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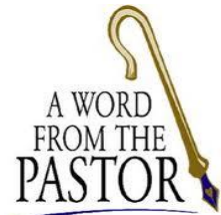
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It is November and this is the season where we focus on Thanksgiving. Celebrating a time of thanksgiving in our lives is a common biblical theme that was an important part of life for God's people in the Old Testament. A quick survey of the Psalms reveals that sixteen different Psalms are written to guide the people in their expression of thanksgiving to God. As we enter into the month of November we can consider Psalm 138 as an example for how we can express our gratitude to God.

King David opens Psalm 138 with a declaration of thanksgiving to God and says, "I will give You thanks with all my heart." In the first three verses we learn why David is giving thanks to God and discover it is because of who God is and what God has done in David's life. This is a good place to start when we give

thanks to God today. We can declare the goodness of God's character as the one who is loving and the author of truth. We can praise God among the world because when we called upon His name He saved us.

David then looks to the future and sees the promises and works of God as a source of his continued thanksgiving. David sets his focus on a future day when the whole earth will give thanks to God. Where the world will sing of the ways of God and glorify His name. This vision of the future holds true for the Christian today. There will be a time when God will make His dwelling among mankind. That will be a great season of restoration and joy for the humble. We can look forward to that day and give thanks to God for what He will do among the nations.

Finally, David concludes his psalm with an expression of gratitude for what God will do in David's life in the future. David declares an eager anticipation of God's

deliverance and kindness amidst the future suffering that may come his way. David has a great confidence in God because of His work in the past and now can set his hope on the future. In our lives today we are like David. We can look to God's works in our past to set our hope on God's continued lovingkindness in our future. We do not need to wait for God to deliver us from our future trials, rather, we can thank Him today for what we know He will do in our tomorrow.

This November we need not wonder for what to give thanks and to who we should give our thanks. We can thank God for who He is, what He has done in our lives in the past, and what He will do in our lives in the future among all of creation. Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings,
Pastor Kurt

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Young	2nd
Diana Lott	5th
Noah Fox	8th
Christine Fox	18th
Evelyn Kennedy	18th
Loyce Anderson	22nd
Jimmie Hudson	23rd
Sharon Peddy	30th

LBC ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, November 11
Randolph Riverfront Center
Alexandria, LA



BRING YOUR FILLED
SHOEBOXES
BY NOVEMBER 23

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NOW IS THE TIME TO
PACK SHOEBOXES THAT
WILL BRING GOOD NEWS
AND GREAT JOY TO
BOYS AND GIRLS
AROUND THE WORLD!

OUR CHURCH
GOAL
75 BOXES



SEE
TRACY ARMISTEAD
IF INTERESTED!



CHARLIE'S CHATS

We have choir practice
every other Wednesday at
6:30. Thanks to all of you
who are so faithful to come
to choir practice! We
welcome anyone
interested in joining us! It's
not too late...there's a
place just for YOU!

JOIN US
FOR
SUNDAY
SCHOOL



Classes for All Ages

This Sunday
at 9:30 a.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday
Women's Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday
Children's Worship 6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir 6:30 p.m.



What ARE You
Thankful for?

Thanks
Be to
God!



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

NOVEMBER 11