Announcements

Sun. Jan. 9 th	Deacons Meeting Sunday School Worship Service <i>"Faithful Stewardship – Part II"</i> 2 Corinthians 9:1-8	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Mon. Jan. 10 th	Long Range Planning Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Tue. Jan. 11 th	Leadership Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Wed. Jan. 12 th	Wednesday Bible Study	3:00 p.m.
Sun. Jan. 16 th	Sunday School Worship Service Baptist Men's Day Dr. Keith Hudson Director of Neuse B Missions Association is guest speaker	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Baptist
Mon. Jan. 17 th	Church Office Closed for MLK Day	7

Wed. Jan. 19th Wednesday Bible Study 3:00 p.m.

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Give from your heart... for God loves a cheerful giver!

2 Corinthians 9:7

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The Worship of God – January 9, 2022 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

COMMUNION WITH GOD

Meditation and Silent Prayer

PreludeMichael Cowan and Michell Eguez Hymns of the Faith

Welcome, Announcements, and ConcernsDr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship......Hymn 448 Just A Closer Walk with Thee

> I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain:

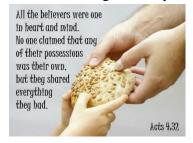
Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. *Refrain*
- When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more; Guide me gently, safely o'er To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. *Refrain*

Prayer of Adoration and InvocationJohnnee Rice

Hymn of Dedication and Thanksgiving......Hymn 293 Come Ye, Thankful, People Come by Henry Alford

- Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home! All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied: Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.
- We ourselves are God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield; Wheat and tares together sown Unto joy or sorrow grown; First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3. For the Lord our God shall come And shall take His harvest home; From His field shall purge away All that doth offend that day; Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast; But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.
- Even so, Lord, quickly come, Bring Thy final harvest home; Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin; There, forever purified, In Thy presence to abide; Come, with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.



Object: None.

Scripture: The whole group of believers was united in their thinking and what they wanted. None of them said that the things they had were their own. Instead, they shared everything. (Acts 4:32))

When I was a little child my mother would always tell me to share and be kind to everyone. I didn't understand why she wanted me to share when we barely had enough for ourselves and I definitely didn't feel like being kind to people who wasn't kind to me- but I did it anyway. After a while sharing and being kind became much easier for me. I would find myself looking for excuses to give things away that I knew could help someone else. My love for giving and sharing became so extreme that one day I came home from school without my winter coat because I had given it away to another little girl who needed it. Mother was upset at first because I only had that one coat - then she realized that I was only sharing like she told me. A week later a friend of the family heard about the coat story and purchased me the most beautiful coat I had ever seen. Little did I know that God was using me even as a young girl to spread His love through my giving, sharing, and being kind to others.

In our bible lesson (Acts 4:32-35) we read about a group of amazing people. They were a unified bunch, caring for each other's needs. Their hearts were filled with love for Jesus and bursting with love for one another. Many of the people were moved by the needs of the poor and needy, and they began selling the things they owned and handing over their belongings to the care of the leaders. Their love for Jesus caused everyone needs to be meet. Instead of being stingy holding on to the things they had, they looked upon their property as belonging to all the community. No one said, "that's mine; you can't have it." They shared everything.

When we truly belong to God, everything we have belongs to Him as well. All the things that we have here on earth like our houses, cars, food, clothing and even toys are all blessings from God. He blesses us with these things to be a blessing to others. Everything we have will one day be no more, but the love of Jesus within us will surely last forever.

Prayer: Dear Father, thank you for the blessings you so generously give us and help us not to be selfish or greedy. Lord show us how we can meet the needs of others. Amen

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND PRAYER

- Hymn of Grace and Assurance......Hymn 330 Amazing Grace by John Newton
 - Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 - 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!
 - 3. Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
 'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 - 4. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
 - 5. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND GIVING



An offering plate is placed in the vestibule for your tithes and offerings. You may also use the enclosed envelope in your weekly packet to mail your tithes and offerings to the church.

Musical Selection.....Choir Baptized in Water by Michael Seward

Instrumental MusicMichael Cowan and Michell Eguez *The Love of God* by Mark Hayes

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION



Faithful Stewardship Part II

2 Corinthians 9:1-8

By

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

Hymn of Conviction and Submission......Hymn 275 *I Surrender All* by Judson W. Van DeVenter

> All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

- 2. All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine; Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine. *Refrain*
- 3. All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me. *Refrain*BenedictionDr. Dew

PostludeMichael Cowan and Michell Eguez Hymn of the Faith



Counting

I counted dollarswhile God counted crosses. I counted gainwhile He counted losses. I counted my worth my things gained in store. He sized up me by the scars that I bore.

I counted honors and sought degrees, while He counted the hours I spent on my knees.

I never knew until one day by the grave, how vain are the things that we spend life to save. Quoted by John Maxwell