

The GoldSheet

July 12, 2020

Wedding Shower... Please join us for a wedding shower honoring Christopher Carl and his bride-elect, Abbey Clements TODAY between 2 and 4 pm in the Gathering Hall. Guests are asked to stagger arrival and departure times to allow for social distancing. Guests who do not feel comfortable coming inside the building are encouraged to “drive-through” to drop off gifts to the couple at the north entrance. The couple is registered on Amazon and at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Brown Bag Dinner/Business Meeting/Bingo Night... Bring your own dinner and meet in the Multi-Purpose Center on Sun, July 19 at 6 pm for a socially-distanced fellowship. Our quarterly business meeting will follow dinner, then we will enjoy some rounds of bingo—with prizes— just for fun!

First Responder Gift Cards... Beginning next Sunday, we will have gift card 4-packs (\$10 per card) for families to take to give to first responders they may see in the community. Later on, we will have an opportunity for you to share about your experience. Help us show appreciation to those who serve our community!

Preteen Camp... is coming! Camp is July 20-23 at Sabine Creek Ranch for kids who have completed 3rd-5th grades. Cost is \$200 per camper if you have not yet paid. Scholarships are available. Questions? Contact Sarah.

Mission Dallas... 6th—12th graders are invited to participate in a local mission trip on July 27-30. Monday—Wednesday, students will serve at Mission Arlington, and Thursday will be a fun day. Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up on Realm. Questions? Contact Andrew.

Connection Cards... You may have noticed that our Communication Card has been replaced with a Connection Card. We appreciate guests filling it out. Members are welcome to use the card to share prayer requests or praises with the staff. Please leave cards on your pew following the service; an usher will collect them after the room is cleared.

Connect with Us... By texting 214-225-8554. Guests, text WELCOME. To share prayer requests with our staff, text PRAYER. To speak with a minister, text MINISTER. After texting keywords, follow the prompts.

Giving... We will not pass an offering plate during the service. You may turn in tithes and offerings into the collection boxes at the exit doors. You may also give through your Realm account, through our website, or text to give (text “nbcgarland” to 73256). Checks can still be mailed to the church or dropped off in the locked mailbox on the outside of the church building on the north end at your convenience.

Weekly GoldSheets... are available at nbcgarland.org or on Realm.

JOIN THE JOY!
SHINE YOUR LIGHT BY DOING WHAT’S RIGHT
(Philippians 2:12-18)

So, what does it take to shine your light well?

1. Stay _____ as you enter _____ the darkness.
(vs.12-13)
2. Stay _____ as you enter _____ the darkness.
(vs.14-16)
3. Stay _____ as you enter _____ the darkness.
(vs.17-18)

Joy can be so elusive! Just when you think it’s within your grasp, someone moves the goal posts and you find yourself staring at yet another wall. Often the problem isn’t your POSITION, but your DEFINITION. *How do you define JOY?* Is it the presence of blessing...the absence of suffering...the promise of more (or less)? The Bible defines it differently, demanding a lens you won’t always like (or want). Biblical joy flows from divine PRESENCE, not human EXPERIENCE—something you can’t really understand until His light shines brightly through you...which will inevitably impact how you live. Let us ponder anew the call of Christ from His Sermon on the Mount: *“You are the light of the world. ...Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”* So, how brightly is His light shining in YOU?

“May not a single moment of my life be spent outside the light, love and joy of God’s presence and not a moment without the entire surrender of myself as a vessel for Him to fill full of His Spirit and His love.” (Andrew Murray)