



Grace Notes

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Go forward with the Grace of God and the motivation of the Holy Spirit

Being Thankful

What are you thankful for? November is a month of Thanksgivings. It is the last month of the Church year. It begins with All Saints Sunday and ends with the celebration of the year that has past. In it is the feast of Thanksgiving. What are you thankful for? Who do you thank? For many All Saints Sunday is lonely and sad. Especially for all those who have lost loved ones in this past year. I am thankful for the faithful witness of those dear ones during their time here with us. I am thankful that we have a loving God who assures us that there is a tomorrow. I am thankful for the family of this congregation that reaches out to those who sorrow with a hug of compassion and prayers of support.

What are you thankful for? Who do you thank? This last year was full of many things. Many celebrations of joy and many times of gathering together to raise our voices in unity to God. I am thankful for the individuals that have gone beyond expectations in service to Springs of Grace. For the many that serve without notice and without complaint. For those who reach out to help others in need even though they do not know them. I am thankful for all the workers of this congregation who serve God with a cheerful voice and a helping hand.

What are you thankful for? Who do you thank? Let us not forget to thank God for all the things that we take for granted. As we feast on the 23rd let us remember all those who are hungry this day. Hungry not just for food but for companionship. All the people who are alone at this time of year, without family or friends. While we thank God let us remember that God will use us to be a blessing to those in need.

I am thankful for the opportunities that God gives us to show his love. I am thankful for the strength he gives to us to put his love in action. I am thankful to God for all of you and pray you will continue to work together to serve God in joy and thankfulness. A blessed Thanksgiving to each and every one.

Pastor Jim

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In our Prayers

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Be Thankful: Seven Things

* for automatic dishwashers. They make it possible to get out of the kitchen before the family comes in for their after-dinner snacks.

* for husbands who attack small repair jobs around the house. They usually make them big enough to call in professionals.

* for the bathtub -- the one place the family allows Mom some time to herself.

* for children who put away their things and clean up after themselves. They're such a joy you hate to see them go home to their own parents.

* for gardening. It's a relief to deal with dirt outside the house for a change.

* for teenagers. They give parents an opportunity to learn a second language.

* for smoke alarms. They let you know when the turkey's done.

Be Thankful: For a Smile you Give

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words. Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were going.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?" The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it." Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear. The most beautiful thing to see is a person smiling. And even more beautiful, is knowing that you are the reason behind it!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Special Events for November

November 3 — 10:30am

All Saints Sunday

We will remember the saints that have gone before. As this begins our month of November, let us also remember that we too are saints of God.

November 10 — 10:30am

A day when we remember our veterans. With a special service let us honor those who served and those who are serving in our Armed Forces.

November 24 — 10:30am

Christ the King Sunday

On this the last Sunday of the church year we acknowledge that Christ is our King as we review the year that has been. We will remember each of the seasons. As we sing a hymn that reflects that season. Pastor Jim will give a brief meditation on each season.



News from your Council President

Wednesday night your church council had a very good meeting with Pastor Hobby Outten to see if we are a good match. We agreed that it was time for his family to meet our congregation and you to meet him. We will do this with a pot-luck supper at 5:00 on November 9th, 2013. I ask that if possible you and your family attend and bring your favorite dish. — Melton Roof

Lessons for November

3 — Daniel 7:1-3;15-18 || Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23 || Luke 6:20-31

10—Job 19:23-27a || Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17 || Luke 20:27-38

17—Malachi 4:1-2a || Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 || Luke 21:5-19

24—Jeremiah 23:1-6 || Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20 || Luke 23:33-43

As a part of your regular Bible study incorporate the texts that we will use on Sunday mornings.

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship with Communion: Sundays — 10:30am Education Hour Sundays— 9:30am					1 Pastor on	2 Vacation until 11/13
3 All Saints Sunday	4	5	6	7	8	9 5pm Pot-Luck Supper to meet Pastor Outten.
Pledge Drive Begins						
10	11	12	13	14 Office Hours 10am to Noon	15	16
17 Pledge Dedication Sunday	18	19	20	21 Office Hours 10am to Noon Council Mtg. 7pm	22	23
24 Christ the King Annual Meeting after Worship	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

Those Who Serve

Date	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24	December 1
Refreshments	Donaldson's	Scott Fancher Robin Forbes	Betty DeBerry Pat Morton	Need someone	Gail Hackett
Ushers	Ray Cromer Melton Roof	Marion Varner Scott Fancher	Bob Faulks Robert Faulks	Rich VanWagoner Jim Voris	John & Sandy Fancher
Greeter	Jane Lewis	Hazel Petitt	Nellie Varner	Christine & Abigail Donaldson	Kay Otten
Communion Assistant	Norm Lewis	Ron Crawley	Betty DeBerry	Kay Otten	Melton Roof
Counters	Rich Donaldson	Jane Lewis Kris Loburk	Diane Ablett Norm Lewis	John Fancher Rich Donaldson	Mary Lou Saville
Altar Guild	Jane Lewis Nellie Varner	Rich & Maryanne VanWagoner	Betty DeBerry Pat Morton	Diane Ablett	Jane Lewis Nellie Varner
Lector	Norm Lewis	Ron Crawley	Jim Voris	John Fancher	Rich Donaldson
	If there is a change or error in this list, please update the copy of this schedule on the Notice Board.				

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Education Chair — vacant

Stewardship Chair — vacant

Ron Crawley, Social Ministry Chair

November Birthdays
Constance Faulks - 1
Tyler Loburk - 14
Norman Lewis - 24
Lia Faulks -25
Mary Schaeffer - 29

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Special Notice

Annual Congregation meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, November 24, 2013.

Please plan to attend we will be electing council members and approving a budget.