

An Expression Of Love

Opening presents is fun. I remember Christmas mornings growing up. We would open presents at home, pack the car, head to my grandparent's home, eat too much, and then open more presents. I always enjoyed opening the presents.

I remember, too, the days before Christmas when mom and dad would take all four kids downtown and we would buy presents for everyone. But I must admit, as much fun as we had shopping, I really preferred getting presents rather than giving presents. It wasn't anyone's fault that I was like this, sinful human nature leans towards selfishness (well, to be honest, it doesn't lean that way. It *is* selfish!). My unspoken philosophy was, "It is better to receive..."

Jesus, however, taught a different perspective, "It is better to give than receive" (Acts 20:35). Hopefully, I will remember that as I open gifts and watch other people open theirs. I also hope that I remember this maxim come March, July or October. As the secular band, Trans-Siberian Orchestra puts it:

If you want to arrange it
This world you can change it
If we could somehow make this Christmas thing last
By helping a neighbor or even a stranger
And to know who needs help
You need only to ask

(from "Old City Bar", on the CD "Christmas Eve and Other Stories")

Or, as Paul puts it,

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.
(Gal. 6:10)

I'd encourage all of us (me included) this next year to ask God, "How can I 'do good' to someone this year, as an expression of your love"?

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year

Roger

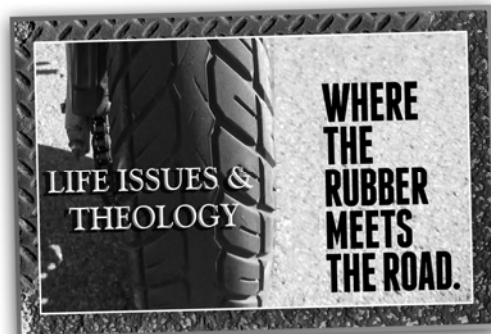
BURLESON BIBLE CHURCH 2012 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 22 | 12:30PM

BBC Family Update

- Praise the Lord in celebration for the baptism of Keth Fletcher.
- Congratulations to Mark and Bethany Van Wart in the birth of their son Max Palmer. He was born December 16 and weighed 7lbs 2oz and was 19 inches long.
- Congratulations to Paul and Cindy Rushing in the birth of their twins on December 19. Suzie Carol, weighing 5lbs 15oz and 17.25 inches long and Zachary Nicholas, weighing 5lbs 13oz and 17 inches long.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP



Join us Sunday mornings at
9:15am in the sanctuary.

February 24-26th, 2012

Womens
RETREAT

Evening of Prayer



January 9th at 7:00pm

Aluminum Recycling Program



Remember to drop your empty cans in the recycling bins at church and bring your cans from home too! All proceeds go to support the Burleson Pregnancy Aid Center!



PLEASE submit newsletter items to the church office no later than Monday, January 23rd.

Youth Group

Youth Leadership Meeting—January 8, 2012

Jan. 14th
5-7pm
**BIG
EVENT**
Football Game
Bean Fountain
Hamburgers & Hotdogs

See Rick Bartmas or Karen Jones for more details.
Regular youth activities resume January 4th.

Pray for the men this weekend
as God works mightily in them.

**MEN'S RETREAT
2012
JANUARY 27-29TH**