



# JANUARY 2026

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HOLY BIBLE

January 4, 2026

# Treasure

## Scripture

19 “Don’t store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.

20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don’t break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light within you is darkness, how deep is that darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

25 “Therefore I tell you: Don’t worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn’t life more than food and the body more than clothing?

26 Consider the birds of the sky: They don’t sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren’t you worth more than they?

27 Can any of you add one moment to his life span by worrying?

28 And why do you worry about clothes? Observe how the wildflowers of the field grow: They don’t labor or spin thread.

29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was adorned like one of these.

30 If that’s how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, won’t he do much more for you—you of little faith?

31 So don’t worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’

32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

34 Therefore don’t worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6:19-34 CSB

## Additional Resources

*Explore the Bible: Matthew 1-13, Winter 2025 & 2026; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org; Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Matthew, Craig L. Blomberg*

# Connect Church Notes

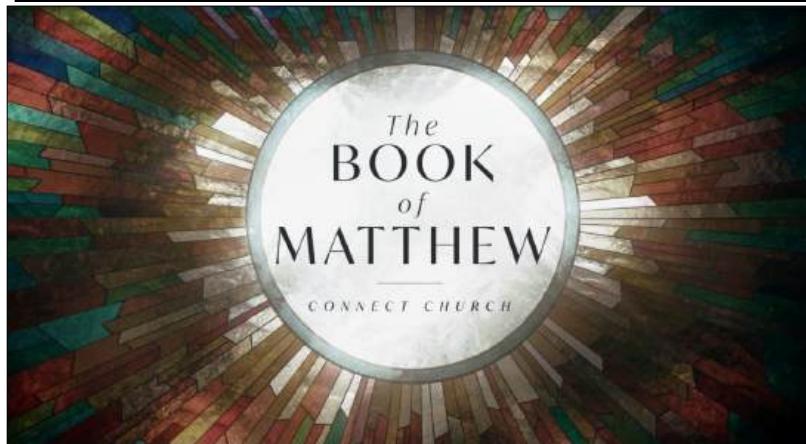
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## Speaker

## Key Verses

## Key Points

## Questions/Reflections





# God's Word - Devoted to Him

## Freedom and Security

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added to you.*

*Matthew 6:33*

Compare the oyster and the eagle. The oyster has a rock-hard home to protect it from predators and opens its shell whenever it wants nourishment. The eagle resides on freezing and exposed mountain crags and flies through miles of dangerous weather in search of food. The oyster is completely secure, while the eagle is completely free. Which did America choose as its national symbol?

Animals don't choose their lifestyles; they just follow their God-given instincts. So we can't be too critical of one over the other. But all too often, we see humans who choose worldly security over spiritual freedom. They invest all their time and talent in laying up treasures on earth. Security against the unexpected becomes their obsession.

There's nothing wrong with security, of course. The question is, where do we seek it: in God or in the things of this world? Do a security check in your own life. Wherever you find some insecurities, look at them against the backdrop of God's great resources, not your own.

Oysters may be secure and eagles may be free, but Christians are both secure and free when they live in dependence on God.

From: *Morning And Evening - David Jeremiah*



*Before paying the price, always weigh the worth.  
There's one exception: following Jesus. That's worth whatever it costs you.*

*Charles R. Swindoll*

# DAILY BIBLE STUDY

**SCRIPTURE** - Read the passage of the day

**OBSERVATION** - Write the point of the passage

**APPLICATION** - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

**PRAYER** - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

## Authority Acknowledged

Main Passage for January 11 – Matthew 7:15-29 CSB

**Monday** - Matthew 7:15-16

**Wednesday** - Matthew 7:21-23

**Friday** - Matthew 7:26-27

**Tuesday** - Matthew 7:17-20

**Thursday** - Matthew 7:24-25

**Saturday** - Matthew 7:28-29

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:24

*Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

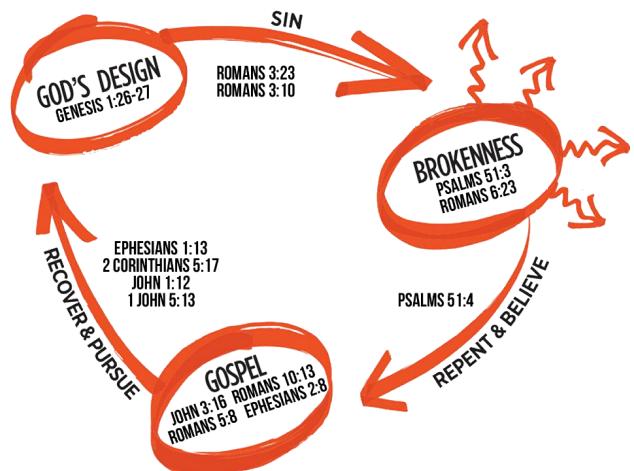
### Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

### Connect Church Prayer Request

PRAYER IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP,  
NOT JUST AN EXPRESSION OF OUR  
WANTS AND NEEDS. THERE  
SHOULD BE REVERENCE IN OUR  
HEARTS AS WE PRAY TO GOD.

WARREN WIERSBE





# CONNECT CHURCH

## Attendance & Offering

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Offering - Not Available At Time Of Printing

## Unavoidable Rewards

Generosity: It is rewarded.

According to Matthew 26, Jesus made an interesting comment after He heard Judas giving Mary a hard time for being extravagant.

