



THREE GIFTS FOR GOD

by Martin Drummond

It's refreshing when we meet somebody who's not looking to score a payday from us or a moral compromise by us or some contrived comment to massage his or her ego.

Yes, when somebody just wants to nurture or establish a friendship with no ulterior motive, that's a very good thing.

At His core, it seems, that's how God feels toward us.

Yes, He desires that we serve Him, that we honor Him with our values and actions — but only because of how such things represent our attitude and affinity toward Him.

When we think of all He's done for us before we had a clue about His grace toward us, we should be humbled and actually overwhelmed with appreciation.

There's a passage in the Old Testament book of Micah that illustrates the relationship-focused heart of God.

It verifies that God's not a control freak but instead a loving Abba Father who simply wants to know that His children love Him, love others and love doing good things.

This status can't be purchased as an appeasing substitute for intimacy.

Check it out:

"With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?"

"Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

"He has shown all you people what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:6-8)

Listen, this is not a free pass to evade God's call to generous tithes and offerings to support the work of ministry. Jesus told people in His day that believers should be tithing (Matthew 23:23).

What God was emphasizing through the prophet was the more important form of blessing God — a surrendered heart that demonstrates faith in a fruitful manner.

Please, my friend, act justly today. Pour out mercy toward others. And walk with humility as you recall that God is perfect and you're not.

I will pledge to do the same.

I already imagine the corners of God's mouth beginning to form a smile....



**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 6PM**

Join us for this special one-hour service commemorating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. There will be special music, scripture readings, and a communion service.

This is the perfect opportunity to invite your family and friends.






Women of Faith is holding a new and exciting One Day Event featuring Author, Singer and Television Host **Sheila Walsh** along with hilarious Christian Comedian and storyteller **Ken Davis** coming to the James L. Knight Center in Miami on March 17th 2012 from 10am-5pm.

**This is a one day only event that combines biblical insight and in-depth teaching with humor and inspiration.
What if “One Day” could change everything?**

Tickets are \$59 & \$79. The seats are general admission. The \$79 seats are closer to the stage but still not assigned a seat number. Lunch is not included.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Tania Veloz.

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 	5	6	7	8	9  7pm	10
11	12	13	14 Golden Oldies 11am ----- Family Dinner 6:15pm	15	16	17 Confraternidad Nav  deña 5pm
18  BOARD MEETING 5pm	19	20	21  Christmas Caroling 6:30pm	22	23	24  Candlelight Service 6pm
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

5th Jennifer Morton
7th Tyler Bolles
7th Pete Moolah
8th Sandra Gutierrez
14th Wendy Garrido
14th Maria Luisa Perez
15th Walter Rubino
16th Tom & Sharon Fields

18th Flory White
19th Chantal Kinnaird
19th Eyra Molina
21st Katie Moon
21st William & Teresita Terán
27th Francisco Molina
28th Tristin Bolles
28th Nelson & Luisita Garrido



Serving Schedule

DECEMBER 25

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Tom Fields

COMMUNION SERVERS

Eppy Suarez*
David Hiers
Danny Abdo
Jake Mills

DONATION COUNTERS

Marino Polanco
Chris Kinnaird

JANUARY 1

Eppy Suarez

Marc Hargraves*
Gene Kinnaird
Chris Kinnaird
David Hiers

Tom Fields
Steve Chin

**Will lead offering prayer*



Pauta de Servicio

25 DE DIC

ORACION OFRENDA

Jorge Velez

ORACION SANTA CENA

José Casas

LECTURA DE LA PALABRA

Pedro Madera

SIRVIENDO A LA MESA

Alex Gutierrez
Nelson Garrido
Jaime Rivera
Marino Polanco

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Steve Chin

Gregorio Belmont

Ada Rosa

Santiago Leon
Marino Polanco
Nelson Garrido
Reinaldo Alvarez



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