



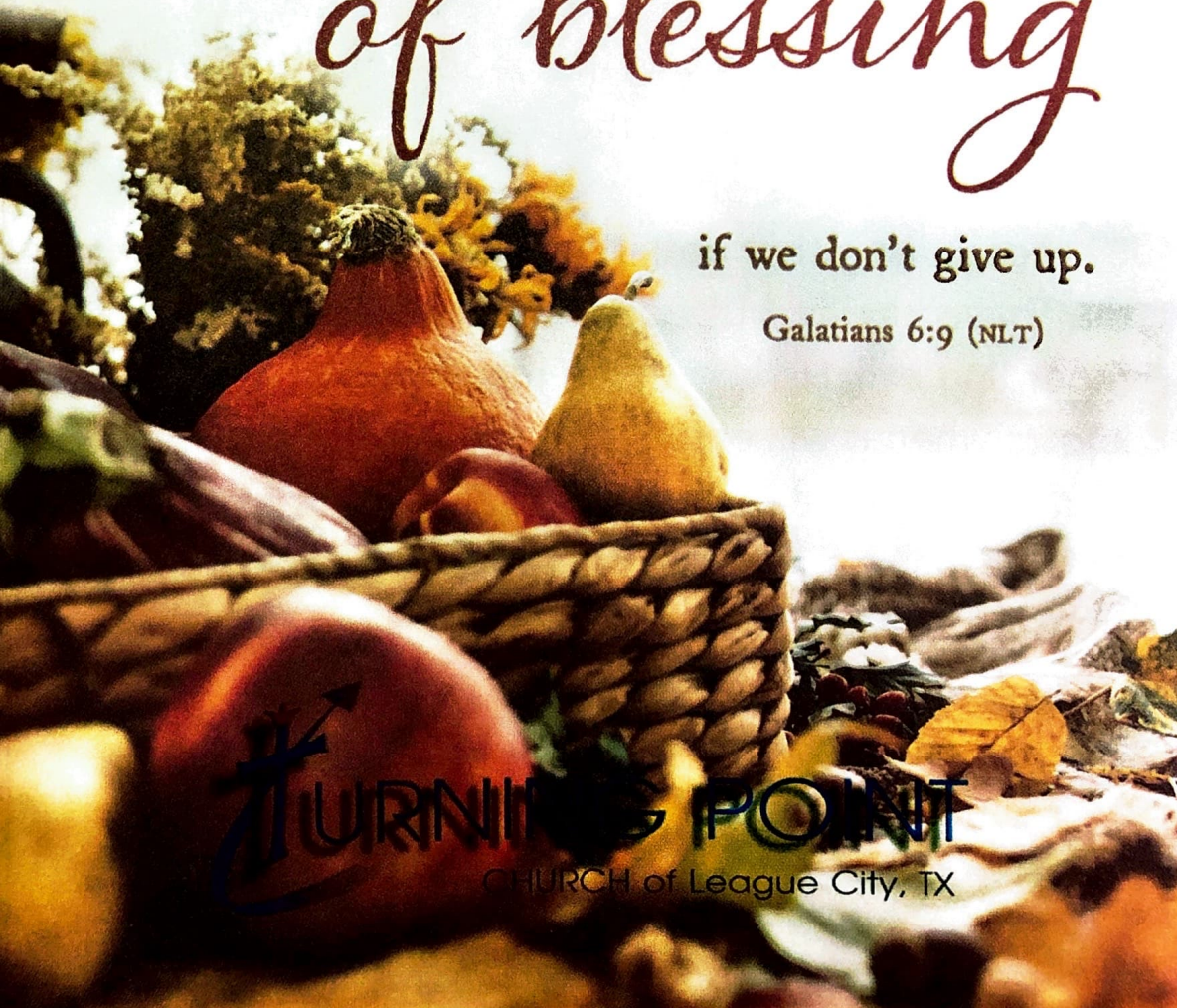
So let's not get tired of doing what is good.

At just the right time we will reap

*a harvest  
of blessing*

if we don't give up.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT)



**TURNING POINT**  
CHURCH of League City, TX

Welcome to . . .

## Turning Point

CALL US FAMILY! CALL IT HOME!

*I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom. (Dan 7:13-14)*

In the book of Daniel, the precision of his predictions about the temporary triumphs of evil across the world are hard to deal with. Daniel's vision seems to twist in wild gyrations without control. The enemies of God have their day, the honor of God goes away, the people of God suffer, and all of it seemingly without a purpose. So how do we make sense of it?

By recognizing that nothing surprises God. Evil may have its day, but God will have his say regarding evil. He knows the measure of it, and he knows when it will end.

God has the final authority, and there is none greater than he. Because of God's grace, restoration is possible, and *renewal* is the future!

