Take Responsibility for Your Life
Matthew 25:14-30

In this story a talent is a measure of money. Jesus took something cultural for these first century people and used it to teach a lesson about how God views unevenness in life. Here is a man who left all of his wealth to three of his servants. One servant received five talents, which a talent of gold was worth about 20 years of work for the average laborer. A second servant received two talents of gold and the final servant received one talent of gold, each according to their ability. Then the master left on his journey. Well, that’s not fair, is it? Well, the five talent man put his money to work and gained five more talents. He did this because he knew that his master was expecting this of him. He had been given the money to manage. The two talent man also gained two more talents. However, the one talent man dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

The master returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.” The man with two bags of gold also came. “Master,” he said, “you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.” His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.” Now, wouldn’t this seem unfair to the first servant? “Wait a minute! I had five and made it ten, and you’re going to put me in charge of man. He went from two to four and you’re going to put him in charge of many, too? That’s not even!” Well, the third servant tells the master that he buried the money, but he blames the master. “Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” Well, the master didn’t take it very well. “You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. His talent was taken from him and given to the servant with the ten talents. He had an incredible opportunity and he blew it, blamed it on his boss, and winds up in a place of darkness, weeping, and gnashing of teeth.

Jesus' point is this – everybody gets an uneven amount of opportunity, and everybody gets held accountable for what they do with it. Everybody has the privilege, everybody has the responsibility, to somehow, someday give an account for what they did with their uneven amount of opportunity. And this uneven amount of opportunity isn’t even ours; it's on loan to us. Our responsibility is to figure out how to leverage it to its maximum.
**DECEMBER 2019 - SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS**

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**Assistants**
Lawson Lyons - Thomas Gordon
Evan Price - Hank Porter
Jennifer Coffman
Rachelle Brown - Dan Igleheart
Jay Risse - Richard Rowe

**Ushers**
Kevin Hardy - Aaron Pryor
Zach Gholson - Robert Sikes
*Tim Lyons

**Daily Bible**
Sunday Evening Bible Study

**Van Drivers**
Sun. a.m. - Victor Ward-270-929-0544
Sun. p.m. - Chris Helton-270-613-0055
Wed. p.m. - Victor Ward-270-929-0544

**Greeters & Monthly Duties**
Sunday a.m. - p.m.
Wednesday p.m.
December
Charles & Jo Gholson

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**Birthdays**

01 Cailtin Brown
01 Bradley Gholson
01 Beth Taylor
07 Glenda Worthington
09 Stanley Wilson
10 Katrina Kelly
12 Jessica Bramshreiber
13 John Blake
14 Angela Brooks-Green
15 Emery Swope
18 Kellan McEntire
19 Aaron Pryor
20 Chuck Chamberlain
21 Paula Lyons
22 Martha Dever
22 Kelsey Sikes
23 Holly Whittaker
23 Cheryl Wimp
25 Joyce Chapman
27 Jim Cook
29 Brooke Dailey

**Anniversaries**

08 Mike & Sharon Jones
11 Hank & Emily Porter
30 Kris & Stacey Kropp
31 Stanley & Judy Wilson

**Weekly Statistics for December 1, 2019**
Attendance - 194
Contribution - $4148
Contribution Needed - $5226

**Jail/Prison Ministry**
Ed Woosnam
Ike Worthington

**Staff**
Jennifer Coffman
Selisa Davis
Misty Peay
Linda Ward

**Preschool**
Ed Woosnam
Ike Worthington

**Elders**
Scott Davis
Charles Gholson
Leo Gholson
Don Givens
Larry McDaniel

**Deacons**
Zach Gholson
Thomas Gordon
Kevin Hardy
Chris Helton
Tim Lyons
James Morgan
Jason Pfeil
Robert Sikes
Roger Whittaker
Ed Woosnam
Ike Worthington

Sermon Podcast
Anyone who has a smart phone can listen to the Sunday morning sermons. Just search for our church’s name in the Podcast’s app to find it.

To receive the Bulletin weekly by email register at www.owensborochurchofchrist.com/newsflash
Hospital:
Susan Wilson-St. Petersburg, FL hospital-Don Givens’ sister

Upcoming Surgeries:
Janice Sutherland-surgery 12/06
Paula Wilson-surgery 12/12

Prayer List:
Kaylynn Harley & Kaila Gabbert-Mike
& Sharon Jones’ granddaughters
Melissa Swope
Gail Bartlett
Charles Huffman
Megan Morton
John Jones-Mike Jones’ brother
Donnieta White
Doug Behl-Shellene Gibson, Natalie
Montrastelle, & Craig Behl’s brother
Keri Geary-Pat Ashby
Cook family at the loss of their mother-
Pat Ashby
Cindy Hoheimer-Bob Sikes’ sister-in-law
Donna Risley
Jessie Bramschreiber
Larry Smith-Savannah Pryor’s dad
Kris Kropp
Paula Johnson Nelsen, Vicki Johnson
Fitch & Earl Johnson-uncle and cousins of Sherri Risse & Cary Price
Pat Ashby’s family

Sympathy for the Family of:
Sandra Kay Russelburg, Glenn (Dottie) Russelburg’s nephew’s wife.
Sandra passed away on December 1, at her home. A funeral Mass December 5, at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Whitesville.
Cecil Funeral Home in Whitesville was in charge of the arrangements.
The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to the Mary Kendall Home.

