

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

"Oh taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him."
- Psalm 34:8

When you believe that God is good all the time, it frees you to take ever-increasing steps of faith. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds me of God's intent toward me and my family: "For I know the plans I have for you" - [this is] the Lord's declaration - "plans for [your] welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Do you believe that promise? Or do the circumstances of life move you away from faith and gratitude for God's daily provisions?

John Gilbert only lived to age 25. When John was five years old, he was diagnosed with Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy, a genetic, progressive, debilitating disease. It would claim his life twenty years later, but not before subtracting almost everything from him. Every year John Gilbert lost something. In time, he lost the ability to do all the outward things that we take for granted, even the ability to speak.

But there was one moment that stood out. It happened when he was invited to a National Football League fundraising auction. When it began, one particular item caught John's eye: a basketball signed by all the players of the Sacramento Kings. John so desperately wanted that ball that when it came up for bid, he felt his hand raise up in the air. His mother quickly brought it back down, knowing they didn't have the funds to cover any bid.

The bidding on the basketball continued with excitement. It rose to an astounding amount compared to other items at the auction and especially to the real value of the ball. Finally, a man made a bid that no one else could possibly match, and won the prize.

The man walked to the front, claimed the basketball; but instead of going back to his seat, this man walked across the room and gently placed it into the thin, small hands of the boy who would never dribble that ball down a court, never throw it to a teammate, never fire it from the foul line, but would cherish it for as long as he lived.

John Gilbert, while he was still able, wrote these words: "It took me a moment to realize what the man had done. I remember hearing gasps all around the room, then thunderous applause and weeping eyes. To this day I'm amazed!

Have you ever been given a gift that you could have never gotten for yourself? Has anyone ever sacrificed a huge amount for you without getting anything in return? That my friend is the way God showers down His blessings as we walk in faith. Look for the ways God's goodness touches your life. Then live with a grateful heart, praising the Lord for He's a good God who leads us down a good path!

Worship Schedule

Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 am

Medina Community Church exists to help people begin and grow in their relationship with God. Our relaxed, contemporary style provides an enjoyable atmosphere where you can investigate the claims of Christ, deepen your faith and meet some great friends along the way.

May 8 ... MOMS—The VIP's of Our Lives

SERIES: GOD IS ...

May 15 ... God is _____ He brings hope when you are hurting

May 22 ... God is Faithful—We have nothing to worry about

May 29 ... God is Love—When you feel alone or ashamed

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Upcoming Events

- **Men's Study**

The men's Bible study is meeting on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Dave Arron leads this study and they are currently studying the book of I Peter.

- **Student Ministries**

Ontrack (Jr. High) and Student Life (High School) meet on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. We will meet May 15th, May 22nd this month. Also, on the 15th there is a parent's meeting for our mission trip at 5p.m.

- **Kid Blast**

Kid's Blast (elementary k-5) is off until next fall. We are having a *Epic Game Day* on Saturday, May 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Pit Pall, Nerf Battles and Dodge Ball are on the agenda.

- **Vacation Bible School (July 11-15)**

We currently are recruiting our staff for this fun, Jesus centered week of ministry. Please sign up at the display in the foyer. We have an area for every person because there are so many ministry needs. Come and join in and be a blessing to these kids.

- **Operation Homes**

We are currently recruiting individuals for this ministry that has been out of our church for over two years. The ministry is looking at rebooting this summer. Please consider signing up so we see if we have enough volunteers to minister to those in need. We will be on a rotation with 10 churches in our community.

- **Spring Sponge (May 7th)**

On Saturday., May 7th from 8:30 to 11:30 we will be cleaning, weeding, mulching and whatever else we can do to spruce up the church facility. Come by for the morning or for an hour that fits your schedule. We promise to have donuts and coffee for the breaks. This is also a great way to meet new friends in your church as your serve together.

- **Community Meal (May 21st)**

Emily Winans and her team will be serving a meal for our community on Saturday, May 21st from 6 to 7 p.m. We always can use drivers for deliveries at 5 p.m. and others to help with the drive through ministry. Please consider how you could serve in this ministry. For more information or to sign up please call or text Emily Winans @ 204-405-4003.

- **MCC Directory**

Please take a moment to check out the draft copy of the new church directory and update your information if necessary. It will be at the information table in May. Our goal is to make final corrections and have the directory available for distribution in June.