

The GoldSheet

July 19, 2020

Brown Bag Dinner/Business Meeting/Bingo Night... Bring your own dinner and meet in the Multi-Purpose Center TONIGHT 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... Gift card 4-packs (\$10 per card) for families to take to give to first responders they may see in the community. If you are taking a 4-pack, be sure to register in the Gathering Hall. Keep the gift cards with you, then as you run into police officers, firefighters, or paramedics in the community, you can bless them with a token of appreciation. 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 this week! Please be in prayer for the 10 kids and sponsors going on the trip. Campers need to arrive tomorrow morning at 8 am in the Gathering Hall. They will return on Thursday.

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, please 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! CASTING A REFLECTION IN THE MIRROR OF MISSION (Philippians 2:19-30)

What kind of reflection are you casting for the world to see?

1. Live like **T**imothy—C_____ for others by fostering _____.
(vs.19-24)

2. Love like **E**paphroditus—M_____ sacrifice by _____ yourself.
(vs.25-30)

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 a willingness to GIVE, not a tendency to TAKE—something you can't experience until you focus more on others than yourself. We're called to be a reflection of His LOVE and LIFE to a hurting world: *"Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel"* (Philippians 1:27). Is that mission reflected in your actions?

"The only Jesus that unbelievers ever see on this earth is the one reflected in those who already know Him. By mirroring Christ, we should be ready to turn any conversation or meeting with an unbeliever into a divine encounter." (Dr. David Jeremiah)