# Sunday Sermon: Chris Swinford "Blessed in Hard Times" Matthew 5:1-12

#### Notice WHEN we are blessed

1.When we are in Spirit.
2.When we are
3.When we are
4. When we are hungering and thirsting for
5.When we are showing
6.When we are purifying our
7.When we are
8.When we are .

### Matthew 5:1-12, ESV

- 1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- ${\bf 3}$  "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

#### Record for December 1, 2024

Sunday Morning Bible Classes 133
Morning Worship 344
Contribution \$18, 667.12
Budget \$16, 450.00
Wednesday Evening 12/4 134

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#### **Elder In Charge for the week of:**

Dec 8 - Ron Fox / Dec 15 - Lawrence Robinson

#### **Schedule of Services**

Sunday Morning Bible Classes	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Meal	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Classes	6:30 p.m.

Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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#### https://www.youtube.com/@FaithVillageChurch/streams

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## FAITHVILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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#1018 Joy to the World

Welcome

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O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

**Prayer** 

When We Meet in Sweet Communion

**Lord's Supper** 

Still

Contribution

#742 When Upon Life's Billows

Sermon: "Blessed in Hard Times"

#671 Purer in Heart, O God

**Shepherd's Prayer** 

**#1028 O Holy Night!** 

Good

If this is your first time with us, welcome! Morning! Thank you for being our guest today. We're glad you're here.



Tipton Children's Home Christmas gifts are due THIS Wednesday, December 11th. You may place them on the table in the foyer.

#### December

- -Nursery (birth 24 months): Attendants are available during the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes/service.
- -Children (pre-k -5th grade) will be dismissed to attend a Bible lesson in the Red Room of the Children's Hallway when announced.

### **Sunday morning Adult Bible Classes:**

- -Auditorium Adults: Minor Prophets -Ron Fox
- -FC1 Young Adults: Topic One Another Steve Miller & Zachary Waugh
- **-FC3 Adults**: *Luke* Jerry Phelps **Sunday Evening Worship/Activities**

### Today: -Fellowship Families

- **-Communion** will be offered at 6 pm at the building for those
  - who could not participate this morning.
- -Dec 15: 5 pm Worship / The Tipton Children's home will be here for gifts/pizza immediately following services.
- -Dec 22: 6 pm worship
- -Dec 29: 9 am Bible class, 10 am worship. (No evening activities)
- **-LTC: No meeting today.** *Next* meeting will be *Dec 15th* at 4 pm.

### Tuesday

-Men's Bible Study: 6:30 pm, every Tuesday, in the FC.

### Wednesday

- -Ladies Bible Class: 10 am, in the Family Center (11th). Classes will be dismissed after Dec. 18th and will resume in Jan.
- -5:30 Meal: in the Family Center Chic-fil-A
- -Wednesday Evening Adult Class: 6:30 pm
- **-FC3 Women's Class**: Topic *Scriptures That Impact Our Lives* Various Speakers
- -FC2 Men's Discussion: A Christian's "Clothing" Colossians 3:12-15 -Rock Marker & Jerry Phelps
- -210 Adult Teachers: Teacher Training Chris Swinford

### The Village Youth (FVYM) Upcoming Events (7th-12th grade)

- -Festival of Light Youth Rally: 3pm, Tonight in Chickasha, OK. We will leave the YC at 3pm and will return around 9:30pm.
- -Monday Bible Study: 7 pm, Dec 9th, in the YC. Snacks will be provided!
- -Hangout & Dinner: 4 5:30 pm, Wednesday, Dec 11th. Dinner (Chickfil-A) will be served at 5:30 pm in the FC for \$4 a person!

Girls' Night Before Christmas: Begins at 6 pm, Friday, Dec 13th and ends 9 am, Saturday, Dec 14th. Bring an air mattress or cot, bedding, and toiletries. Dinner and breakfast will be provided.

- -Youth Group Christmas Party: 5-7:30 pm, Wednesday, Dec 18 th. Bring a \$10-\$15 gift for White Elephant. Dinner will be provided.
- -End of the Year Bash: 8 pm until midnight, Tuesday, Dec 31st, in the YC.

#### Reminder: Fellowship Family Groups meet TODAY!

Check with your group leaders for time and location.

If you have not been able to take part in a Fellowship Family Group, please contact one of the group leaders below.

#### **Fellowship Family Group Leaders**

- -Chuck Dennis (940) 781-7264
- -Wayne Fowler (940) 733-7136
- -Kerry Graham (940) 704-2042
- -Ken Keiser (940) 923-2117
- -Steve Miller (920) 602-0565
- -Larry Scott (940) 631-4181
- -Stefan Scott (940) 631-6960



Please bring your favorite finger foods!

You're invited to Stuff the stockings in the Youth Center 4 pm, Thursday, Dec 12!

Many volunteers are needed on both davs to make this outreach successful.

FV Annual Stocking Giveaway Saturday 10 a.m. Dec 14









Please remember to pray for Michele Hutson and to tie a knot in the **ribbons** attached to her quilt. The quilt is hung beside the *Team Sew* door across from the elevator. Also stop by the **Prayer Room** to the right and write out a prayer, scripture, or word of encouragement for her to keep using the note card provided and place in the box.



### **Celebrating the Fall Graduating Class of 2024**

If you are graduating from college this fall semester, congratulations! Faith Village would love to celebrate your success!

Please email the following info to: mhaws@faithvillagechurch.org by this Wednesday, December 11:

your name

date of graduation

your major / degree

- mailing address
- the name of your college and location

### Information as of cutoff time: 12:00 pm, Thursday

Please remember the following in your prayers and deeds:

### **Health Care Facilities for Illness or Recovery**

- -Mike Priddy: Senior Care Health and Rehab (No visitors please.) If you would like to send a card of encouragement: 3814 Stonegate, WF, TX 76310
- **Under Hospice Care**
- -Michelle Hutson: Hospice Plus WF (at-home care)
- -Mary Nabors: Brookdale Sikes Lake, 1115
- -Wynetta Weston: University Park (hospice care): 37A

**Remember those who are:** Sick or ill, shut-in, grieving, missionaries, first responders, in the military, homeless, unemployed, emotionally vulnerable, spiritually in need.

### Prayer Request

-Carolyn McDonald: Back pain

### Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Larry Gregg, former member of Faith Village, who passed away Sunday, December 1. He lived in Amarillo and a private service for the family will be held there.