*Prayer: Lord, I cannot understand why life sometimes doesn't make sense, especially when bad things happen. But I thank you for the fact that the past, present, and future are in your hands!*

# **OCT 30, 2022**

## **SUNDAY – OCT 30**

**09:00 am**      **Sunday School**  
**Worship Service**  
**Children's Church**

## **WEDNESDAY – NOV 2**

**10:00 am**      **Intercessory Prayer**

## **SUNDAY – NOV 6**

**9:00 am**      **Sunday School**  
**Worship Service**  
**Children's Church**  
**Men's Monthly Meeting**

*The offering today will go to our  
General fund.*

## **SPECIAL PRAYER**

**Dahlia Hall**  
**Lauretta Maxwell**  
**Patsy McCarley**  
**Meri-Lyn Evans**

**Bonnie Hatfield**  
**Carollon Kivch**  
**Raye Murphy**  
**Cheryl Zielke**



*Men's Monthly Meeting will be held Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm here at the church. Please Join us for a great time of fellowship and the Word.*

You won't live a victorious life if you're always reliving what didn't work out, who hurt you or the mistakes you've made. The reason it's called the past is because it's done, it's over, it's history. Now do your part and let it go. – Joel Osteen

*ONLINE GIVING! Just Google "Turning Point Church League City" to find our website, click "Giving" (upper right on home page) and follow the easy directions*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 30            Sunday School  
                      Worship Service  
                      Children's Church
- Nov 2             Intercessory Prayer
- Nov 6             Sunday School  
                      Worship Service  
                      Children's Church  
                      Men's Monthly Meeting

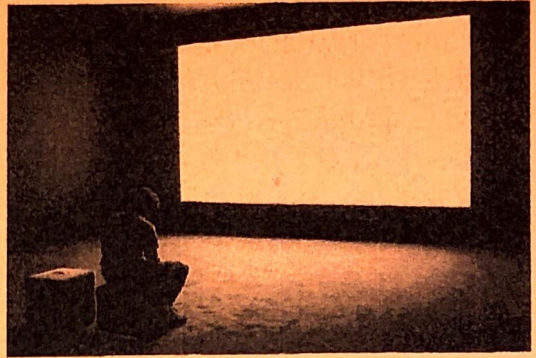
**AND MORE TO COME . . . .**

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# Feeling Lost

Kole Farney

Have you ever been lost? Maybe you lost track of mom or dad at the grocery store and all of a sudden the shelves and aisles seemed really tall and scary. Or, you found yourself driving in a strange neighborhood after following your GPS to a location that ended up being completely wrong.



My wife and I often remember the night we drove across town to a Dairy Queen that did not exist. We were lost and we knew it, so we sought directions and eventually found the delicious soft-serve ice cream we had been seeking. But we wouldn't have sought help if we hadn't truly believed we were lost.

There once was a man named Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) who likely knew what it was to feel lost in a crowd of people, because "he was small of stature" (v.3). As a child I sang, "and a wee little man was he." Upon hearing that Jesus was coming through town, he climbed a tree for a better view (v.4).

When Jesus told Zacchaeus he was coming over, the people grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner," (v.7). Zach was a jerk—a real miser, who stole money from the poor and made himself rich collecting taxes and the people knew it, Jesus knew it, and Zacchaeus did too. He felt lost.

## **Jesus came to seek and save the lost**

The story ends with Zacchaeus making restitution for his sin and fraud (v.8) and Jesus declaring, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham," (v. 9). As a representative for those who would be made heirs to the promises of Abraham, Zacchaeus was saved.

Jesus sought him because he was lost, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost," (v.10). Not because he was in a tree, not because he was tiny, but because he needed found and he wasn't in denial about it. He owned his reality and came to Jesus in honesty and need. After a

lifetime of deceit, this man was willing to give up his money and possessions to follow Jesus.

Salvation came to Zacchaeus because Jesus seeks sinners. Without Jesus, tax collectors, harlots, thieves, liars, murderers, and *you* are “by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind,” (Eph 2:3). By nature and choice, all mankind deserve wrath and is lost. You are lost, or were lost before Jesus sought you. The question is, do you feel like that is true? Do you deny your own sin or do you own it like Zacchaeus?

### **Fit for Salvation**

Luke makes note that Zacchaeus received Jesus joyfully (v.7). As the hymn goes, *All the fitness He requireth, Is to feel your need of Him.* Contemplating his miserable and unrighteous life to the present, Zacchaeus was feeling very needy. He was burdened and weighed down with a life of treachery. He was now fit for Jesus.

He was not righteous, but he was seeking to see One who was. He was not able to enter heaven, but was climbing the tree to gaze on the One who had come down from the presence of God. He knew he could not rescue himself, but had heard that the Savior could.

Jesus would later climb a tree for Zacchaeus. A dead tree. An instrument of death. Having done His earthly seeking it was now time to save. With the roles reversed, Jesus would be hung in the sight of all, to accomplish the redemption that Zacchaeus had no power to bring about. Raised up with blood pouring down, dripping off of His nose, and pooling on the ground.

He commanded Zacchaeus to come down because He knew He was going up. First into the house of the sinner and then to his rightful place under the terrible wrath of God on the cross, making payment for his sins – and yours too, you who feel lost and flee to His feet where the blood runs free.

*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. John 3:14-15*

*To our Brothers and Sisters  
at Turning Point Church*

*Bonnie and I, along with Glenn and Carol, want each of you to know how much we appreciate the outpouring of your love on Pastor Appreciation Day!*

*The celebration last Sunday was absolutely grand! From the moment we entered the church foyer until we left for home, we were in awe of all the effort by so many who made that day exceptional! The decorations were stunning and beautifully coordinated and the timing of all the events was perfect. We loved the praise and worship by the Moreno family, the precious testimonies, the hilarious videos and of course Brother Eddie's message. To top it off, pizza and cake for everyone! And of course, we could never forget the very generous monetary gift! God bless each and every one of you!!*

*Our love and heartfelt thanks for honoring us in such a special way!*