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FROM THE PASTOR

A Season of Thanksgiving

As the beauty of autumn surrounds us and Thanksgiving approaches, November offers a special opportunity to pause and reflect on God's blessings. In a world that often focuses on what we lack, Scripture calls us to cultivate hearts of gratitude.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:18

What Should We Be Thankful For?

Our Salvation Through Christ The greatest gift we have received is God's love and grace through Jesus Christ. Because of His sacrifice, we have hope, forgiveness, and eternal life.

Our Church Family We are blessed by the relationships we share within our congregation. Through worship, fellowship, prayer, and service, we encourage one another and grow stronger in faith together.

God's Daily Provision From food on our tables and roofs over our heads to employment, education, and opportunities, God faithfully provides for our needs each day.

Family and Friends The people God has placed in our lives are precious gifts. Whether near or far, they offer support, encouragement, and love through every season.

God's Word We are thankful for the Bible, which guides us, comforts us, teaches us, and reveals God's promises for our lives.

Our Community God has called us to be a light in our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our neighbors and share Christ's love with others.

Answered Prayers and Unseen Blessings Many blessings are obvious, while others often go unnoticed. God's hand is at work even when we cannot see the full picture.

A Challenge for November

During this month, consider keeping a gratitude journal. Each day, write down three things for which you are thankful. As we focus on God's goodness, our hearts become more joyful, content, and aware of His presence.

Let us enter this Thanksgiving season with grateful hearts, remembering that every good and perfect gift comes from above.

Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours! May God's blessings fill your home, your heart, and your life throughout this season and beyond.

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This Month at Woodlawn



Sunday School

As we approach the last two months of the year and move into the holidays let's not forget the true meaning of these holidays. Thanksgiving should not be a day but a way of living everyday. We have so much to be thankful for. We have a wonderful, amazing, living Savior that we need to share with a lost and dying world. We have a loving church, family, and pastor that we can rely on and we have wonderful Sunday School teachers who are here every Sunday to teach us. If you are not attending SS please plan to join us Sunday mornings at 9:45am. You won't regret it.

Looking ahead - Mark your calendars for the Children's Sunday School Christmas Party **December 5th**. More information to come.

In Christian Love,
Janice & Jim Patrick



Church-Wide Thanksgiving Meal

Join us on Sunday, November 22nd, for our Church-Wide Thanksgiving Meal immediately following the morning worship service. The church will provide the meats, bread, and drinks. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come enjoy a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and giving thanks together as a church family!



Birthday Blessings

3 - Jamie Hughes
5 - Emmy Pierce / Rita Stewart
6 - Avery Carrier
8 - Kay Burnette / Violet Westgate
9 - Hollie Keeter
10 - Lindsey Houser
12 - Mildred Burroughs / Matthew Moore / Heather Newman
13 - Kevin Bogart
15 - Devon Stopford
16 - Jack Cross / Kathy Fields
17 - Stevie Felty / Brienna Urbanski
21 - Shannon Stockard
23 - Zoe Brown
24 - Scotty Branson
25 - Allison Quickel
27 - Alexis Herr / Brooklynn Herr
28 - Jim Patrick
29 - Lyleigh Harris / Regina Patrick
30 - Brittany Carrier

Anniversary Celebrations

7 - David & Kristi Hutton
17 - Scotty & Christi Branson
28 - Cecil & Brenda Ayers
30 - Brad & Amber Tate

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Filled shoeboxes are be due back on **Sunday, November 8th**. The next **Sunday, November 15th**, we will bless the shoeboxes and take a special offering for the shipment of the boxes.
Please pray about how you can help to share God's Word around the world.
Remember - It's All About Jesus!

XYZ Group

TThe XYZ Group November meeting will be dedicated to helping with the Thanksgiving meal on November 22nd. We encourage everyone to join us as we come together for this special churchwide event.

Time Change

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1. Enjoy an extra hour of sleep, and we look forward to seeing you at Sunday School and worship!

Missions & More

FOOD PANTRY
The Bristol Emergency Food Pantry was worked on October 13th taking 167 items from the church. We served 13 families for a total of 34 individuals. Remember to bring your items before the second Tuesday of each month. Thank you to each of you that serve each month. You are much appreciated.
Looking ahead - The **White Christmas** service will be at the end of the morning service on **December 13th**. This will be when we come as a family at the close of the service to bring our staple food items wrapped in white paper (white grocery bags work well too) and also our offering (if not already given) to place on the tables up front. These food items will be taken to the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry. This is above and beyond our regular service date so please give generously if you can.

