

EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER



**Harvest Festival**  
Saturday, November 4th  
5:00pm-7:00pm

Family Event!  
Games and Chili Supper

**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**

Thursday, November 23rd





**Eureka Baptist Church**  
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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am  
\*Kid's Church during Service  
Adult Sunday School: 9:00am  
Bible Study Wednesdays: 6:30pm

### A Note from Pastor Seth

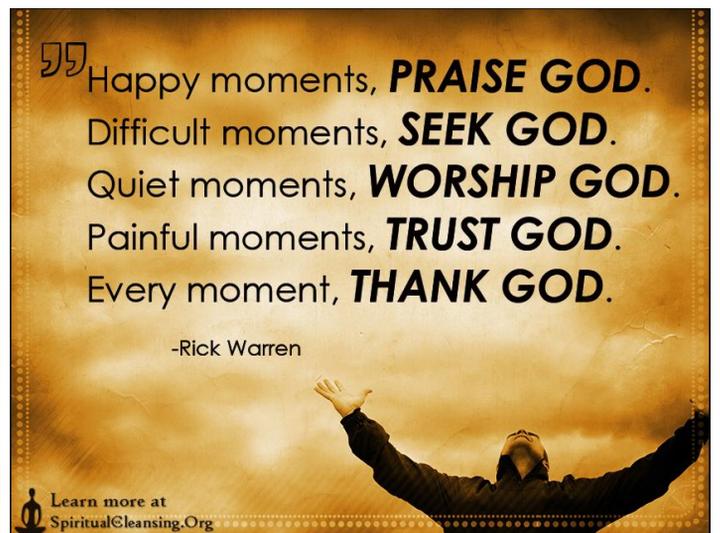
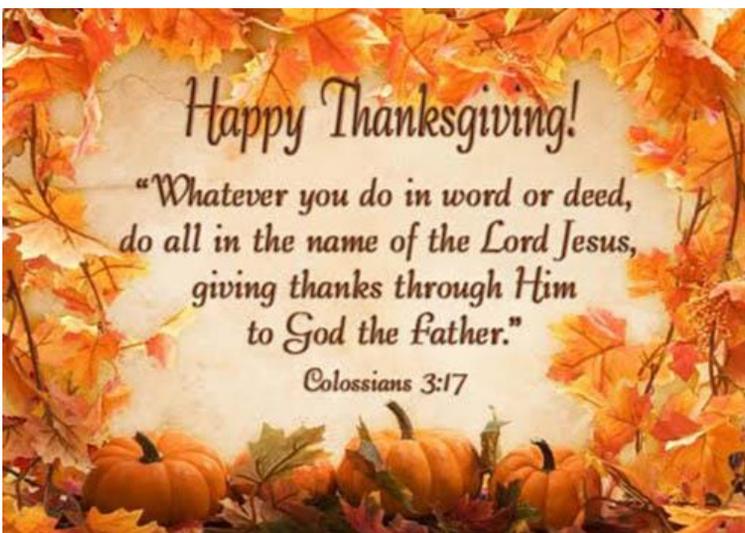
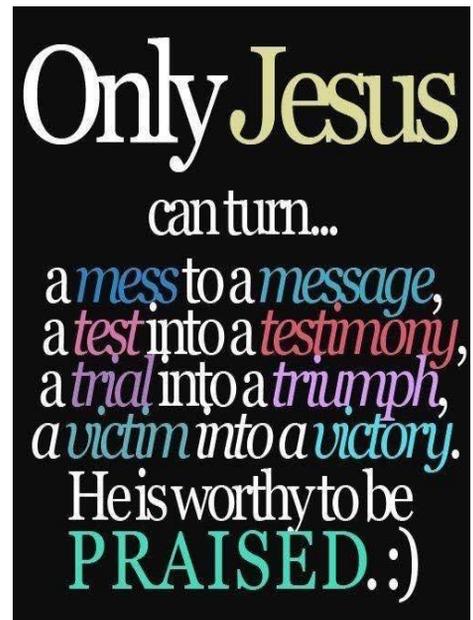
We are now deep into the fall. The leaves are mostly off the trees and the temperatures will soon cool. This has been an enjoyable season to go through with you even through the ups and downs of life. I have been hit lately with the reality of the suffering of this life. It surrounds us everywhere we look. When we turn on the news we see it. When we look at the people in our lives we see it. When we look at our own life we see it also. What we have learned in our Genesis series over the past two months is why this is so. Genesis 3 is the fall of mankind. The Lord told Adam in Eve that, "In the day you eat of the fruit you will surely die" (Genesis 2:16). They ate and they experienced two types of death: physical and spiritual. Everyone is born into the world with these two realities as members of the fallen human race. We are born with the guarantee that we will die (Romans 5:12). We are also born separated from the presence of God, also known as spiritual death (Genesis 3:23-24). But what we have seen in Genesis is that there is hope. Offspring was promised from Eve that will crush Satan (Genesis 3:15).

