



COALVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Pen of Bro. Len:

We seem to be living in a climate of “Thank-less-ness” whereby we take advantage of God’s gracious nature and His wonderful gifts and do not return thanks because we don’t see God’s gracious gifts to us as a thing of “blessings” but a thing of entitlement. This should not be. We are the recipients of God’s blessings and we should be “Thankful” for those expressions of grace, love & mercy given by God to us. David expressed his view of God’s blessing by writing in PS 50:14...

Sacrifice thanks giving to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High.

So...What does God want from us? He does not want mere hymn singing, although that is fine. Nor does He want only prayer, although that too is fine. He does not simply want our attendance, although that is fine. What He wants, **first, is a thankful heart.** That is what He seeks, a thankful heart. Each one of us is to offer to Him the sacrifice of thanksgiving.

A sacrifice is something into which we put effort; it costs us. Have you ever asked yourself why the Scriptures stress thanksgiving so much? Both the Old and New Testaments emphasize that above everything else, God wants thankfulness. Give thanks in all circumstances, says the apostle Paul, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Why is this? It is because

thanksgiving only comes as a result of having received something. You do not give thanks until you have received something that comes from someone else. Therefore thanksgiving is the proper expression of Christianity, because Christianity is receiving something constantly from God.

Of course if you have not received anything from God, then you have nothing to thank Him for. Though you come to the service, you really have nothing to say. God is a realist. He does not want fake thanksgiving. I know there are certain people (and they are awfully hard to live with) who think that Christianity consists of pretending to be thankful. They think it means screwing a smile on your face and going around pretending that troubles do not bother you. That is a most painful form of Christianity. God does not want you to go around shouting, Hallelujah! I've got cancer! But there is something about having cancer to be thankful for. That is what He wants you to see. There are aspects of it that no one can possibly enjoy, but there are other aspects that reveal purpose, meaning, and reason. God wants you to see this--**what He can do with that situation and how you can be thankful.** Thanksgiving is the first thing He wants in worship.

The second thing is an obedient will. Fulfill your vows to the Most High. Notice the kind of obedience it is. It is not something forced upon you; it is something you have chosen for



Brothers and sisters, God is so good! He has sent us this beautiful fall weather to enjoy. Seasons are good for us, both earthly seasons and seasons of life. In the fall the trees store their food in the roots. We store God's Word in our heart and the Holy Spirit brings it alive as needed. We are blessed to have His Word and His Spirit in us.

Continue to use His Word as you pray for whatever God puts on your heart.

It is important that we don't let the enemy hinder our relationship with our Holy God. We need to make sure that we aren't the reason our prayers aren't answered. Some hindrances and the scriptures to destroy the adversary's strategies:

1. pride - 2 Chronicles 7:14, 1 Peter 5:5 – 6, Luke 18:9 – 14
2. judging others - Matthew 7:1 – 5
3. failing to help the poor – Matthew 25:31 – 46
4. Worry and anxiety - 1 Peter 5:7, Philippians 4:6 – 7, Matthew 6:26 – 33

This is not just ink on paper. Brother and sisters, we are in serious times and we must redeem the time we have to pray. **Prayer can go where we can't and prayer can do what we can't. There is SO MUCH to be prayed for. I specifically ask that you devote time to pray for our National, State and Local Dept. of Education on all levels.** Ask God to destroy the strategies of the enemy and bring prayer and Christianity back into the schools.

Thank you so much for answering the call to pray. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Enjoy the month of November and remember to give thanks for 'all' things.

Senior Luncheon, Friday, November 5th, 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite potluck and come join us.

yourself. A vow is something you decide to give, a promise you make because of truth you have seen. You say, I never saw it like that before. I really ought to do something about it. God helping me, I'm going to do such and such. That is a vow. God says, I'm not asking you to do things you have not yet learned are important. But when you have vowed something, then do it. Act on it. Obey it.

Maybe our prayer could be...**Lord, I offer to You right now the sacrifice of thanksgiving. Thank You that You are at work for good both in me and through me. Grant that I might obey your truth out of a heart of gratitude.**

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Pastor Appreciation Day

Our Pastor Appreciation luncheon will be held on **November 7th**, in the CLC, **11 AM**.

We will have combined worship service, **Sunday school at 9 AM.**, followed by **Service at 10 AM** then lunch to celebrate Bro. Len and Mrs. Patty McRaney. If you have any questions, please call Jan Garner (228) 596 – 3772.

From Jan

Youth

The youth enjoyed an outing to CiCi's pizza last month. Afterwards they went to the Dollar Tree and bought personal items for the drug rehab center. They also worked on the Fall Festival. In the next few weeks we will be working on a lot of clean up from the festival etc.



F. I. S. H.

The young adult group does so much with children's ministry etc. They worked really hard on the festival too. We are blessed to have them!



