

**Last Week's Offering (5/31):**

Church fund	\$360.45
Missions	44.55
LMC Relief	158.00
Total	\$563.00

# #BLESSED

## God is for You!

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**A Committed  
Community  
Abiding in Christ**

**June 7, 2020**

We will begin gathering together next Sunday. Please listen to this week's sermon on our website and follow the link on the homepage for re-opening details

Pastor Amanda will be bringing the message on  
Beatitude 1- Matthew 5:3

## **Announcements**

### **Prayer Meeting**

Prayer meetings will begin again, on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. next week, through a ZOOM call. If you would like to participate please email Bob Horlacher ([bobhorlacher1@gmail.com](mailto:bobhorlacher1@gmail.com)) and he will send you the link to the meeting.

### **Prayer Requests/ Praises**

Please email or call Ashlea in the church office with any prayer requests or praises you may have while we are not able to meet on Sundays.

## **Congregational Spiritual Practice: Blessing**

Our next Congregational Spiritual Practice is Blessing. In the Old Testament, *barak* is the Hebrew word most often translated "blessing." *Barak* is used 412 times in reference to the act of blessing, so this practice is clearly very important to God.

According to the Bible dictionary, "to bless" means "to endue with power for success, prosperity, fertility, longevity, etc." God is the only *source* of blessing but "blessings are pronounced on children or subordinates by heads of households or others in authority." In other words, God provides the power and is responsible for the results of spoken blessings, but human beings are the channels or instruments of these blessings.

The Hebrew understanding of blessing has been largely lost to us as Christians. Nowadays, we tend to equate blessings with good gifts of God, with a polite phrase to use after someone sneezes, or with prayers at mealtime. Over the next weeks, we at Gingrichs will reclaim together the traditional Judeo-Christian understanding and practice of Blessing.

Every week, you will be hearing a different scriptural blessing spoken to you by clicking on the link provided at the end of each week's email. Click and hear the blessing as often as you like. Be sure to also deliberately pause to not just hear but to actively *receive* this blessing from God.

Because of our High Priest Jesus Christ, we are now a "priesthood of all believers," authorized to speak God's blessings from Scripture to each other. Hopefully, after a week of hearing this blessing spoken to you at least once a day, you will be ready to be the conduit of God's blessing by speaking this same blessing to someone else.

Thanks to Francis Maust for speaking over us this week the following blessing from Numbers 6:23-26:

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*