This offspring would be a blessed line that will be followers of God and victorious over sin, death, and the devil. This line started with Seth (Genesis 5). From the line of Seth would come significant figures such as Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and eventually the most significant of all, Jesus.

The apostle Paul highlights Jesus as the most important offspring from this line (Galatians 3:16). The promise of eternal offspring (Genesis 17:7) to Abraham all hinges on one man. Some of Abraham's biological offspring (Israel) would be in this number, but what is incredible is that anyone who believes in Jesus is also among this promised offspring that will be victorious and live forever. The apostle Paul said that "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:28-29). It is wonderful to see that we are spiritual offspring of this line of hope that God established through Seth.

What we can see clearly is God's glory shining through the text of Scripture. God's plan to restore humanity to its original glory is truly stunning. The Lord will lead us out of this present suffering to the restoration of a perfect, forever world. My prayer is that you would see this, and that it would lead you to greater and more intimate worship of our Lord during this season.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Seth





The original thanksgiving celebration was held by the Pilgrim settlers in Massachusetts during their second winter in America in December 1621. The first winter had killed 44 of the original 102 colonists. At one point their daily food ration was down to five kernels of corn apiece, but then an unexpected trading vessel arrived, swapping them beaver pelts for grain, providing for their severe need. The next summer's crop brought hope, and Governor William Bradford decreed that December 13, 1621, be set aside as a day of feasting and prayer to show the gratitude of the colonists that they were still alive.

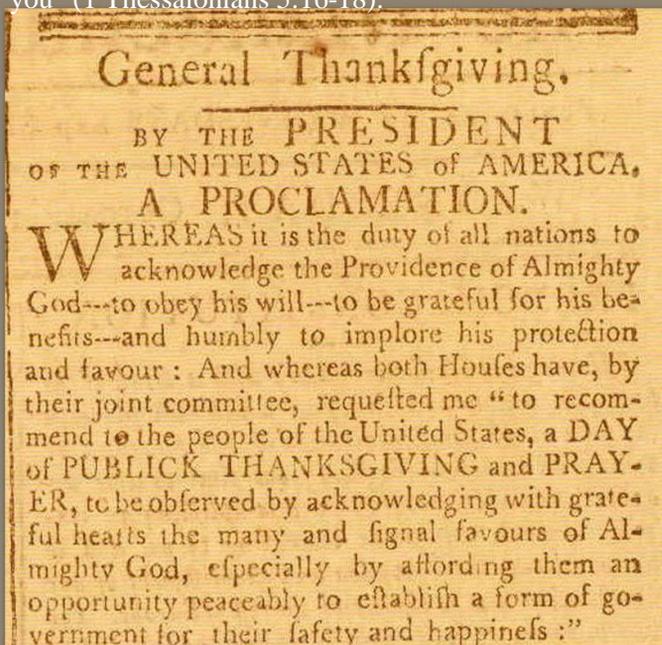
These Pilgrims, seeking religious freedom and opportunity in America, gave thanks to God for His provision for them in helping them find 20 acres of cleared land, for the fact that there were no hostile Indians in that area, for their newfound religious freedom, and for God's provision of an interpreter to the Indians in Squanto. Along with the feasting and games involving the colonists and more than 80 friendly Indians (who added to the feast by bringing wild turkeys and venison), prayers, sermons, and songs of praise were important in the celebration. Three days were spent in feasting and prayer.

From that time forward, Thanksgiving has been celebrated as a day to give thanks to God for His gracious and sufficient provision. President Abraham Lincoln officially set aside the last Thursday of November, in 1863, "as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." In 1941, Congress ruled that after 1941, the fourth Thursday of November be observed as Thanksgiving Day and be a legal holiday.



Of all of God's gifts, the greatest one He has given is the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. On the cross of Calvary, Jesus paid our sin debt, so a holy and just Judge could forgive us our sins and give us eternal life as a free gift. This gift is available to those who will call on Christ to save them from their sin in simple but sincere faith (John 3:16; Romans 3:19-26; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:13; Ephesians 2:8-10). For this gift of His Son, the gift which meets our greatest need, the Apostle Paul says, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15). We, like the Pilgrims, have a choice. In life there will always be those things that we can complain about (the Pilgrims had lost many loved ones), but there will also be much to be thankful for. As our society becomes increasingly secular, the actual "giving of thanks to God" during our annual Thanksgiving holiday is being overlooked, leaving only the feasting. May God grant that He may find us grateful every day for all of His gifts, spiritual and material. God is good, and every good gift comes from Him (James 1:17). For those who know Christ, God also works everything together for good, even events we would not necessarily consider good (Romans 8:28-30). May He find us to be His grateful children.

