GETHSEMANE'S THANK OFFERINGS

"Honor the LORD with your possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all your increase" - Proverbs 3:9.

Sunday 106 **SS** 28 **Voters** 20 **Wednesday** 12

		Weekly UB Needed	Received UB 2005	Needed UB Needed
UB Received:	$ 1,760.00	$ 2,810.00	$ 93,139.00	$103,980.00

		Weekly CLC Needed	Received CLC 2006	Needed CLC Needed
CLC Received:	$ 42.00	$ 337.00	$ 1,995.00	$ 3,707.00

Special Gifts:	$ 147.00	CLC MDF	775.00
	26.00	School Fund	387.00
	13.00	Church Roof	2,041.00
	5.00	ILC Building 2005	274.00

Daily Bible readings for home devotions; September 19-24, 2005

[Are we ready for our picture at the gates?]

Monday Psalm 138 The child of God has a natural rapport with his Father in heaven, and thus his praying has a natural cadence. First from the heart come praises that reflect on God's wonderful character (1-3). Next, anticipation that other folks will come to Him also with re-generated hearts (4-6). Often the closing stanza circles back to an intense reflection that one's personal future is in His good hands (7-8).

Tuesday Luke 9:57-62 Theme: Are we fit for the Lord to use in His Kingdom? I. Are we ready to follow the real Jesus? We must have a mind only for His work for ourselves and for others (57-58). II. Are we ready to put His Kingdom first—rather than second to the natural pressures of life (59-60)? III. Are we ready to follow without regret at leaving behind all that we were beforehand (61-62)? Lord, give me the heart to see not what I lose, but what I gain!

Wednesday Acts 24:1-27 The Jews' machinations against Paul produce a hearing before Governor Felix. Their flattery and false witness sound plausible (1-9) until Paul demolishes their "evidence" (10-21). The proceedings then recess for Felix to summon an unbiased report (22) from the squad leader that arrested Paul. But meantime he grants the uncondemned man some freedom and even private interviews (23-24). Alas! Felix's window of opportunity soon closed (26-27).

Thursday Hebrews 6:1-15 On the premise that we are now well grounded in the basics of Christianity (1-3). We need not devote ourselves to recovering those who fall away from the Truth (4-8), but rather follow a course for our own spiritual advancement: ministering to the saints (9-12) and practicing a life-style firmly founded on God's faithfulness (13-15).

Friday Luke 14:1-11 "What can I do to help others?" is our motto in life, not "What can I get by without doing?" (1-7) It boils down to the equation of being self-serving (7) OR actually wanting others to be favored more than oneself. And a rude awakening is coming! (9-11).

Saturday Ephesians 4:1-6 To borrow a phrase from the Realtors: The Three principles in Christian living are Attitude, Attitude, and Attitude! A) We reflect first on God's love toward us (1), then B) we respond to others with His attitude (2-3), and C) we seek to strengthen our bond with Him and with one another (4-6).

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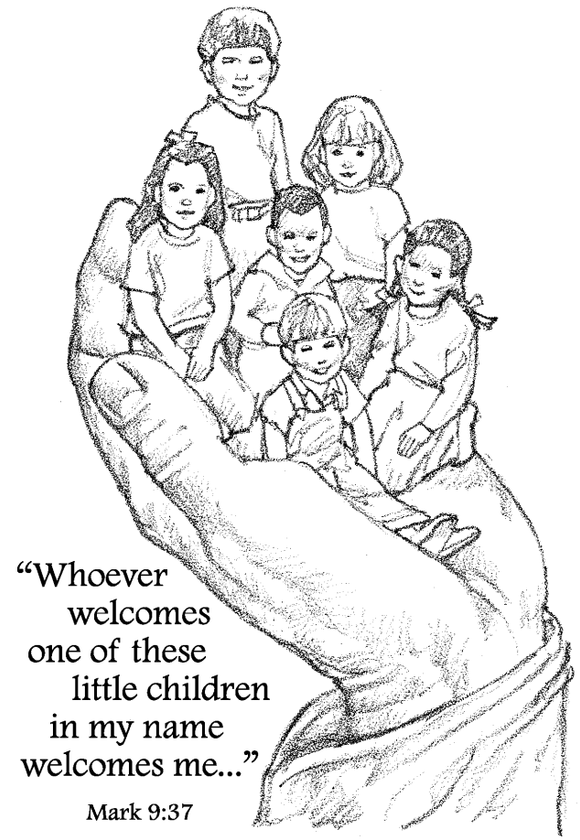

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:15 am

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