

# NEWSLETTER

Leading you into a *growing* relationship with Jesus Christ

## This Month

### Dec 28–Jan 4 Sunday Services

9:30am and 5:30pm

### Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service

4:30PM @ the Temple

### Jan 11 New Year Kick-Off Services

9:30 AM & 5:30 PM

### Jan 11 Small Group & Volunteer

Kick-Off Meeting 2:30-4:30 PM

### Jan 17 Day on Hope

Go to our website under Calendar  
for a complete 4-month calendar

## Prayer Requests

**Victoria Hart** Cancer treatment is not making a difference.

**Chloe Adams** Pray she has a successful open heart surgery.

**Charles Santagati** Pray for a miracle healing of throat and lungs.

**Rolando, Serenity, Ariana and Samuel** Pray that these foster children find a loving home.

**Churches in Middle East** Church members in Sudan are missing.

**Churches in Africa** Ebola outbreak and threats from terrorists.

### Churches in Ukraine

### Members who are unemployed

### World Leaders - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

"...that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness & holiness."



## Amazing

At some point in your faith journey, you will settle into a bargaining posture with God. *"God, if you will . . . , I promise I will . . . ."* We all do it. That's just part of religion—every religion. In fact, it's so much a part of human nature that even some atheists and agnostics do it when they find themselves in desperate circumstances. But is that really how God wants us to relate to him? The problem with a bargaining posture is we never keep up our end of the bargain, do we?



Did you miss last week's message? We got you covered. Just subscribe to our podcast, Lighthouse Church of Christ, and you can listen to any message from a past sermon series.



## Serving Opportunities

Tis the season to be generous and that is why we have the following opportunities to get involved:

1. **Pomona Cold Winter Shelter**  
Sign up to serve the homeless on any Thursday from either 5-7pm or 7-9pm.
2. **Toy Drive until December 21**  
Unwrapped toys and gift cards for children ages 4-14.
3. **Drivers Needed**  
Help is needed bringing foster youth to church. If you're willing, call Will Neel (909) 305-0124

## Contact Us

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## Discussion Questions

1. Talk about a time when someone let you off the hook or forgave a debt. How did it make you feel?
2. What do you believe God wants from you?
3. **Read Ephesians 2:1-8.** Do you see yourself as a person who needs God's grace? Why or why not?
4. In the message, Mike said, "God doesn't want something from you. He wants something for you." Respond to that statement. If it's true, how would it change the way you view God and your relationship with him?
5. Most people respond to the idea of unconditional grace with, "But what about . . . ?" What's your "But what about . . . ?"
6. What is one thing you can do this week to shift from a bargaining posture to a posture of gratitude for what God has done for you? What can this group do to help you?

### Moving Forward

The good news is we don't have to bargain with God. Christians believe that God made the first move. Christians believe that God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son. When you receive that gift by faith, the bargaining ends and the relationship begins. Obedience to God is a voluntary response of gratitude for what he's given you.

### Changing Your Mind

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**John 3:16**

## Lighthouse Giving Recap

Average Weekly Attendance (Including the Latin Ministry) = 742

| Month    | Actual    | Budget    | Difference |
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| November | \$ 18,975 | \$ 19,100 | (\$ -125)  |

### Online Giving

Ask about online giving! We can help you set up reoccurring payments online, so that you wont ever have to worry about forgetting your checkbook.