



Watchful and Thankful

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Jesus

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This Building

- Purchased in 2003 for \$3 million
- Remaining mortgage = \$236,000
- December giving needed to pay off the building while maintaining adequate savings = \$161,000

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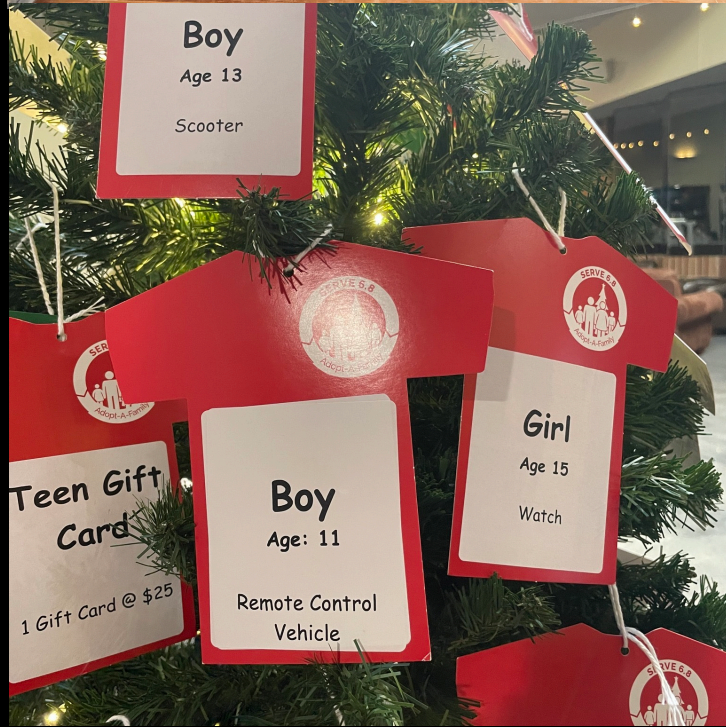
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Titus 3:14 And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.



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Matthew 9:37-38 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”



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5. The Word is cherished.

Jeremiah 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.



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5. The religious landscape has changed, with fewer people attending church or claiming faith, and increased hostility towards Christianity.

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1 Peter 2:12

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Practically...

1. Volunteer at our Resource Center, which is open each Friday afternoon from 1-4pm.
2. Take the Perspectives Class.
 - Begins with an overview next Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
 - Next Sunday's overview, along with Lessons 1 & 2 on January 21 and 28 are all FREE!
 - Register at perspectives.org.

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1 Peter 3:15-16

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

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1. **Resolve to begin this new year with a committed approach to Bible-reading.**
2. **Be ready to explore complex issues later this Spring and beyond.**

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3. The fostering of a church culture that invites proactively and welcomes warmly.

Practically...

1. Determine to offer invitations to unchurched friends this year.
2. Join our hospitality ministry by contacting John Larsen (johnlarsen@summitview.com).

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4. The pursuit of peace and unity, in order to offer a contrasting and compelling witness to a tumultuous and divided world.

Philippians 2:14-15 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...

Practically...

1. **Commit to fellowship and fight for it.**
2. **Consider participating in one of our sexual purity groups.**

Sexual Purity and Recovery

Sexual Sanity for Women

10-week book study beginning early February

Linda Johnson (johnsonlinda799@gmail.com)

Adrianja Albrecht (southsoccer4@gmail.com)

The Conquer Series (for men)

8-week video/discussion series beginning early February

Andrew Meyer (ajaxmeyer@gmail.com)

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5. A deep reliance on prayer.

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Specific Opportunities

1. Utilize prayer tools that we will soon be offering.
2. Join us on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:15 a.m. for our weekly prayer meeting.





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