Betty Tanner (shut-in)	Chris Hutson	
Jane Volkerding (shut-in)	Suzanne Meert (cancer)	
	Barry Tate (stroke)	
	Scott Taylor (cancer)	
	Donna Thieman (cancer)	
	Tony Wells	

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy goes to the family of Ernie Adams who passed away last week. A gravesite service was held last Friday at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Thebes. Please be praying for this family.

CHILDREN'S HOME NEWS

Supplies requested for the January 18, 2021 pickup are Dishwashing detergent (Dawn, e.g.), Non-aerosol deodorant, HE Laundry Detergent, Instant Rice, Muffin Mixes and Pickles.

SERVICE CHOICES: While the Cape Girardeau congregation is not meeting on Sunday evenings or Wednesday nights, you might want to consider attending services at the Fruitland congregation on either Sunday nights at 6 p.m. (except for the first Sunday of each month when their second service is immediately after the pot luck meal at lunch) and Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. or at the Jackson congregation on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries	
None this week	