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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

—Psalm 103:2-5, NRSV

The psalmist's all-encompassing list is a good example of all the gifts of God we should gratefully acknowledge. Personalize this ancient prayer by pondering your own experiences of God's forgiveness, healing, redemption, love, mercy and satisfaction of your daily needs.

Christmas Poinsettias



It's Poinsettia Time again. Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we use poinsettias to decorate the Church Sanctuary and take time to remember and honor loved ones, family, and friends. There will be order forms at the back of the Sanctuary and in the Sunday school rooms. You may also call the church office or look on the church website to purchase your poinsettias.

November

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Day

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir
- 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. Wednesday
Children's Bible study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



Memorial Gifts

Ennis Martel "Marty" Pender

Dr. & Mrs. Jack Varner



- 20. Bill Anderson, Lanie Potter
- 21. Dillon Cader
- 24. De Paul
- 26. Louis Thompson, Rita Sanders
- 27. Butch Gary
- 28. Clay Adcock
- 30. Jenny Whitaker, Ben Adcock
- 1. Bill McNair, Epps Burnham
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- 25. Mr. & Mrs. John Howie

Growing Through Gratitude

Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude "fertilizer for the mind" because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn't always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn't grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. "Give thanks in all circumstances," he writes, "for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).



Thank you to all who prepared and brought Christmas Shoeboxes. Many children will be blessed by your thoughtfulness and giving spirit.

Children's Page

For the next two Sundays we will study and complete the series entitled, *Following God with Courage*. The next two week's lessons are about how the Israelites continued to trust God and follow his commands to conquer Canaan and the surrounding kingdoms, and they were able to occupy the land God promised them.



HISKIDZ W.O.W. Wednesday

W.O.W. Wednesday met this Wednesday Night and wrapped up our Superheroes of the Bible. We had such a fun time learning about how God used these ordinary people to do extraordinary things. We will **NOT** meet next Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Holidays, but we will meet on Wednesday, November 30 for our last session.

We will take a break for the month of December, but we will have a few planned activities scheduled. Be watching for messages.



Sunday School

For the last few weeks in November, we will finish the series *Following God with Courage*. In these next few lessons, we will talk about a couple of Old Testament Prophets. This Sunday we will talk about Amos and how God called him to share with those in need. The following Sunday, we will talk about an all to familiar Prophet named Jonah.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Currently our Bible Study for Sunday nights is a series on the book of James. This Sunday we will **NOT** meet due to Thanksgiving Holidays. However, we will return on November 27th to continue our Study of the Book of James.

Wednesday Night Youth Group will **NOT** meet next Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Holidays. We will resume on Wednesday November 30th, for our last Wednesday night Bible Study. We will take a break during the month of December for Exams and Christmas Break.

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Greeters	Dixie & Jim Roberts/Owen Richards
Scripture	Psalm 105:1-11
Sermon	“Give Thanks to the Lord”
Flowers	Wanda & Tommy Woodard

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Greeters	Julie & De Paul/Brenda & Denny Paul
Flowers	Christy & Albert Vandevere

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER

20. Reign of Christ	Matthew 25:31-46
21. Joshua to shepherd Israel	Numbers 27:15-23
22. Two kinds of shepherds	Zechariah 11:4-17
23. God will shepherd the people	Jeremiah 31:10-14
24. <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<i>Luke 17:11-19</i>
25. God will come with power and compassion	Isaiah 64:1-9
26. Gift of grace sustains us	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
27. 1st Sunday of Advent	Mark 13:24-37
28. A promise of peace	Micah 4:1-5
29. Judgment on human pride	Revelation 18:1-10
30. Be alert for that day	Luke 21:34-38

DECEMBER

1. God's coming to the exiles	Isaiah 40:1-11
2. Righteousness and peace	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
3. Waiting for the day of God	2 Peter 3:8-15a