

*"I Have Called You Friends." John 15:15*

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## *Newsletter:*

**November**

Letter from the Pastor:

**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

This time of year we tend to take stock of all the blessings in our life, the things that we are thankful for. With so much going on in our world and in our church right now, it can be hard to see how we could give thanks to God. It reminds me of a story that I read recently about a man who went to a rabbi. He complains, "Life is just too hard right now. There are nine of us living in one room, what can I do?" The rabbi replies, "Take your goat into the room with you. And then come back in one week." The man is confused but goes away and does what the rabbi instructed. When the man returns to the rabbi a week later, he is even more distraught. "We cannot stand it," he says, "The goat is filthy and smells so bad!" The rabbi tells him, "Go back home, let the goat out, and come back in one week." The man returns the next week, smiling ear to ear, exclaiming, "Life is beautiful. We are enjoying every minute in our room now that there is no goat—just the nine of us."

It can be hard sometimes to give thanks to God because our circumstances can get in the way. But Paul writes to the Thessalonians telling them that it is actually God's will for them to give thanks in "all circumstances." God wants us to give thanks no matter what circumstance we are in. One way that we can gain that perspective is to understand just how truly blessed we are. To find the silver-lining in our circumstance. Like the man in the story, we can realize that things could be way worse. But ultimately, the way that we can be thankful, even when things are tough is found in the small phrase found at the end of the passage above—"in Christ Jesus." We can give thanks because no circumstance, no diagnosis, no person, no comment can stand in the way of who we are because of Jesus.

## *Save the Date:*

**Come join us for Breakfast with Santa on December 2nd at 9AM. We will have arts and crafts for the kids, as well as, a photo opportunity with Santa. Registration will begin in November. Look for more information in the November bulletins.**







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Youth Group 6PM-8PM Prayer Meeting 6:30PM Sanctuary	2 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8AM	3	4
5 Worship 10:30AM	6 Church Family 6pm Choir Practice 7PM	7 <b>FLC Reserved - Polling</b> Precept Bible Study 9AM Outreach 11:30AM Ministry & Counsel 7PM	8 Youth Group 6PM-8PM	9 Singles Seniors Luncheon 12PM The Well Evening 6:30PM	10	11
12 Worship 10:30AM Youth Leaders Lunch Nursery Volunteer Meeting	13 Choir Practice 7PM	14 Precept Bible Study 9AM Monthly Meeting 7PM	15 Youth Group 6PM-8PM Prayer Meeting 6:30PM Sanctuary	16 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8AM	17	18 Fall Dinner & Dessert Auction 5- 7PM
19 Worship 10:30AM	20 Choir Practice 7PM	21 Precept Bible Study 9AM	22 Precept Bible Study 9AM	23	24	25
26 Worship 10:30AM - Communion	27 Choir Practice 7PM	28 Precept Bible Study 9AM USFW 6:30PM	29 Youth Group 6PM-8PM	30		



Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be  
thankful unto him, and bless his name.  
Psalms 100:4

## Celebrating Milestones Happy Birthday

- 2nd Eden-Kole Dawson  
Jim Heidenreich
- 7th Prentice Uzzell
- 9th Ann Allman
- 10th Dexter Pridgen  
Jose Vazquez
- 12th Jennifer Brown
- 16th Mary Daly
- 18th Jim Best  
Kelly Dawson
- 20th Carol Price  
Jamie Williams  
Justin Edwards  
Ray Grass
- 22nd Babara Grant  
Deahdra Bradshaw
- 23rd Jonah Adams
- 24th Andrew Hise  
Keith Carmack
- 25th Kenneth Worrell
- 27th Judy Taylor
- 29th John Lee Garriss
- 30th Kyra Hathaway

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 5th Bob & Elizabeth Golimowski  
Shirrell & Patricia Jackson
- 12th James & Elizabeth Maples
- 24th Bobby & Kim Smith  
R.D. & Glenda Stroud

**November Connect Team:**  
Gail Mewborn, Prentice Uzzell, Tracy  
Case, Emily Grass



## FALL DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION

### NOVEMBER 18

STARTS 5 PM - SPAGHETTI SUPPER  
FOLLOWED BY OUR ANNUAL DESSERT AUCTION -  
FAMILY EVENT - ALL ARE WELCOME

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Order your poinsettias November 19th through December 3rd. Ordering forms will be placed by the offering plates and in the back of the pews. Completed forms can be placed in the offering plates with designated payment or order by contacting the church office. They can be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service on December 24th.