J.A.M.

Our children's ministry is growing! They are learning a lot and having fun doing it. All children are welcome to join on Sundays 4:30 – 5:30 PM.



WOW

We are finishing up our study on the first season of the TV series, *The Chosen*. We have really enjoyed having the men to join us for this study.

During this study we have been able to do two prayer blankets.

Bobbie Williams



Don Williams



WORSHIP

As we move into November we have a few special events coming up.

1. **November 7th – All Saints’ Sunday:** If you lost a loved one since November 2020 and would like for us to remember them during our service, please submit a photo of them with their name and date of passing to office@coalvilleumc.org

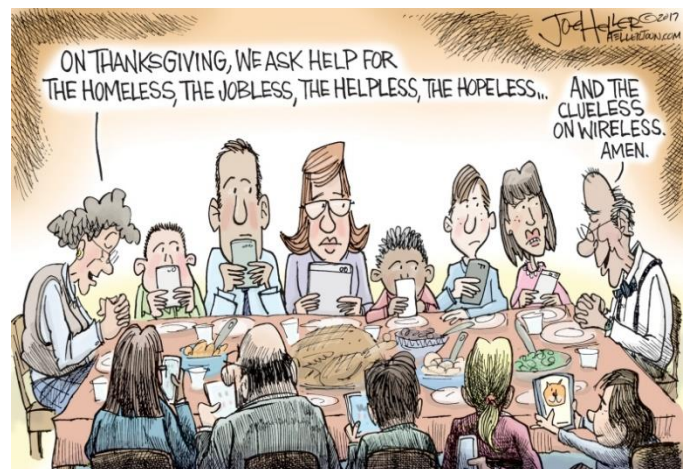
9 AM – Sunday school, FH
 10 AM – Combined Worship, S
 11 AM – Lunch, CLC

2. **THERE WILL BE NO THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE THIS YEAR.** Hopefully we’ll be able to resume next year and it will be our turn to host it.
3. **Wednesday, December 1st, 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary, we will have a **Congregational Cantata.** You are invited to join us as we learn *What Christmas Really Means* through singing and preparing the sanctuary for our Advent Season.



Reminder:

Please return filled shoeboxes on **Sunday, November 14th.**



Birthdays
Anniversaries
Monthly Events
Scheduled Meetings
Weekly Events
CLC – Christian Life Center
FH – Fellowship Hall

S – Sanctuary
CC – Corvette Club
CW – Contemporary Worship
TW – Traditional Worship
AB – Administrative Board
CB – Cornerstone Band
DD – Dixie Doll Twirlers

JAM – Children’s Ministry
Pm – Prayer Ministry
UMYF - Youth
WOW – Women of Worth
YA – Young Adults

November 2021							
◀ October	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	December ▶	
		1 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, S	2 Sarah Sims 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	3 Edna Arnold Greg Slade 5:30 PM, PM, S 6 PM, TC, S & FH	4 10:30 AM, Pm, FH 6 PM, CB, S	5 Stephanie Nalley Greyson Chambless 11:30 AM, SL, FH [-----] --DD-----CLC----] 7 PM, AA, FH	6 Steve Campbell
7 9 AM, SS, FH 10 AM, PA, S 11 AM, PA, CLC 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 – 8 PM, UMYF YA, CLC	8 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, S	9 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	10 5:30 PM, PM, S 6 PM, TC, S & FH	11 10:30 AM, Pm, FH 6 PM, CB, S	12 [-----] -Wedding, S/FH--] 7 PM, AA, FH	13	
14 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S Bonnie Mount Phyllis Trochesset 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6 – 8 PM, UMYF YA, CLC	15 Bro. Len 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, S	16 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	17 5:30 PM, PM, S 6:30 PM, CP, S	18 10:30 AM, Pm, FH 6 PM, CB, S	19 7 PM, AA, FH	20 5:30 PM, CLC, Reserved	
21 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6:30 PM, CP, S 6 – 8 PM, UMYF YA, CLC	22 John & Cathy Mechanic 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, S	23 Gage Smith Kenneth Smith Neecee Butler John Mechanic 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	24 Marie Moran	25 Have a Blessed Thanksgiving	26 Adelynn Arnold 7 PM, AA, FH	27 Myrna Ludlow 10 AM, Advent Prep, S & FH 1 PM, FH, Reserved	
28 9 AM, TW, S 10 AM, SS, FH 11 AM, CW, S 4:30 PM, JAM, CLC 6:30 PM, CP, S 6 – 8 PM, UMYF YA, CLC	29 3 – 6 PM, DD, CLC 6 PM, CB, S	30 5:30 PM, Yoga, CLC	Backpack Blessings 7 th – Mac & Cheese 14 th – Peanut Butter 21 st – Small Cereal 28 th – Chicken Noodle Soup				