

Tithes and Offerings



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Place in the blue offering bins in the lobby.



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tablelifechurch.org/giving

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give

or text GIVE
to 717-420-1600



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Order of Worship
November 9, 2025
Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome
Worship in Song
Call to Worship
Worship in Song
Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Puzzled: Making Sense of God in the Old
Testament
Sermon: "Part II. The Divine Missionary"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

*Words to music, responsive readings and
The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen*

FREE Breakfast with Santa

Join us for Crafts, Breakfast & Photos with Santa

December 6 617 16th Street
8:30-10:30 am New Cumberland

Register at tablelifechurch.org/breakfast-with-santa

The poster features a red background with a cartoon Santa Claus holding two black coffee cups. A green Christmas tree with yellow lights is on the left. The TableLife Church logo is in the bottom right corner.

Deck the Halls & Hang the Greens

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23

5:00 PM

COME HELP US DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR THE ADVENT SEASON, INSIDE AND OUT! COOKIES AND COCOA PROVIDED.

The poster has a white background with green pine branches at the top and bottom. The TableLife Church logo is in the bottom right corner.

CHURCH BOARD & DELEGATE ELECTIONS

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
BEFORE & AFTER WORSHIP**

All active church members age 15 and older
are eligible to vote!

Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:



1. In what way is God like a missionary? What does it mean for God to accommodate or stoop to the level of those he is trying to reach?
2. Why did God not just announce in clear way from day one who he is and what he values? How does the inability to hear God's truth about God's ways hinder one's ability to understand that truth?
3. How does the condition of your heart impact how you see others? Situations? How has the condition of your heart been reflected in your view of God whether in the past or present?
4. Has there ever been a time in your life that you had to figuratively "stoop" or accommodate for the sake of a friendship or relationship with someone? Have you ever been afraid of being seen with a certain group of people because others (esp religious people) might assume about you?
5. What are some examples, other than violence, of God accommodating and stooping to the level of what the people of Israel could handle?
6. What motivates God to stoop in these ways? How does this teaching impact your view of God and God's love for us?
7. Why is it critical to keep Jesus at the center as we interpret passages in the Old Testament?
8. What additional questions do you have about this teaching?

NEW HERE? NEED PRAYER?

TABLELIFE CHURCH
Connection Card

☐ I'm new here ☐ I'm a returning guest
☐ I have new contact information

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

How did you hear about us?
☐ Friend said ☐ Online
☐ Social Media ☐ Invited by _____
☐ Other _____

I would like to know more about or help with:
☐ What it means to follow Jesus
☐ Connecting to a group
☐ Serving
☐ Kids & Youth Ministry
Prayer Request _____

Please fill out a
connection card located
in the seats in front of
you. Or you can fill one
out online.



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call

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Puzzled

Part II. The Divine Missionary Pastor Kris Beckert

How do we make sense of God tolerating or promoting ungodly things in the Old Testament?

Psalm 50:16-21 But to the wicked person, God says: "What right have you to recite my laws or take my covenant on your lips? ¹⁷ You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you. ¹⁸ When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers. ¹⁹ You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit. ²⁰ You sit and testify against your brother and slander your own mother's son. ²¹ When you did these things and I kept silent, you thought I was exactly like you.

I. Looking at God as a divine missionary

- What a missionary does: _____
- It takes time to build _____
- It may look like the missionary _____ certain practices for a time
- Only looking back can you see the great _____ a missionary had for the people by holding back correction

II. God's highest goal is _____

John 3:16-17 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

- God is willing to _____ down to us and _____ our behavior for a time before moving us to truth
- He sends _____ to show us his absolute character and values

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

- This view was widespread in the early Church (examples: early Church Fathers Origen 180 AD, Novation de Trinitate 200-258 AD)
- It wasn't until the 4-5th centuries that people embraced Old Testament behavior to justify their own actions

III. What is in our _____ is reflected in how we view _____

2 Samuel 22:26-27 "To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, ²⁷ to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd.

- People didn't see Jesus as who he was because they were expecting a different (and violent) messiah
- In John 5 Jesus says some people cannot see him as fulfillment of scripture because _____ is not in their hearts

IV. A Pattern of God's _____ in the Bible

1. Violent portraits of God -- _____
2. Marriage—_____
3. Kingship-- _____

1 Samuel 8:19-22 But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. ²⁰ Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles." ²¹ When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the Lord. ²² The Lord answered, "Listen to them and give them a king."

4. The Law-- _____

Romans 3:20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

5. Slavery-- _____

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Big Idea:
