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### Mission of the Month:

#### OPERATION: WE CARE

THE BIBLE HAS A LOT TO SAY ABOUT REMEMBERING THE POOR! In the age of the Patriarchs, Job was described as a perfect and an upright man. Job said: I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist him. (Job 29:12) Moses wrote: There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be open-handed towards your brothers and towards the poor and needy in your land. (Deut. 15:11) Jesus said: The spirit of the LORD is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. (Luke 4:18) Those who have helped the poor will be rewarded on Judgment day. Then the righteous will answer him, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and

clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The king will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. (Matt 25:37-40) GOD GAVE MANNA FOR A REASON! He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mount of the LORD.(Deut 8:3) Note There was a spiritual dimension to physical food. Giving physical food to hungry people provides only temporary relief. Those who give themselves to Christ receive eternal benefit Jesus said: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (John 4:13-14)

#### Shut-Ins

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Tracy Desgrange



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### Remember our Service Personnel

David Anderson  
Karly Hershey  
Mathew Jennings

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

*January 19th* following  
Morning Worship

### LOOKING AHEAD

The church board has reviewed key areas for personal spiritual growth:

- Learning "elementary" teachings (Christ, repentance, faith,

baptism, Christ's return and heaven)

- Faith
- Goodness
- Knowledge
- Self-Control
- Perseverance
- Godliness
- Brotherly Kindness
- Love

As a congregation we are growing in these and it is helping us to be more productive and better prepared for Jesus' return.

Given our society and issues that it struggles with, we will be focusing on: Self-Control and Perseverance this coming year.

We will again be reading through all of God's Word. This daily discipline will require both: Self-Control & Perseverance; while helping us to grow in our Faith and knowledge.

Bible School Classes in 2025 will focus on reading from the NEW Testament from the previous week. We will start by taking any comments or questions that people might have from ANY of the reading; and will then move on to the lesson for the day.

Sermons will be pulled from the previous weeks reading, with an emphasis on what we learn about; or how we can develop: SELF-CONTROL and/or PERSEVERANCE.

Midweek study Guides will be made available that will focus on the Old Testament. These will help you better understand this "less familiar" portion of God's Word and see it's importance to your understanding of who God is and how we are to live.

