

## Works We Support

- **John Shafer**, Foreign Evangelism. (MO, NE, & India)
- **Peter and Pooi Fun Chin**, Four Seas College of Bible & Missions, Singapore
- **“Seek The Old Paths”**, Monthly Newsletter
- **Chuck Northrop**, Bible Institute of Missouri (Instructor)
- **Kent Eakins**, Hermitage, MO
- **Chris O'Brien**, Mexico
- **“Whom Do You Serve?”**, Television Program
- **“Bible Questions With Bible Answers”**, Television Program

### Scripture Readings

**AM: Nehemiah 8: 8**

**PM: Matthew 1: 23-25**

### Upcoming Sermons

#### Sunday AM

January 17: Philip Steele – Reading God's Word  
Distinctly

January 24: Philip Steele – Taming The Tongue

January 31: Philip Steele – Searching For Righteous  
People

#### Sunday PM

January 17: #557 Philip Steele – The Birth of Jesus

January 24: #558 Philip Steele – The Life Of Jesus -  
His Mission

January 31: #559 Philip Steele – The Life Of Jesus -  
His Followers

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### Web Site Information

[www.webbervillechurchofchrist.org](http://www.webbervillechurchofchrist.org)

<http://sermons.webbervillechurchofchrist.org>

### To See Our Services Live:

<http://live.webbervillechurchofchrist.org>

Sundays: 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 3 p.m.

### Services:

#### **Sunday**

Bible Class: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m.& 12:15 p.m.

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

## Sunday, January 17, 2016

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for a complete video archive of sermons

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## **Gambling**

Charles Coats (09/14/2003)

*““Gambling game” means any game played with cards, dice, equipment or a machine, including any mechanical, electromechanical or electronic device which shall include computers and cashless wagering systems, for money, credit, or any representative of value...” (Gaming Control and Revenue Act, Initiative of 1996 – State of Michigan)*

The information above is the definition the State puts on the idea of gambling. Other words used for the idea of gambling are gaming (usually applied to casinos) and game of chance. The idea of gambling is to risk your money or other items against someone else's (either the house or the other players) in the hopes of beating the odds and coming out the winner. Much gambling has been legalized, such as casinos, horse racing, and state lotteries. Literally, billions of dollars are spent each year on gambling with the largest percentage of it being lost by the players. Gambling is a losing proposition as known by those who would promote it. The losing is, of course, done by those who would wager their money or other items against the syndicate or state. Gambling is addictive and has caused the ruin of many people. In order for anyone to gain at gambling, others have to lose.

I was recently asked if the following things were gambling: bingo, 50-50 drawings, cake walks, golf tournaments, fishing tournaments, carnival games, school raffles, paying to race in any event, etc.? Any of these activities where the person is risking his or her investment against the prize and against the other participants is gambling. Gambling requires the participant to hope everyone else loses so he or she can gain.

Many do not see charitable bingo or cake walks or

raffles as gambling, but they still are. Just because the activity is supposedly for a “good cause” does not change the fact that it is gambling. People realize that you can raise a lot of money if you place some odds on the outcome and entice people to be against them losing and bet in favor of everyone else losing.

Gambling has never accomplished any good. States that tout that our taxes will be reduced and our schools will have more money to operate if you will only let us have a state lottery have lied to us. What few realize is that gambling also costs a lot to operate. If the state is offering several millions of dollars to the winner, that money has to come from the lottery itself. Thus lotteries involve themselves in a vicious cycle – they have to have a lot to pay out which requires them to take in a lot to have the money to pay out.

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## **Prayer Requests**

- Joe Staggs
- Raymond & Teresa Heinz
- Lillian's Brother
- Al Haskell (kidney)
- Michael Golwitzer (health)
- Marty Stearns (health)
- McClaine Family
- John Shafer & wife Linda
- Tim Drummond
- Leon Peck (Heart)

## **Mark Your Calendars**

- January 17 – Men's Meeting, Pot-luck luncheon