

## Giving Tree 2021

The Giving Tree is a way to minister to families who are in financial need around the holidays by providing gifts through the ***Spirit of Christmas*** program. **Spirit of Christmas** aids the community by taking applications from families, recording wish lists of needs/gift ideas, and supplying area businesses and churches with the tags identifying those items. Then they collect and distribute the gifts to the families.

### How does it work?

Look for the Christmas tree in the foyer and:

- **Choose** a tag from it & sign your name to the corresponding number.
- **Purchase** some or all of the requested items on the tag.
- **Return** the gifts unwrapped with the tag attached or in the bag. Due date is November 28 to have the gifts back at CVBC.
- **OR drop a monetary donation** in the offering box (note: *Giving Tree* on your check or envelope) and it will either go toward filling a tag, or be donated to Spirit of Christmas.

CVBC has been involved with this Christmas assistance program for many years, and the people in charge have been grateful for the surprising generosity of our congregation. We have consistently accepted and filled 50 tags annually, which helps so many families in our area.

Thank you, CVBC, for your willingness to bless others in this way.



# CVBC

CHIPPEWA VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

# Sunday, November 14, 2021

## The Unfinished Ending Acts 28:17-31

### Announcements

#### Call to Worship

**Songs:** *God So Loved, Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me), Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**Family Prayer:** Elder-led prayer which includes things that the Bible commands local churches to pray for (Eph. 6:18, Col. 4:2-4, 1 Tim. 2:1-2):

- ◆ Church Family: Mark & Mariellen Grossinger, Jessica Gugel
- ◆ Ministry of CVBC: Giving Tree
- ◆ Thankfulness for the Military

#### Sermon

**Song:** *Revelation Song*

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### What's Happening at CVBC

- **This week is Small Groups week.** The 2nd & 4th Sunday each month are designated as Small Groups weeks. If you aren't in a Small Group at CVBC, and want to join one, sign up at the table in the lobby.
- **No Sunday school next week (Nov. 21) for 4K-12 grade.**
- **This Tuesday is Ruby's Pantry. New this month: Ruby's Pantry food share donation amount is now \$22.** Food distribution begins around 2:30pm. Volunteers welcome all afternoon. First-time volunteers, please use the following link to register: <https://www.rubyspantry.org/become-volunteer>.
- **Adult Sunday School News:** We'll be taking two weeks off (Nov. 21 & 28). Join us in December in Room 50 at 9:00am for testimonies!
- **The Giving Tree program continues.** See details on the bulletin back.
- **Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are due next Sunday.** You can take a shoe box, fill it with gifts for a child, and return it to CVBC by November 21. See table in the lobby for more details. You can also choose to **Build a Box** online as an option, through December 31. Go to [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).
- **Christmas for Missionaries:** All are encouraged to sign the cards on the table in the lobby for our supported missionaries. We'll send them a card and a Christmas "love offering" after November 21. If you wish to donate to the financial gift, note "*Christmas for Missionaries*" on the envelope or the memo line.

**Main Point:** There is one unchanging \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus but there are two \_\_\_\_\_ to this message: Reception or Rejection. So our job as Christians is to \_\_\_\_\_ the message again and again.

1. There is One \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### Small Group Questions:

1. What is something that stood out to you from the passage or sermon?
2. How do you ensure that we do not have dull hearts (v.27) as Christians?
3. What from the entire book of Acts encouraged you? What did you learn overall?