

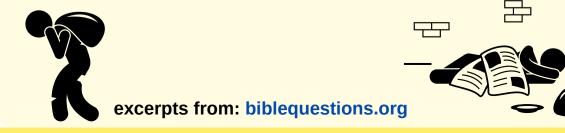


Introduction. Our hearts go out to people truly in need. The scriptures teach, "The righteous considereth the cause of the poor but the wicked regardeth not to know it" (Prov. 29: 7). The "Good Samaritan" had compassion on one in need (Luke 10: 34). "Whoso stopped his ears at the cry of the poor," wrote the wise man, "he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard" (Prov. 21: 13). Moreover, the scriptures plainly teach giving to those in need as means and opportunity are present (Eph. 4: 28; 1 John 3: 17-18).

The scriptures give qualifications for helping others. God has assigned man the responsibility of working and providing for himself and those in his care (Gen. 3: 19; 1 Tim. 5: 8). Paul wrote, "... if any would not work, neither should he eat" (2 Thess. 3: 10). Children and grandchildren are to take care of their needy parents and grandparents (1 Tim. 5: 4-8, 16). The scriptures teach, "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand..." (Prov. 10: 4).

The case of the homeless. The plain truth is that most of the homeless in America today do not meet Biblical requirements for financial assistance. The vast majority are alcoholics and drug addicts. As an article in the Denver Post observed relative to most of the homeless, "Those folks do not want to be sober, get jobs or apartments, get well, or take showers. Actually, they have jobs - panhandling for booze" (Sunday, January 1, 1995, Jann Scott).

Conclusion. In answer to our question, I am reminded of a sign I recently observed. A "homeless" person was soliciting or panhandling using a sign which read: "I ain't lying, I just want a beer." Regardless of the abuse, we must be cautious that we do not neglect one really in need. The Christian is to "visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction..." (Jas. 1: 27).





Reminder: Prayer Requests can be submitted via the "chat" feature on Zoom during the service.

Songleader - Jeremiah Darden Welcome & Announcements Opening Prayer

Song # 957 -This World Is Not My Home

Song # 453 - Love Lifted Me

Lord's Supper Contribution

Kids 4 Kids Bible Hour

Prayer Requests

Song # 324 -Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

> Scripture Reading -Galatians 5:22-26

Sermon by: Darryl Darden

"The Fruit of the Spirit is Kindness and Goodness"

> Song of Invitation: Song # 909 -<u>There's a Fountain Free</u>

Song # 959 -Just a Little Talk with Jesus

Closing Prayer







Please pray for our church leaders; our congregation; the homeless, and the veterans. Also for our country's leaders, our troops; and the future of our country.

Shut-Ins

Barbara Tidwell; Mattie McCarthy; Sandy Wooten; and Shirley Fales.

Continual Prayers

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos; Anthony Hale Jr.; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Chris Lopez; Felicia Ganaway; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford; Ida Crawford; Marie Guess; and Melanie Gammage.

General

Anthony Avalos; Cindy Tutton's children and grandchildren; Jake Baca's lady and her family; Jeremy F.; and the congregation.

Health

Bart Antista; the Bliss' granddaughter, Dakota's friend, Eva; Brandy; Cindy Tutton's son, Tony; Claudia Beck's mother; Coleen White's friend, Slater (4-year-old boy); the Crawford's; Debbie Owens; Flow; Gay Cullison; Gennie Lorenz; James Avalos; Jean Strealy; Kasie Schow; Marilyn Owens; Maty; Pat Rose; Ray Hines; and Rose.

Thanksgiving Claudia Beck and Eva Wityczak.

Traveling Cindy Tutton and Tony & Lynn Rose.

For Their Loss Tom Libang and his family with the loss of his grandmother.

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Song Leading, Singing Jeremiah Darden

Teen Fund

Kids 4 Kids

Mission Fund

Scholarship Fund

Erica Lee - Bookkeeper

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<u>Children's Bible Hour</u> Claudia Beck & Ga' Brielle Darden

> Grief Support Strech Suba

<u>Historian</u> Kasie Schow

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Ladies' Ministry Kim Cimuchowski <u>Military</u> Pauletta Hobson & Leisa Pond

Bulletin Mailouts Marilyn Owens

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<u>Savior's Kids</u> Jake & Danelle Tess

Teacher's Workroom Nina Sutton

Youth Group Mark & Renee Gruwell

N/A

N/A

<u>Staff</u> Bernadett Gramling - Office Manager

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Last Week's Statistics			
<u>Financial</u>			<u>Attendance</u>
Contribution 8/25/24	\$	2,949.02	A.M. Bible Class N/A
Contribution 8/18/24	\$	2,634.86	A.M. Worship
Special Contributions	\$	392.00	In Person 139
Y.T.D. Contribution	\$	25,864.05	Via Zoom 29

Wed. P.M. Bible Class

> Mid Week Bible Studies