

# **The Newsline**

### Our family reaching out to your family

#### November 2022

Good November church family.

When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" Matthew 18:25 ESV.

Jesus had just told them that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into heaven.

The disciples completely missed what Jesus was saying. And we do the same today. This saying had nothing to do with money. It had to do with what we put our trust in to be saved.

A large percentage of people who believe they are going to heaven base that thought upon their righteousness, their good deeds. They preach sermons. Sing in the choir. Come to church. Pay tithes. Teach Sunday School. Give to the poor. Volunteer at a soup kitchen once a year.

And then there is this thought process. "Well I'm not as bad as that person."

But salvation has nothing to do with any of that.

Ezekiel 33:13 - NLT - When I tell righteous people that they will live, but they...expect their past righteousness to save them, then none of their righteous acts will be remembered. I will destroy them for their sins.

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But in the same passage God gives the good news. In verses 14-15, God says that neither will the wicked acts of the wicked keep them from salvation.

"Who then can be saved?"

Romans 10:13 - ESV - For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Our deeds, good or bad, do not keep us from or get us into heaven. The only criteria for getting into heaven is ; do we receive or reject what Jesus did for us upon the cross 2000 years ago.

Deuteronomy 30:19 - NLT - Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make.

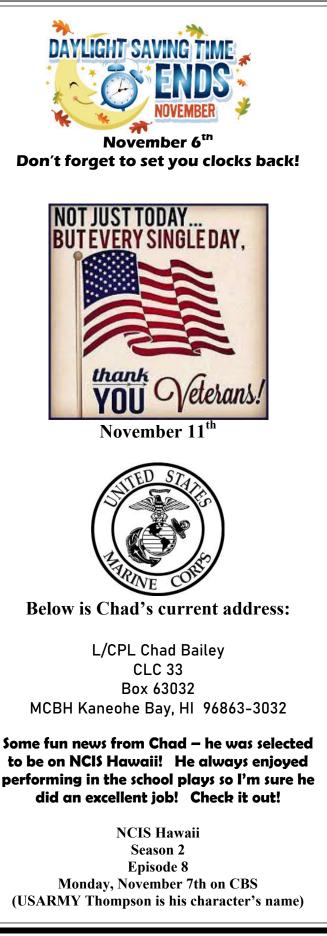
Friends, choose Jesus.

For His glory, Pastor Brian



Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am

Tim Brown is sharing a study on Spiritual Warfare. He is leading us to view the Bible as a guide to the spirit world. Looking at the fight between good and evil that manifest in the Bible and what we as Christian's are to do about it. We are presently covering giants and next we'll be looking at angels.





Our mini-mission for November and December is the Johnstown-Northridge Adopt-a-Child Christmas Program. This giving opportunity is an annual tradition for our congregation that is a blessing for both the givers and the recipients. This program is organized through the Faith Fellowship Congregation and we are thrilled to be able to join them in blessing families with some needs and treats to share the love of Jesus at Christmas. We also provide a Bible for each family, and if we have cash donations we provide a grocery gift card for their holiday meal. Please watch for announcements and our special giving tree with ornaments detailing the children's names, sizes and description of the items they've asked for. ORNAMENTS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE AS SOON AS THE NAMES ARE MADE AVAILABLE. Gifts need to be new and unwrapped. Please attach the ornament tag to your items and return them to the church early December. As an added blessing, please bring some gift wrap or gift bags for your purchases so the parents can have the joy of wrapping the gifts later. If you would like to make a cash donation, please put that in the offering plate clearly designated for this mission. We will use cash donations to purchase any unfilled gifts first, and then the remainder will be used to purchase Kroger gift cards. Please consider giving generously this year as the need is greater because of the impact of the pandemic. Questions can be directed to Michelle Bumgarner.



Adult BELL CHOIR will be starting back up in November. If you are interested in joining us this year let Penny know ASAP. Also let Penny know if you are planning on playing again this

> year. Penny 740-817-1092



We are once again having greeters to welcome us to worship each Sunday! Let Carol know if you are willing to serve on a Sunday morning.



Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, And his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, And his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

# Happy Thanksgiving!! GIVE THANKS A Jogful'toon by Mike Waters



Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.  $$-$\ensuremath{\mathsf{Psalm}}$$  106:1  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NV}}$ 

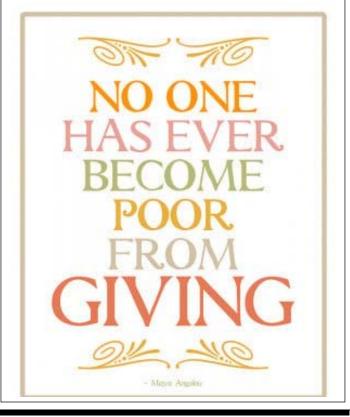




\*\* It is time to think about ordering Poinsettia's to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Orders need to be placed by November 27<sup>th</sup>! Envelopes will be in vestibule in soon! Questions: contact Helen.



Christmas Express Mailboxes will be set up in the Fellowship Hall this December for all who want to participate. This is where you can save on postage and give Christmas cards out to your church family and save on postage! A current list of family is in the fellowship hall. You can add to this or take your name off if you don't want to participate. The finished copy will be available mid-November! Thanks!



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