GOLDEN OFFERING
We received $975.00 for our Golden Offering. Thank you all for your generous giving to help meet and exceed our goal.

HOMELESS KITS
Homeless kits will be available beginning November 22nd. Please see Kay Burnette to sign up for this.

WEEK OF PRAYER / LOTTIE MOON MISSION OFFERING
Week of prayer for International Missions is November 29th through December 6th and we will begin to collect for the Lottie Moon mission offering on November 29th. The theme is "The Gospel that Changes Everything - Reaching the Nations". Our offering goal is $2,500. Envelopes will be available in the pews.

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE
The Christmas card post office will open with the morning service Sunday, November 29th and will end with the morning service December 20th. Cards for the Homebound have to be in no later than the morning service December 13th and will be delivered during Christmas Caroling on the evening of December 16th. The cost of the cards will remain at .15 cents each and the funds collected go to the Lottie Moon mission offering. A list of active church members is included with this newsletter and will also be available in the vestibule.

CHRISTMAS MEETING / PARTY
The Women on Mission group will meet for their Week of Prayer meeting and party / auction on December 5th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a finger food to share and your gift(s) for the auction. Funds received from this will go to the Lottie Moon offering.

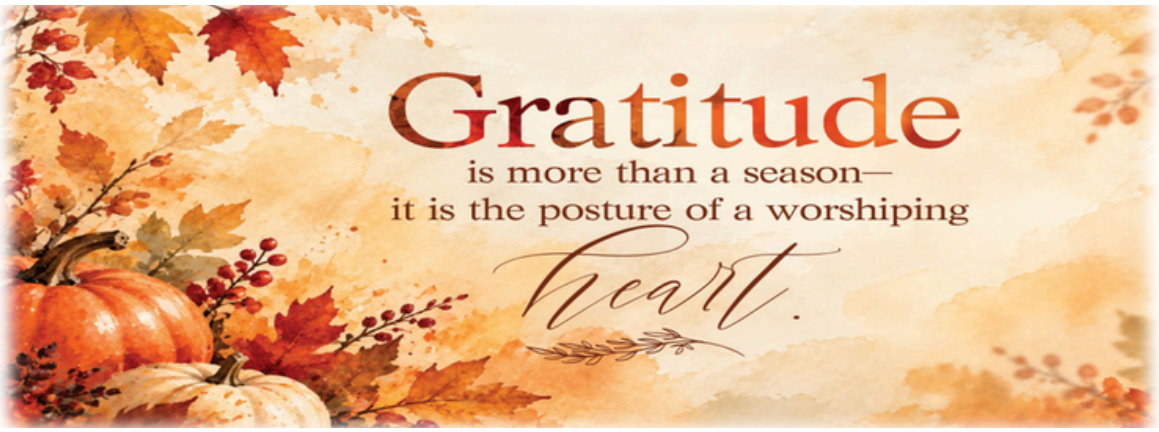
Please keep all these important dates in mind as you pray to see how the Lord wants you to participate in each one. Detailed information is available elsewhere in this newsletter and will also be in the bulletin.
Continue to be in prayer for all of our projects, missionaries, servicemen and women, our church and our Nation.

In His Love,
Brenda Harkleroad, WMU Director

Homeless Kits

Homeless kits will be available for you to fill, if you so desire, on Sunday, November 22nd. A list of items needed will be inside the kits. They will be due back on Sunday, December 20th. Please see me to get a kit(s).
Thank you!
Kay Burnette





A Heart of Worship

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we are reminded that gratitude is not simply something we express during one season of the year. It is a daily response to the goodness, grace, and faithfulness of God.

Worship is more than the songs we sing on Sunday morning. It is found in a thankful heart, a life of obedience, and a willingness to recognize God's blessings even when circumstances are difficult. When we live with gratitude, we acknowledge that every good gift comes from Him and that His love remains constant through every high and low.

This Thanksgiving, may we pause to count our blessings, thank God for His faithfulness, and look for opportunities to share His love with others. May gratitude become more than a holiday tradition - may it shape our hearts, guide our words, and be reflected in the way we live each day.

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