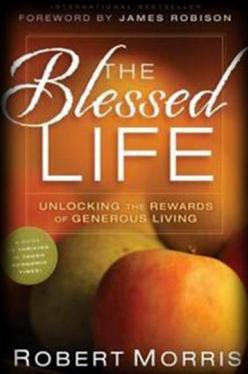
*But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you Trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial. Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her" (vv.10-13).*

When Mary approached Jesus to anoint Him with her oil, I doubt she was saying to herself, *I'll bet this is going to make me world-famous. They'll be talking about this for years!* She was just thinking about giving and how much she wanted to express her love for Jesus.

Generosity doesn't give to receive, but generosity is *always* rewarded by God. If you give, God is going to bless you. No power on Earth can stop it. I'm sorry if that bothers you. You're just going to have to deal with it. I know you're just giving to give. I realize you're not giving to receive. Nonetheless, blessing is the by-product of giving. That's just the way it is. You can't get out of it!

To do otherwise, God would have to violate His own nature. God is a rewarder. We say that in Hebrews 11. Like any good parent, God desires to reward His children.

Generosity toward God is always rewarded.



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*How we use what God gives us tells where our heart is*



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**Students** - 9:00 AM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today

**Young Adults** - 9:00 AM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today

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# CONNECT CHURCH

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Refreshments on  
the Patio Today!



Stay and Visit  
Following  
the Service!

**Preschool Pizza & Playground Picnic**  
**January 4th**

**Awana - Inspector Gadget**  
**January 7th**

**Baptism Sessions for Students**  
**January 11th, 18th, 25th**

**Worship Team Training**  
**January 11th**

**Connect Leader Training**  
**January 11th**

*Scan to Visit  
Connect Church  
Event Page*



## Preschool Pizza & Playground Picnic

Fun, Food, and Friends

**January 4th**  
**11:45 AM**

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**KIDS**

Preschool Parents - Registration: [cc.today](http://cc.today)  
For more info. - [Cindy.Tidd@cc.today](mailto:Cindy.Tidd@cc.today)





**January 7th**  
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It's Time to Inspect  
Clubber's Handbooks*



## Baptism Sessions for Students

3rd - 8th Graders & Their Parents

January 11th, 18th, 25th  
9:00 AM - Children's Department



Register at [cc.today](http://cc.today)  
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## Worship Connect Training Day 2026 - Focus & Presence

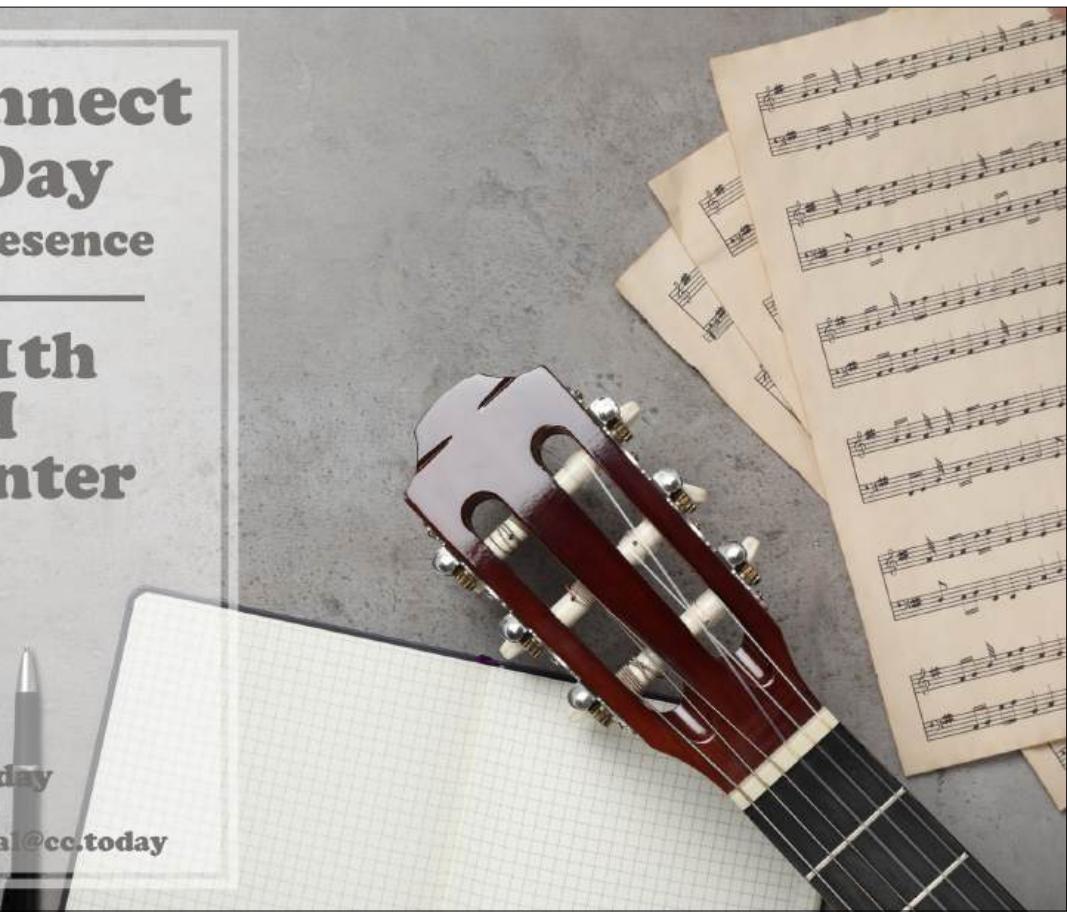
**January 11th  
12:00 PM  
Worship Center**



Registration - [cc.today](http://cc.today)

Lunch Provided

For more info. - [duval.madrigal@cc.today](mailto:duval.madrigal@cc.today)



Remember

## Connect Teen Adult Leader Training

**January 11th - 12:00 PM  
Activity Center**



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Come & Grow

Come & Serve

Come & Lead

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