Linda Stovall, Anna Bell Igleheart’s friend. Passed away on November 30. The funeral service was held on December 4 at Glenn Funeral Home. Linda would want donations to be sent to the Owensboro Humane Society “No Kill Shelter” or charity of your choice.

Hospice of Western Kentucky
We are collecting plastic tops for Hospice. Please place them in the box located in the kitchen.

Help Office of Owensboro, Inc.
Our Help Office Needs Help
Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Help Office of Owensboro. Volunteers provide such services as putting together food orders according to family needs, interviewing and counseling clients to determine ways the office can help, assist in the clothing closet, answer the phone and prepare files. Some volunteers work directly with clients while others prefer to work behind the scenes.
The following items are needed:
Shampoo, Soap, & Toothpaste
Please place items in the “tub” located in the foyer of the auditorium.

Brother, Can You Spare a Dime
The men’s ministry is raising money to sponsor a bed in a homeless shelter. We are asking you to donate your pocket change to “Brother, Can You Spare a Dime.” A collection bucket has been placed in the back of the auditorium. Your generosity is appreciated. For more information, contact Ed Woosnam.

Eyeglasses Collection Program
Dottie Russelburg would like to collect eyeglasses and cases to donate to the Owensboro Lions Club. They collect and prepare used eyeglasses for recycling. A team of volunteers inspects, cleans, sorts by prescription and packages several thousand pairs of usable eyeglasses each year. Most of the recycled glasses are then distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact by allowing people to have quality vision for the first time in their lives. Your used eyeglasses can be dropped off in the foyer.

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Notes Received
We recently received notes from Tom & Millie Hines (family of Denise Ward), Angela Green, Scott, Callie (Davis), & Del Cameron, Vic & Linda Ward & the family of Denise Ward, Gayle Morgan, and Evelyn Raines. These notes are posted on the bulletin board across from the office.

Christmas Drive 2019
This year we will again be sponsoring local children in need for Christmas. Donations will be taken up until Sunday, December 8.
You can give your donations to Ryan Leachman. Cash or check is acceptable. Please make checks payable to the church. Thank you for your generosity!
Youth Activities

Connect Group Sign Up Sheet 2020
Connect is for anyone that would like to host the youth group in their home for food and fellowship following one Sunday evening service each month! Connect is a chance for the youth group to connect closer with each other as well as members of the congregation. The hosts will take care of feeding the youth group & each student is asked to bring $2 to help offset the cost of the food.

Sign up at the bulletin board if you would like to be a host!!!

If you have questions see or call Ryan (270)314-2011 ryan@owensborochurchofchrist.

Teens Christmas Party
All Teens are invited to the home of Tim & Misty Peay (3630 State Highway 140 East) on Sunday, December 8 following the evening service. There will be an ugly Christmas sweater competition (the uglier the better-prizes will be awarded) & a gag gift exchange. For the gift exchange, find something funny, silly, or weird from around your house, wrap it up, put who it’s from on the outside, & bring it to the party for the gift exchange! Make sure it’s a really BAD gift, because you’re going to get a really bad one too! Cost is $2 for dinner.

Winterfest
February 14-16 weekend conference for teens in Gatlinburg, TN. Cost is $70 per person ($50 for additional students in the same family), which covers your registration fee and two nights in a hotel. Please arrive at the teen house at 7:30am on Friday, February 14. We will arrive back at the building around 5pm Sunday afternoon. Bring money for 5 meals. Deadline to sign-up at the bulletin board is Sunday, January 5.

Congregational Activities

Boulware Mission
We serve the evening meal on Monday, December 9 from 4:45-6pm.

Ladies’ Christmas Party
All ladies are invited to the home of Susan Wallace (5543 Woodcrest Lane) on Tuesday, December 10 at 6pm. Please bring a $15 gift for the gift exchange and a favorite holiday dish to share for the meal. Please sign up at the ladies’ bulletin board if you plan to attend. Hope you’ll join us for some fun and fellowship.

Elder’s Meeting
The meeting will begin at 7:30am on Sunday, December 15 at the church building. Scott Davis is the chairman.

Special Contribution
We will be taking up a special contribution on Sunday, December 15. Please pray and consider what amount you can give on this Sunday.

Christmas Luncheon
We will have a Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 15 following morning worship in the MPR. The menu is smoked ham, potatoes, green beans, rolls & dessert. The cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children. Families of 5 or more will pay $12. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Wednesday Evening Classes
There will not be any Wednesday evening classes or service on December 25.

Dorcas Project
We will meet at 9:30am on Saturday, January 11 at the building. The Dorcas group will not

Budget with Santa
Breakfast will begin at 8:30am on Saturday, December 14 in the MPR. Santa will arrive at 9am. This event is for adults & children of all ages who would like to attend. Each child will have a chance to take pictures on Santa’s lap, tell him what they’d like for Christmas! All kids can wear their pajamas to the breakfast! The cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children. Families of 5 or more will pay $12. Friends are welcome! Contact JoCarol Bunch or Jordan Gholson if you have any questions. Sign up at the bulletin board if you plan to attend.