

THANKSGIVING

How do you give thanks? For most Americans, Thanksgiving is a time when family members gather together to enjoy a highly favored holiday meal. If we're honest, this is what comes to mind during this time of the year. However, "Thanksgiving" is more than just a sentiment, followed by the activity of feasting; furthermore, it's more than just the 4th Thursday of the month of November. I like how Webster's defines thanksgiving: "A public acknowledgement or celebration of divine goodness" For Christians, thanksgiving should certainly mean more than a meal or a holiday. Allow me to share 6 ways to empower thanksgiving by using the acrostic "Thanks":

Tithe and give to your local church. In 1 Corinthians 16:2 Paul said *"on the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made which I come"*

Help someone in need, even financially if possible. Solomon wrote in Proverbs 3:27 *"Do no withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it"*

Assemble ourselves together as often as we can. The writer of Hebrews stated in 10:25 *"Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."*

Never pass on an opportunity to share Christ. Dr. Luke tells us in Acts 1:8 *"but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth"*

Keepr praying and studying God's Word. Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:7 says to *"Pray without ceasing"* also in 2 Timothy 2:15 *"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the Word of Truth"*

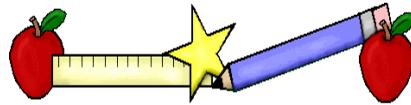
Stop complaining about what you DON'T have. Paul said in Philippians 4:11 *"Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am"*

Hey, do you want to know what the will of God is for your life? 1 Thessalonians 5:18 *"In EVERYTHING give THANKS; for this is God's WILL for you in Christ Jesus"*

God loves you and so do I! Happy Thanksgiving!
Giving thanks always, Pastor Godfrey

The School Scoop

by Wydette Ackerman



Here we are beginning November already. The weather is certainly reminding us of cooler days to come. NWCA children are enjoying the beauty of God's creation at recess. When Matthew came and the rains beat and the winds blew, Noah's Ark on the playground stood firm. We always think of the negatives concerning storms and hurricanes. We also need to look at the positive outcomes. Our church was a haven for some during the storm, neighbors helped neighbors with lodging and clean up, and families spent more quality time together because of no electricity. God supplied our needs and kept us safe. People came from surrounding states to help with power outages. It is wonderful to live in a country where we have neighbors who believe in God, who share His love and compassion. As Christians, we have the responsibility to teach others about Jesus and His love for all mankind. What better way to show His love than through our daily lives and the daily acts of love and appreciation toward others.

Words can sometimes seem meaningless but actions can show the depth of his love. As we approach the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us remember to give thanks and show the love of Jesus. Leviticus 19:18, "but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself".

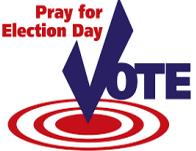


"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Proverbs 25:11

**Ladies Friday Night Fellowship
Friday, November 18th at 6:30pm.**

Come have some good "Apple" snacks along with great fellowship. There will a wonderful devotion, a time for prayer, and time for a little bit of fun. This is for all ladies from ages 18 on up. We hope to see you all there!



November 03	6:30	Deacon Visitation
November 06	7:00	Church Council Meeting
November 06		Daylight Savings Time Ends
		
November 07	7:00	Baptist Women Day of Prayer @ Bedon Baptist Church
November 08		
November 10	6:30	Deacon Visitation
November 11		Veterans Day
November 11	6:00	K'Motion Kidz Movie Night
November 13	11:00	Homecoming Service
November 14	7:00	Men's Ministry Meeting
November 15	6:30	Deacon Visitation
November 18	6:30	Ladies Friday Night Fellowship
November 21	2:00	Victory House Sing
November 22	6:30	Thanksgiving Fellowship

November 24



From the Associate Pastor...

Greetings in the name of the Lord. I pray that you are having a wonderful day. November? Really?? Everything seems to be happening so fast anymore. Where has the time gone? With Thanksgiving upon us, I'm reminded of just how often I have neglected giving thanks. With the day to day hustle sometimes it's easy to just get whatever we are doing over and done with. Maybe some of you are in the same situation. Maybe you too have found yourself so busy that you too have forgotten to give thanks. Let me encourage you as well as myself to take the time to thank the Lord for what He has done for us. Take the time to get alone with our creator. He wants that alone time and He misses it when we don't take time with Him. Let's make sure that we spend time talking with and thanking the Lord for all of His blessings.

The next couple of months are pretty. Please stay tuned to your calendar for all of the upcoming events. Don't forget Homecoming on the Nov. 13th and our Wednesday on Tuesday Thanksgiving service on the Nov. 22nd.

The choir is doing a wonderful job preparing for "The Christmas Shoes" musical. This is an exciting time as we gear up towards Christmas. There is still time for you to join the choir. We would love for you to come and be a part of our music program.

Driven Youth Ministries is in the process of getting to The Big God Conference at the end of the year. We are excited about this conference so please be in prayer not only for our youth but also the others from around the country that will be there. Folks, we have a wonderful group of young people and I want them all to be a part of what we do here. A lot of our youth are too young to drive to church on their own. They can't get here unless you bring them. Let me encourage you to make sure that you see to it that your kids are in church. They will benefit greatly from the material that is covered. I assure you that I love all of them and I want to lead them in their Christian walk.

Also, there is a Sunday School class just for you. We have worked very hard to assemble a team of teachers and leaders that care about you and your children and your walk with Christ. You are invited!!! We start every Sunday at 10am. Hope to see you there.

I love serving the Lord & serving Him with you. Pastor Steve

Our **Homecoming Service** will be Sunday, November 13th. Please be sure to not miss this special time in the life of our church, as we gather together as believers in Jesus Christ. As we look forward to the glorious Homecoming with our Savior, let us draw together as a church family and lift up the One who will one day say, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant. COME HOME".

We will have a fellowship dinner immediately following the Homecoming Service. Everyone is asked to please provide a covered dish or two.

On Tuesday, November 22nd, we will be having our Thanksgiving Fellowship Service. Bring your favorite finger food to share. The children will be presenting something special for your enjoyment. So come be a part of this great time as we gather together to give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for our many blessings.



The K' Motion Kidz will be having a movie night on Friday, November 11th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Pizza will be served.



The Communicator