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





A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help."

There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear. The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling. And even more beautiful, is knowing that you are the reason behind it!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

*Welcomes to the World*



**Roger Willis Swanson**

born October 23rd

Proud Parents

**Kyle & Abby Swanson**

Little Roger came a little early,  
but he's very healthy!

"For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord."

1 Samuel 1:27-28



**THANK YOU!!**

The church steeple has been completely redone. Thank you so much to those that volunteered to bring back its beauty. It will now be matinance free for many, many years to come.



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 pray continually,  
 give thanks in  
 all circumstances,  
 for this is God's will for you  
 in Christ Jesus.

*Give Thanks*

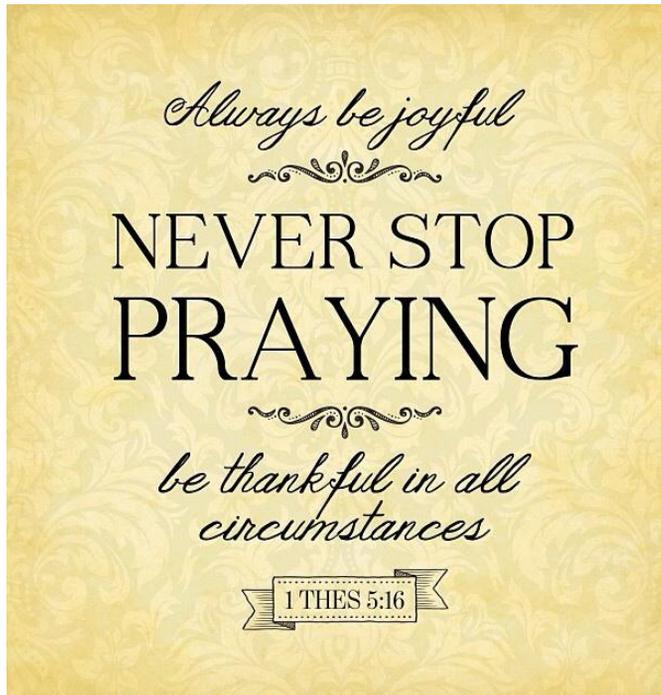


1 Thessalonians 5: 18

A few reminders that there is always something to be THANKFUL for...

Dishwashers. Your parents—because no matter how old you are, they can still solve any problem. Fireplaces. The local farmer's market. The time you get to spend re-reading your favorite books, even if you mask it as "bedtime stories." Roasted pumpkin seeds, pumpkin pie, and all of the fall flavors. **Pastor Seth and Brianna.** Sweater weather. Sunday afternoons, with coffee and a good book. Big piles of leaves that you're never too old to jump in. Slow-cookers. Coffee. The best friend you can call after months apart, and pick up right where you left off. Pillows. **Vacation Bible School.** Quirky traditions that make your family special. **Kid's Church.** Google. Planes, trains, and automobiles—because they bring you to family or bring family to you for the holiday. Holiday recipes that have been passed down through the family for years. Pints of ice cream. Homemade pumpkin pie. Pumpkin pie filling from a can (we won't tell!). Your health—even on days when it isn't perfect. Peanut butter. Chocolate. Every good book you've read that has helped you escape for a few hours. **Church friends.** The coziest spot in your house. **Wednesday Night Bible Study.** The stash of Halloween candy you snuck out of your kids' bags. Garbage disposals. Younger siblings you still get to protect, and older ones who will always protect you. **Men's Breakfast Group.** Mason jars. Puppies! The presents you have hidden away, knowing they will make your loved ones so happy. Friendships, new and old. Your support system—be it at work, at home, or spread out all over the country. Correct grammar. Apple cider. The snooze button. Sweatpants. And elastic waistbands. Cheese. Cheese plates. Macaroni and cheese. Grilled cheese. Caller I.D. Laundry machines. The people in your life who have been stand-in mothers and fathers whenever you've needed them. Baby giggles. Snail mail. Family vacations. **The BIBLE.** Your nieces, your nephews, your grandchildren. **Missionaries.** Wool socks. The healing power of music. **Eternal life!** Freshly cut flowers. **Church Picnics.** Vacation days. Fall leaves changing colors. Early sunsets, because they bring your kids to the kitchen table sooner. Air fresheners. The hours between 8 and 10 p.m., when everyone is asleep, and the house is quiet. **Women's Bible Study.** Babysitters who also clean up. Spell-check. (But not Autocorrect.) Your new puppy—who finally learned to sleep in. Candles that make your home smell like the holidays. Movies you can watch again and again. Songs that hit the spot...on repeat. Healthy children. Peppermint gum. Mugs that tell it like it is. Sisters who you can run any dilemma by, personal or professional, and get answers that keep you grounded and grant perspective. S'mores and campfires. Lilacs in the spring. Blanket forts. **Kid's Care in the Annex.** A cake that doesn't stick to the pan. The perfect playlist. Thick albums full of photos. A continuous string of green lights when you're already running late. Instant oatmeal. Pretty stationery. A really good hug. Long drives on open roads. A heartfelt thank you note. The last slice of pie. **All those reached through Eureka Baptist Church.** A table full of people who can tell stories from a shared childhood. **Specials at Church.** A scenic running trail. Your child's hilarious, brutal honesty. A cookbook full of recipes you've tried and trust. Holiday sales. A friendly neighbor you can count on for sugar or just a hello. Cozy sheets on chilly mornings. The smell of lavender. Date nights. The snooze button. Really good co-workers. Belly laughs. Saturday mornings. Snow days.

