DID JEWS UNDER THE OLD TESTAMENT TITHE?

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2nd Corinthians 9:7).

There are many religious leaders who insist that Christians tithe. But that was part of the Law of Moses. Are we sure we want to go by what was expected of the good Jew?

Actually, the Jews were required to give more than a tenth. (1) Deuteronomy 26:12 said the Jews had to give an extra tithe every three years for their welfare program. So, if someone tithed $900 a year, s/he would have to tithe an average of $300 more per year for the welfare program, equaling $1,200 year. If the yearly income was $9000, this would take it up to 13.3% a year. (2) Also, according to Leviticus 27, they had to pay for their vows, which in many cases were really special prayer requests. (3) They also had to buy animals for sacrifices for intentional sins, unintentional sins and sins requiring restitution. (4) If they wanted to thank God for anything, they had to buy grain for a sacrifice (Leviticus 1-5). If they didn't have to buy the animals or grain, they had to take them out of their own supply, thus depleting their own "pay check." (5) And every time one of their flocks or herds had a first-born, they had to sacrifice it ~ another depleting of the "pay check."

So the good Jew under the Law of Moses did not just tithe. He ended up giving about one third of his income. Galatians 5:3 says that, if we keep one part of the Law, we have to keep all of it. There were over 600 burdensome commandments in the Law of Moses!

In today's scripture, Christians are being released from this burden. Instead, they are being told to decide in their own heart. Christians are released from serving and giving through obligation, and set free to serve and give through love.
Welcome to all our visitors Today!

We hope & pray you’ll be blessed by your time with us & will join us again soon

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Our weekly blog and a brief history of our congregation is here: CasaGrandeChurchOfChristblogs.wordpress.com

Our Prayer List:

Remember those in Houston, Especially, Jeanne Martin’s nephew David Cunningham and Allen & Brenda Farrow’s daughter Asia

Keep the following in prayer this week as you “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17): Nora McNeil, Matthew Odom, Heather Ries, Hunter Shirley, Rene Turner, Ruth West, Everett Martin, Anna Mae Hardin, Guy Turpin, Jennette Ivory, Eric Aragon, the Najera family, Bill Hall, Oran & Reta Wallace, Ann Holder. Also Our New Christians, those travelling and especially those with spiritual struggles.

Our Missionaries: Jack Farber “Panama Jack” in Central America, Aaron Knotts in New Zealand, Les Bagley as he holds a Gospel Meeting in New Zealand this week.

Previously Announced Family & Friends: Robin & Marc Estabrook (Julie Evan’s sister & nephew), John Pew (friend of Mike Evans, cancer), David Reffner (Flora Doster’s grandson with MS), Art Stoneking (friend of Carl Catozzi, cancer), Tanner Parks (grandson of Julie Evan’s friend recovering from a stroke), Leslie Hill (John’s mother, cancer), Jeremiah Haller (Flora Doster’s grandson), Annette (Cindy Turpin’s sister), Cole Myers (grandson of friend of Myers), Sheila Simpson, Lillian Wilhite & Danny Wilhite (relatives of Lynn Shirley), Teresa Acosta, Rosemary Glasier (Crystal Mora-Landroth’s mother), John Hoover’s relatives with personal difficulties, Shelly Cooper (friend of Carl Catozzi), William (son-in-law of Julie Evan’s friend recovering from stroke), Justin Gall (friend of Michalyn in rehab from an auto accident), Lucas Espinoza (Brian Campbell’s friend), Sharon Laurita (Barbara Grubbs friend, cancer), Kaesha Rafferfer (Gene Pinkston’s cousin, cancer), Randy Landreth’s dad (cancer), Nathan Overholt (cancer via Cleo Wise), Chuck Keels (friend of Grubbs with cancer), Terri Fillipski (cancer, Julie Evans’ cousin).

Special Requests: WBS & WEI Bible study students; Kevin & Nancy Chambers & World Christian Broadcasting; Judy Hagner, son Preston, daughter Angela & son James. Brandi Schroeder (Flora Doster’s granddaughter with MS); Dallas Purcella’s mother; Paulina’s father (Arnold); Julie’s father; Laurel’s father.

Our Military Personnel: Nate Panka (Cleo Wise’s grandson); Javier Najera; Fernando Najera, Frank Torres (Javier’s brother & cousin); Eric Shirley; Trevor Farrow (Allen’s son); Scott Hoover (John’s son); Ariel Gomez; Paul Sipes & April Belovedstone (Sue Wolfe’s son & daughter); Robert Strickland (Cleo Wise’s grand-nephew); Ismael Lopez; Robinson Goldman (Cindy Turpin’s son-in-law) Nathan Bagley.


Birthdays
5th – Juanita Davis
7th – Adele Fink
8th – Judy Hagner, Aleesha Smith
11th – Kimberlee Myers, LaVerne Jackson

Anniversaries
4th – Ed & Alma Baum, Richard & Jenny Reid
5th – Lee & Maurine Hubbard
THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 3:00 PM
GOING-AWAY PARTY FOR DESTANIE
SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET IN THE FOYER TODAY.

PRAYER WORKS! 15 years ago Everette Martin was diagnosed with cancer. After treatment his doctors told him he is still clean and it won’t come back after that length of time. AMEN!

Everyone, come home! Come home to the church your parents and grandparents and great grandparents worshiped with. After 100 years, we have held on to their legacy. I think they would be proud of us. Don’t you?

Tentative Schedule of our Birthday Party

SATURDAY
BREAKFAST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
VISIT CEMETERY
   Place flowers on the graves of our earliest members
Have a short memorial service led by a former preacher
LUNCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
WORSHIP SERVICE AT OUR OLD DRY LAKE BUILDING
   Former preacher and song leader
   DINNER ON YOUR OWN

SUNDAY
REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE
Former preacher and song leader
Recognition of descendants of earliest members
   with certificate & gift of our history book
LUNCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
Sharing memories time remainder of afternoon
Privileged to Serve
Sunday Morning, September 3

Sunday Bible Study: Greg Huffman
Announcements: Bill Hall
Song Leader: Tom Haney
Prayer: Al Bailey
Serve Communion: Brian Campbell, John Hoover, Curt Odom, Frank Campbell, Max Compton
Sermon: Kim Myers
Closing Prayer: Mike Evans
Count Contribution: Jerry Odom, Tom Haney

Sunday Evening, September 3

Song Leader: George Mora
Prayer: Jim Holder
Sermon: Al Bailey
Serve Communion: Curt Odom
Closing Prayer: Jerry Odom

Wednesday Evening September 6

Song Leader: Mike Evans
Prayer: Dave Davis
Devo: Mike Evans
Closing Prayer: Jerry Odom

✓ Checkup ✓
How are we doing?
Attendance Last Week

Sunday Morning Bible Class 61
Sunday Morning Worship 100
Sunday Evening Worship 59
Wednesday Evening 41
Giving 2017 7
Weekly Budget $3,020.00
Contribution Last Week $2,154.85

Up Coming Events

Men's Business Meeting: TODAY after evening worship.

Potluck: October 16: Group #2, Jackie Odom’s Group, set up and clean up