

## **The Greatest Gift**

**Christmas is the time we celebrate God giving us the greatest gift ever, His son Jesus!** The most famous verse in all the Bible is John 3:16 which says, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” God loves us so much that He gave the greatest thing possible, His Son. He gave not because we deserved it, earn it but simply because He loved us. Through that gift, the birth and ultimately the death of His son for our sins means we have eternal life. There will never be any greater gift.

**The Bible records that at the birth of Jesus the wise men gave him gifts.** We have a tradition of giving gifts at Christmas time. In fact, this year it is estimated that Americans will spend over \$800 on Christmas. Sadly, the commercialization of Christmas has caused many to miss the point of this wonderful holiday, focusing upon God’s gift to us. Our prayer for you is that in the midst of opening packages you will remember the real reason for this season and that is the birth of Christ, God’s gift to us.

**Speaking of giving this morning you have another opportunity to show your love with a generous gift to OUR CHURCH.** Our mission here, INSERT YOUR MISSION STATEMENT. Every time you give here you help us achieve that mission. As a result of your generosity we were able this year to share the love of Christ with hundreds in our community. Your gifts literally impact God’s work around the globe! So thank you for all your give!

**God gave us the greatest gift ever so let’s honor Him today with a generous gift!**