## ***Being Thankful in All Things***



Thanksgiving—the giving of thanks—to God for all His blessings should be one of the most distinctive marks of the believer in Jesus Christ. We must not allow a spirit of ingratitude to harden our heart and chill our relationship with God and with others.

Nothing turns us into bitter, selfish, dissatisfied people more quickly than an ungrateful heart. And nothing will do more to restore contentment and the joy of our salvation than a true spirit of thankfulness.

In the ancient world, leprosy was a terrible disease. It hopelessly disfigured those who had it, and it permanently cut them off from normal society. Without exception, every leper yearned for one thing: To be healed.

One day 10 lepers approached Jesus outside a village, loudly pleading with Him to heal them. In an instant He restored them all to perfect health—but only one came back and thanked Him. All the rest left without a word of thanks, their minds preoccupied only with themselves, gripped with a spirit of ingratitude.

Today, too, ingratitude and thanklessness are far too common. Children forget to thank their parents for all that they do. Common courtesy is scorned. We take for granted the ways that others help us. Above all, we fail to thank God for His blessings.

Ingratitude is a sin, just as surely as is lying or stealing or immorality or any other sin condemned by the Bible. One of the Bible's indictments against rebellious humanity is that "although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him" (Romans 1:21, NIV). An ungrateful heart is a heart that is cold toward God and indifferent to His mercy and love. It is a heart that has forgotten how dependent we are on God for everything.

From one end of the Bible to the other, we are commanded to be thankful. In fact, thankfulness is the natural outflowing of a heart that is attuned to God. The psalmist declared, "Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving" (Psalm 147:7, NIV). Paul wrote, "Be thankful" (Colossians 3:15, NIV). A spirit of thanksgiving is always the mark of a joyous Christian.

Why should we be thankful? Because God has blessed us, and we should be thankful for each blessing.

<https://billygraham.org/story/how-to-be-thankful-in-all-things/>

# *ministry* **TEAMS**

## **Team Meetings**

October 22nd – Quarterly Business Meeting

October 29th – Children's Ministry Team

November 5th – Worship Ministry Support Team

November 12th – Facilities Team

November 19th – Fellowship Team

November 26th – Compassion and Care Team

December 3rd – Adult Ministry Team

December 10th – Missions Team



## **Interested in helping on a Church Ministry Team?**

Attend one of the meetings listed above. Meetings are after the Sunday Morning Service.

- 1) You get to serve God in an organized setting.
- 2) You serve God and people.
- 3) You gain fellowship with other believers.
- 4) You build on your skill sets.
- 5) You enjoy purpose.
- 6) You can develop leadership skills.



**Christmas  
DECORATING**

Church Decorating  
Saturday, December 2nd  
9:00am



**Breakfast and Bible Study**  
Women's Group  
Saturday, November 4th 9:00am  
Men's Group  
Saturday, November 11th 8:00am



**Happy Birthday!!**

Drew Lindo 11/14  
Steve Jorgenson 11/22  
Caroline Hall 11/24

Words about... Giving Thanks

Submitted by Barb Trombley

**Give thanks to the LORD for He is good  
His love endures forever.**

1 Chronicles 16:34

There is always, always something to be thankful  
for.

“We often take for granted the very things that  
most deserve our most gratitude.”

—Cynthia Ozick

Not what we say about our  
blessings,  
but how we use them  
is the true measure of our  
thanksgiving.

Scottish minister Alexander Whyte was known for his uplifting prayers in the pulpit. He always found something for which to be grateful. One Sunday morning the weather was so gloomy that one church member thought to himself, "Certainly the preacher won't think of anything for which to thank the Lord on a wretched day like this." Much to his surprise, however, Whyte began by praying, "We thank Thee, O God, that it is not always like this."

It is not happy people who are thankful.  
It is thankful people who are happy.

Rejoice evermore.

Pray without ceasing.

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