

“He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed
in these last times for your sake.”

1 PETER 1:20 NIV



BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

Service of
Worship & Communion

Sunday, 1 December, 2019

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Sunday School 9:30am

Morning Worship - 10:40am | Evening Service - 6:00pm

Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30pm

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Something Has Got to Give



With childlike eagerness, Norville, a husband of ten-plus years watched on as his wife, Sumetra, opened his gift for her on a balmy Christmas morning. When she finally striped away enough of the shoddily wrapped gift to reveal what was on the inside, she nearly dropped it in shock—more so in disappointment and maybe, a touch of anger!

Her husband, seeing her drastically changed visage enquired as to the trouble, “I thought you would be happier dear! You see, back in November—the best month of the year—I happened upon an ad on Facebook announcing Black Friday sales in your favourite store—I think! Anyway, so I rushed over there and got you these—the cheapest set of food gloves at the biggest discount I could find! I saved them for you all this time. By the way, this gift is for both your birthday and for Christmas, since they are close, and it makes sense for us to save money and celebrate the two of them in one go. I wouldn’t have even bothered to get you anything really, but it was on sale and, well, it is Christmas after all so, I guess, had to get you something.”

Pray for Norville.

The many disturbing aspects of his gift—cheap, inappropriate, thoughtless, obligatory—all culminate in one thought that arrests our attention as we consider our giving this Christmas season: **Godly giving costs something.** Something. Think about that.

As opposed to nothing. The mere fact that you are giving implies that that you are giving something. Right? Yet, is it not possible to give something and it be nothing? Yes! Something means nothing when the motivation behind your giving is empty. It is robbed of its meaning because something is missing. That something is love.

The connection between love and giving is unmistakable. *“For God so **loved** the world...that He **gave** His only begotten son”* (Jn. 3:16). The gospel centers on God’s gift of love to and for us: *“But when the fullness of time had come, **God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons”*** (Gal. 4:4-5).

God didn’t just give something—He gave us everything in His Son Jesus Christ. Out of a heart of gratitude for the gospel and the salvation we have received, we too give everything! We give our lives to loving God and loving others. Godly giving costs something. Your time, talent and treasure are valuable but let’s not overlook game-changers like **forgiveness** and encouragement. It means something when you give out of a heart of love. Something has got to give!

Rev. Paul Garnes

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Order of Service

COMMUNION SUNDAY, December 1, 2019, 10:40 a.m.

“... lamb without blemish...” *1 Peter 1:19b*

Opening Song – Berean Choir

Invocation

Scripture Reading – 1 Peter 1: 13–21

Hymn 102 – O Come O Come Emmanuel

Hymn 112 – There’s a Song in the Air

Prayer

Receiving into Fellowship of new members

Notices & Offering

Ministry of Music – Berean Choir

Hymn 93 – The name of Jesus

Sermon – Rev. Paul Garnes

Hymn 103 – Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

Special Music - Sis. Ezra Gilbert

Benediction – Berean Choir



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- Those less fortunate during the Christmas season
- Our sick and shut-in members
- Comfort for those grieving
- The work of the Gideons, CEF, ISCF and The Bible Society
- Our students taking exams
- The Persecuted Church
- The revival of our Youth Dept.
- A Holy Spirit led 2020
- Our Outreach Ministries
- The peace of Jerusalem

12 Days 12 Carols

*Come and discover at 6pm this evening,
why 12 days of Christmas*

Sunday, December 1st at 6pm. Invite your family and friends!

December Birthdays

3rd – Julia Lowe

4th – Joan Aimey

8th – Maria Shepherd

11th – Florence Gibbs

– Chrystolene Harewood

14th – Brigitte James

16th – Eileen Yarde

20th – Maureen Branch

21st – Winston Clarke

– Carol Maycock

24th – Maureen Burnett

– Steve Vaughn

25th – Stephen Peniston

27th – Leandre Brathwaite

27th – Ricardo Licorish

28th – Hermes Nurse

29th – Dolores Codrington

January

3rd – Patricia Welch

5th – Bertram Hoyte

Anniversaries

7th – Bernadette & Clarence Holder

18th – Steve & Shirley Vaughn

22nd – Charmaine & Darwin Brathwaite

31st – Beverley & Jefferson Wason