



**But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Matthew 6:6**

## *Think on These Things*

When you give someone a gift, do you leave the price tag on or take it off? My mother taught us to always take the price tag off, because "a gift is something that you just want the other person to have. You know how much it cost and what a sacrifice it may have been to purchase it, but you just want the other person to receive it and enjoy it. You do not want or expect a gift in return and the best gifts are the ones you can give and nobody knows where they came from." You can't earn a gift nor should you cheapen it by trying to repay the giver. When God gave His One and Only Son so that whoever believes on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, He never expected us to try to repay Him nor to earn the free gift of salvation. He wanted to give to us and He wants us to receive His gift; it hurts Him if a person rejects the gift, tries to earn it, or to repay the price paid. So today, please remember that salvation is "the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." If you've never received this free gift of God, then make today the day that you ask Jesus to forgive you and to come into your life as Lord and Savior. It will be the best gift that you will ever receive! Something to think about as we go about our week.

Love and blessings,

Trace

## Living in a Violent World— Lessons from persecuted Christians



### **Always Give Thanks**

When violence seems to walk up to our very doors, where is our focus? Are we dwelling on the attackers and our own fears?

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul writes: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ." It can be easy to get caught up in a narrative and be on the hunt for answers to such horrific acts, but the Bible instructs us to give thanks. When we least feel like it, our praise matters most.

Bae\* is a Christian living in North Korea, exiled from her home because she and her husband were caught with a Bible. She leads a small house church in this remote village where she is always hungry and is forced to work the fields every day. If she doesn't meet her quota, she will be punished. If her small church is discovered, she could face imprisonment, torture or even death.

However, with each new day, Bae finds a reason to be thankful: "We thank our Father who has done such great things to prepare life for us," she says. "We, who receive His amazing grace, keenly realize and understand His words: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the Father.'" For Bae, even just knowing Jesus' words is enough to fill her heart with lasting thankfulness.

JUNE

# Birthdays

06/02 Gracie Horton  
06/07 Skylar Smith  
06/09 Martin Smith  
06/14 Bea Bannister

06/19 Trenee Johnson  
06/22 Jennifer Lay  
06/24 Heather Smith  
06/30 Ernest McCurry

# Anniversaries

06/10 Chester & Dianne Vaughn  
06/27 D.J. & Kayla Smith  
06/27 Ruby Smith  
06/29 Ernest & Lucy McCurry

## THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

### Week 25

- Day 1 Proverbs 29-31; 1 Thess 4
- Day 2 Song of Sol 1-3; Psalm 72; 1 Thess 5
- Day 3 Song of Sol 4-6; 2 Thess 1
- Day 4 Song of Sol 7-8; Psalm 127; 2 Thess 2
- Day 5 1 Kings 5; 2 Chron 2; 2 Thess 3



## SIGN PROJECT

Current Giving Status:

**\$35,116.00**

Construction Should Begin Soon  
Please be in prayer for the details  
of this project



## Special Prayer

Please pray for the Santos family and their young daughter who is awaiting a kidney transplant

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

## FINANCIAL UPDATE 06.19.22

|        | WEEK        | Month-to-Date | Year-to-Date  | Year-to-Date                               |
|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| BUDGET | \$ 4,313.50 | \$ 12,940.50  | \$ 107,837.50 | GIVEN VS EXP                               |
| GIVEN  | \$ 4,232.25 | \$ 13,101.75  | 96,271.08     | + 3,673.17                                 |
| +/-    | -81.25      | + 161.25      | -11,566.42    | *Includes \$5000 transfer from contingency |

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## of the week DEACON

June 26 Ernest McCurry  
 July 03 Bill Forcier  
 July 10 Jerry Parkerson