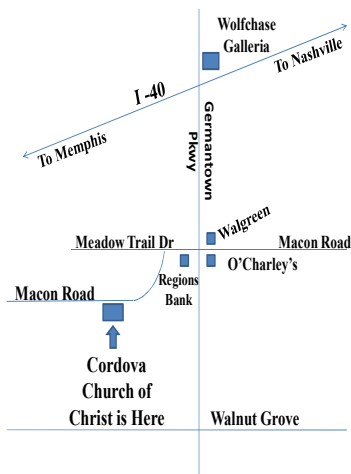


# *The Cordova Connector*

*...Connecting our community to Christ*

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*Romans 16:16*



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## Connecting to Life

### **Good and Perfect Gifts**

James explained, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variable-ness, neither shadow of turning" ([James 1:17](#)).

Some are deceived into thinking that the temporary gratification of sin is a "good and perfect gift." The pleasures of adultery are undeniable. Revenge can bring quick and cheap gratification. Crushing another's feelings by cruel words and gossip can bring a warped kind of pleasure.

But these are not gifts from above. They are not "good and perfect gifts." They are tainted, tarnished, and temporary. Then there are those blessings that don't immediately appear to be blessings. James has already pointed out how trials can bring blessings such as faith and perseverance and spiritual maturity ([James 1:3-4](#)).

The gift of loneliness makes us seek the fellowship of God.

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## Connecting to Jesus

### **The Wrong Room**

On June 6, 1981, Doug Whitt and his new bride, Sylvia, were escorted into their hotel's fancy bridal suite in the wee hours of the morning. In the room they saw a sofa, chairs, and table, but no bed. Then they discovered the sofa was a hide-a-bed, with a lumpy mattress and sagging springs.

After a fitful night's sleep they woke up in the morning with sore backs. The new husband went to the hotel desk and gave the management a tongue-lashing.

"Did you open the door in the room?" asked the clerk.

Doug went back to the room. He opened the door they had thought was a closet.

And there, complete with fruit baskets and chocolates, was a beautiful bedroom!

How often we miss out on life's greatest blessings because we are looking in "the wrong room." We often look for happiness and fulfillment in the world. But we're looking in the wrong place!

The world offers many pleasures. Some are acceptable to God; some are not. A beautiful sunset, the majesty of mountains, brightly colored flowers, and inspiring music are great blessings to man. But some, such as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, are sinful in God's sight ([1 John 2:15-17](#)).

The greatest blessings in life – things like peace, love, forgiveness, and hope – are not found in the world; they are found in Christ ([Ephesians 1:3](#)). And Jesus is the door through which we must enter to receive these truly great and lasting blessings ([John 10:7-9](#)). Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by through me" ([John 14:6](#)).

Have you been looking in the wrong room? Enter through the Door of Life on God's terms and you'll find, by God's grace, the greatest blessings of all. —David A. Sargent

Glad Tidings, 03/12/2009

## *Connecting to Life continued ...*

The gift of failure makes us more understanding of those who fail.

The gift of erring gives us the ability to forgive those who err against us.

The gift of sorrow makes us better qualified to sympathize with those who grieve.

Not every gift looks like one. Don't be deceived. Trust the Father, who is not capricious, who does not lash out because He's "having a bad day." He doesn't; and even heartache may be a gift of love.

House To House Heart To Heart, Volume 14 #4

## Connecting to God's Word

1. Spend one minute thinking about the majesty and beauty of heaven. What do you think will be the greatest thing about heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read Psalms 1-4.
3. What was your favorite verse from today's reading? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How did David distinguish between the righteous and the wicked in Psalm 1? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What two characteristics did you learn about God from these Psalms? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Write out one action step you will take based on today's reading. I will \_\_\_\_\_

## Connecting to His Church

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship	1:00 P. M.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
(Attended nursery at all services)	

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