

Living a Life of Abundance

John 10:9-10

Opening remarks: Suppose I had the ability to guarantee each of you a life that was full of joy and happiness beyond measure. To assure each one of us of peace in our lives that would surpasses all understanding.

John 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. **John 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Note: Here the bible gives us the reason why Jesus came to this earth was so that you and I could have the abundant life and He teaches what we need to know about living the abundant life through his word.

I. Why should we do this?

As Christians, we realize what God has done for us and everyone else on the face of this earth.

II. We should Have a Heart to Thirst and Seek God.

This Scripture points out the fault of an empty soul and how vain it is to put your trust in *the things of the world and carnal pleasures*.

III. We should seek Spiritual Fullness.

When we received the “**Fullness of God's blessings**,” we obtain the following: **1.** His *Wisdom & Understanding*. **2.** Divine Guidance. **Psalms 16:11** Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

IV. Finally, a Christian's life revolves around “growing.”

2Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Closing remarks: The new life we enjoy had its *birth in the death of the old nature*; it is preserved and *flourishes now only by the continuous use of that cross on which the old desires were crucified* and by which they must still be mortified right on to the very last, *when the body itself is put off and earthly temptations cease*.

HOW DOES ONE BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

One does not “**join**” the church. **The Lord adds** to the church those who are being saved (Acts 2:47). To be saved, one must do the will of God (Matt. 7:21-23). The will of God as expressed by the New Testament, for the sinner outside the body of Christ must:

HEAR THE GOSPEL

Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN CHRIST

John 8:24 Hebrews 11:6

REPENT OF THEIR SINS

Acts 17:30 & 26:20

CONFESS FAITH IN CHRIST

Matt. 10:32 Rom. 10:10

BE BAPTIZED FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS

Mark 16:16 Acts 2:38 Acts 22:16

BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

Rev. 2:10

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday
11:00 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY

10:00 A.M.

SPANISH SERVICES

Sunday Worship 2:00 P.M.
Spanish Bible Study
Postponed due to COVID-19
Thursday Bible Study 7:00 P.M.
via ZOOM

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UPDATED MASK PROTOCOL

Governor Newsom's administration has mandated that everyone in California wear a mask in indoor public spaces and workplaces. The order is in effect from December 15, 2021 to February 15, 2022. The church leadership has decided to follow the example set forth by the state.

Please wear a mask while inside the church building. Masks are available to everyone and can be found on the table in the foyer.

Thank-you from the Melrose Elders & Deacons.

PRAY REQUESTS:

DEE STARR remains under Hospice Care. Please continue remembering Dee in your daily prayers.

KATHY MASON SMITH, Lena's sister, is very ill with covid-19 and is having respiratory problems. Kathy worshipped here at Melrose CoC for a while when she was staying with and helping Lena. Please keep Kathy in your prayers.

JAN THOMPSON needs our prayers for her pain to subside. She has good days & not so good days. Sitting for a long period of time is extremely uncomfortable. Please remember Jan in prayer.

The **MELLENDEZ HOUSEHOLD** has overcome in their battle with Covid. Family members are back to school and work. They would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

BECKY PEINADO as she recovers from surgery on her wrist.

SARAH MULLER to continue health progress.

MICHAEL MORENO as he go thru procedures necessary for future heart transplant

ANN SMITH, that her anxiety continues to improve.

SANDY WATTS that injections in her eye will prevent or delay blindness.

BONNIE NORFLEET NEWMAN to keep improving after having a stroke

TERRY NEWMAN as he endures a myriad of health issues.

DEBBIE YENAWINE to find a lasting way to combat her demons.

FREDDY MUNOZ as he has been deployed to South Korea.

BARRAZA Family to fully recuperate from Covid.

SELENA, GENESIS & CATALEYA to remain healthy and seizure free.

Send prayer requests, news & updates to: melcobulletin@yahoo.com

COMING EVENTS

LEROY SMITH will deliver the message this morning: *Living a Life of Abundance*

Order of Morning Service

Opening Announcements
Song # 1
Lord's Supper
Offering
Song #2
Sermon
Song #3 / Invitation
Closing Announcements
Closing Prayer

The upcoming schedule of church gatherings will be as follows until further notice:

Sunday Morning Bible Study - 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sunday Evening Worship - Not Offered

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - Not Offered

BILINGUAL WORSHIP: The message on **JANUARY 30** will be in English and Spanish as we bring our two assemblies together on the fifth Sunday of the month. Immediately following services will be a **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON/POTLUCK**. This event always provides an abundance of *Fantastic Fellowship & Great Food*. There is a sign up sheet on table in foyer to put the item(s) you plan to bring.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2021 TAXES

For tax purposes, if you would like a letter that itemizes your 2021 contributions, please contact Bradley Rhodes at br15421312@yahoo.com. In order for him to provide the letter, he will need your name as it is reported on your tax return, and your full mailing address. If you would like for us to maintain a record of your contributions in future years, please remit your contributions in the form of a check, or place cash inside an envelope with your name on the outside of the envelope.

INDIO CHURCH OF CHRIST will host a "Last Saturday In February" Day Service on Feb. 26. There is also a singing scheduled for Friday, Feb 25. See flyer posted in foyer. There was also copy of flyer emailed along with our church bulletin.

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY with PHIL SANDERS will be shown on KFMB @ 7:00 am on Sunday mornings. This program is a wealth of info, resources and the preaching of Christ & you are encouraged to see for yourself.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Lena Tolbertson	20	Emilia Beccera
14	Debbie Thompson-Whelan	25	Dee Starr