

Two-Cents or Four-Billion Dollars; It's All the Same

Two cents or four billion dollars, it's all symbolic in God's view. In the Old Testament David donated his personal fortune in gold for the Lord's temple to be built after he was gone. Today that is worth 3.85 billion dollars (1 Chronicles 29:3-4). In the New Testament, Jesus focused attention on the unnoticed poor widow who donated two little copper coins (Mark 12:41-44). Jesus said she put in all she had to live on.

In both cases they gave it all. David put in all his personal fortune of nearly four billion, she perhaps her last hope of eating on that day. Neither David nor the poor widow were born owning anything, and when they died they took nothing of their wealth or lack with them. In both cases it was a window into their heart. With their actions they were saying, "God, I'm all in!"

Christ was once asked what the greatest commandment was. His answer was: total love for God (Mark 12:29-30). But how is that shown? Is it words? More than that, it is all we are. We are each different in what we have to give. Some of us have a lot, others little. Some of us have many talents, others few. Some of us will have a long life, others a short one. There is nothing we have that has not been given us by God, and everything we are returns to him in the end. In this little in-between that we call "life," all that God wants to see is your heart. He is not looking for our treasure, our talent, or our time. Yet our use of these shows our heart. God sees it. And if we are paying attention we can see it too.

It has been said, "Love, a cough, and a smoke cannot be hid." The love of our life is there for all to see. Do you love God? Are you "all in"? This is the lever that moves all the rest of your life. This is the goal. The rest is details. Nothing else ultimately matters. It is only about loving God with all you are... with you!

Mark

"The War Room" Movie: is coming **next Sunday, Jan 29th, 4:00PM** as a finish to our "*Month of Prayer & Fasting.*" After the movie we will have delicious **Chili** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family, bring friends. Don't miss this powerful, life changing film!

Dave Ramsey's "Legacy Journey" Is Starting Wed., Feb. 1st: **The Sign-up sheet is on the display table in the foyer.**

This NEW Dave Ramsey video series is about the BIG PICTURE of where you are going financially and spiritually. Living and leaving a legacy requires making the most of your time, talents, resources and relationships. As before, this 9-week series requires a \$100 kit (let us know if you can't afford it). There will also be a Bible Class alternative to this in Feb/March.

Thank You Tina & Adrian: for organizing and doing so much cooking and work on the Housewarming Fellowship Meal last week for the Fabis.

Thank You Scott & Chris and All Who Helped in the Lock-in: The Sr.-high Youth Group's Lock-in was a huge success. There were 18 Teens and 10 adults!

Feb. 12th, 2PM a Group is going to see the play, "The Diary of Anne Frank" Our own Sarah Gafgen (Smith) is in it. **Tony Sr.** is getting the tickets and needs to know ASAP if you are going. Tickets will cost \$13-\$16.

"New Visions" Breakfast for the Homeless is THIS Tuesday: Jan. 24th. See **Brenda** to help.

Cathedral Kitchen for the Homeless: Tuesday, Jan. 31st, 3:30-5:30. See **Vivian** to help.

FIVE Slots Left on the "Prayer & Fasting" Calendar!

Can you fill in one of these days? Jan. 21, 26, 28, 29, 30. Let's finish strong!

Sr. Youth Group meets Friday, Jan. 27th for "*Think Solve Escape*" in Turnersville from 7-9PM. **Let Scott or Chris know if you are coming.**

Jr. High Youth Group Game Night/Devo Saturday, Jan. 28th from 6-8 at the church building.

KFC (Grades 2-5): Jan. 29th, 3 PM, meet at the building to make Valentine Center pieces for the homeless at Cathedral Kitchen Tues. There will be a devotional, prayer, discussion, snacks & drinks. See Hoa with questions.

"Island of Misfit Dishes" Check and see if any of these lost dishes in our kitchen are yours before we Goodwill them!

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Welcome & Scripture: Nelson Nuñez (Psalm 33:12-22)

Opening Prayer: Dan Swinehart

Lord's Supper: Josh Henderson, Chet, Rich Fabi, Logan McEntire

Scripture Before Message: Jess Nitla (Rom. 8:35-39)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Rick Boyle

Greeters: Jack Swinehart, Tim Jones, April Jones, Elaine Firman

Nursery: Laura & Fay Next Week: Sandra M. & Tina

Purple Cleaning Team Jan. 25-28 **Becky** Coordinates

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Worship Total 131

Bible Class..... 84

Wed. PM 37

Contribution **\$4,544**

Budget Goal **\$4,260**

15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 34

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"Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

