

Homeless?

I've noticed something strange as I've read scripture.

What would you say are our needs? Food, water, clothing, and shelter? As time goes on, it seems that more items are being added to our list of needs: electricity, transportation, internet... Obviously, the Bible would not mention these modern "needs." However, would you believe that the Bible doesn't even list shelter as need? Notice how often scripture mentions food, water, and clothing together but is silent on shelter.

Jesus taught in the sermon on the mount, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" (Matthew 6:25) He continues, teaching that God feeds the birds of the air, and he feeds us (26). God clothes the lilies of the field, and he clothes us (28-30). Our Heavenly Father knows that we NEED all these things (32). If we are seeking first the kingdom of God, we can trust that He will give us what we need (33). He promises to feed and clothe us. However, he doesn't promise us a house or an apartment.

Paul wrote to Timothy, "If we have food and clothing, with these we will be content" (1 Tim 6:8). Here again, food and clothing are mentioned as a need, but shelter is suspiciously absent. In fact, Paul told the Christians in Corinth that he and the apostles were homeless (1 Cor 4:11). Jesus himself was homeless! "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." (Mt 8:20)

Is there any significance to the fact that food and clothing are mentioned so often together as needs, but shelter isn't? I won't read my own ideas into God's word, but this observation does remind me of a spiritual truth: this world is not my home. Peter wrote that we are "sojourners and exiles" (1 Pet 2:11). That means we don't belong here. Together, we are waiting for the day that Jesus comes again and takes us to the heavenly home that he has prepared for us (John 14:3).

I thank God that he meets my physical needs; I eat good and am dressed well. I thank God for my house. He has blessed me with electricity, a car, and good internet. My cup overflows! May I never become so attached to stuff on earth that I forget my real home. This world isn't it. I'm just passing through.

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Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know someone who needs help, contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



Devo and Donuts is Tuesdays at 7:00 in the activities center. Invite a friend and join others as you start your day on a positive note.



When you can't be here when we **worship**, visit our website, Facebook page or YouTube channel to join us live or to catch up on what you missed.

Tri-State Youth Series will be here this afternoon at 4:00. Our teens are asked to be here at 3:30 to help set up and welcome guests. If you forgot to bring cookies, you can still leave them in the activities center by 3:30

Many of you were blessed to be a part of our **gospel meeting** last week. Dan Winkler presented some excellent lessons on prayer. If you missed them or would like to hear them again, you can listen anytime through our website.

Starting today, we will be providing a devotional at **Gran Villa** on the first Sunday of every month. Please join us at 1:30 to encourage the residents there.

Today's Sermons



A.M: *A Great Day Coming*
(2 Th. 1:3-12, Danny Boggs)

PM: *The Disciple's Fidelity*
(Matt. 5:27-32, Caleb Boggs)

Men's Breakfast will be Thursday morning at 7:00 at Braum's. Join in the food, fun, and fellowship.

Wednesday Family Meal will be May 11. Sign up on the board in the foyer for a pizza meal. It will be provided by the hostess groups of Molly Cobb/Brenda Kimbrough and Bobble Wolgamott/Bethany Berner.

Make sure to get registered for **Green Valley Bible Camp**. Our week is June 12-18. The theme for this year is "The Happiest People on Earth." You will want to be a part of this week!

Work day for Green Valley Bible Camp will be this Saturday. If you would like to share a ride there leaving at 7:30 am, please see Danny.

There will be a meeting for all **VBS volunteers** next Sunday after evening services in the activities center. Snacks will be provided.

If you are **graduating from a college program** or have a child who is, please fill out the information on the desk in the library. We would like the graduate to pick out a book in the library which will later be signed by the congregation.

Graduating seniors, please select your book in the library and leave your name on it. We will honor you on May 22.

You are invited to the graduation and celebration for **Hunter Bennett**. See the bulletin board for details.

Neosho Christian School is having their end of the year program on Thursday in the auditorium at Hillcrest. You are welcome to come to the dress rehearsal at 1:00 or to the program at 6:30.

Do you know anyone with teaching skills that has a heart for children? **Neosho Christian School** is seeking a highly qualified, passionate teacher for Grades 1 and 2 for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested, please see Amanda Flint.

Many of you do not know us, but when you heard about my husband's accident, you started praying. This means so much to us. Thank you for donating money to help us cover expenses. Our daughter, Nora, attends NCS and I know thjat there are so many from your church that have pulled together to help us and to give our girl some comforting love and hugs. Than you for your kindness and may God bless you.

Love, Tom, Cristin, and Nora Gilleland

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Matt Hayes
AM Closing Prayer: Todd Murray
Communion Prayers: Benny Haught
PM Opening Prayer: Jackson Collinsworth
PM Closing Prayer: Jared Hyder

This Wednesday

Announcements: Bryan Reiboldt
Singing: John Deffenbaugh
Invitation: Casey Flint
Opening Prayer: Harold Speir
Closing Prayer: Carl Thomlinson

RECORDS

4-24-22

4-25-21

Bible Study	163	120
AM Worship	204	173
PM Worship	176	121
Wednesday	185	121
Contribution	\$9,026.08	\$9,222.86
Budget	\$8,250.00	\$8,000.00