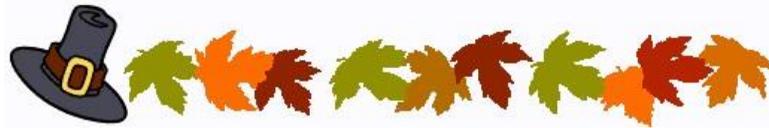


## Let's Hold Strong in November!

### COVID-19 Guidelines for FBC Sedan

- Choir ..... No
- Congregational Singing ..... Yes
- Hand Sanitizer ..... Yes
- Masks ..... Optional
- Social Distancing ..... Yes
- Sunday School ..... No
- Sunday Night ..... No



### Happy Birthday

- 11/09 ..... Amy Miller
- 11/12 ..... Tawna Anthony
- 11/19 ..... Peggy Kunecke
- 11/21 ..... John McMillan
- 11/22 ..... Amy Lampson
- 11/23 ..... Andy Usry
- 11/24 ..... Drew Lampson



1 Chronicles 16:34 – “O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.”

Dear Friends in Christ,

John Wesley is quoted as saying, “*Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake- not choosing nor refusing, liking or disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will.*”

This Thanksgiving we need to take the time to **pray**. Pray with a grateful heart. Pray to offer praise to God for life and for loved ones. Pray for God to lead us in His path. Pray for healing and the work that must be done to restore lives and property. Pray to help people who are hurting. Pray so that our prayers are not just words only but that they are turned into action.

Pray for our community as we seek to strengthen and grow in Christ. Pray for our church officers who work to make this ministry their priority. Pray for all the people who serve and provide the financial resources for our church so we can pay our bills. Pray for the church services each week as we continue preaching the Gospel in a field that is white unto harvest.

Truly, God has provided us with blessings in abundance. We have joy and laughter; we have courage in the face of fear, hope where there is doubt, comfort when we have tears and sadness. God is with us in all things.

So, this Thanksgiving, let us remember that thankfulness is inseparable from true prayer. Give thanks to the Lord always with a grateful heart. I am thankful for you and for this church. I am thankful for all that God is doing among us as we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us into the future. Amen!

Pastor Mark Davis



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## Insights from the Prayers of a Woman



Over the past two month, in the “Insights from the Prayers of a Woman” section, we looked at Miriam’s and Hagar’s prayers. This month, we will learn how Deborah’s faith made her miraculous victory possible. All three of these Biblical women were women of prayer. And, like them, whenever we trust God to work in the small (and big) details of life, it will come out in our prayers.

Not a lot is recorded in Scripture about Deborah. She is spoken of in chapters 4 and 5 of the Book of Judges. But we can learn much from her example. She was a powerful woman of faith, and she was influenced by the Holy Spirit to do God’s will. Although she lived in a time when women were cornered in job roles that would not normally have included being a judge, God placed her in that role and used her in a mighty way.

We might have long and deep discussions about the issue of leadership and gender in worship, but all the arguments are beside the point. The main idea we need to focus on is Deborah’s example. She was chosen by the Holy Spirit and was respected by the nation of Israel as a judge because of her strong faith.

It is undeniable that we can also learn a lot from Deborah being chosen to lead the nation – even though she was a woman. Clearly we can see that the Holy Spirit chooses the *best person* to do a job – regardless of gender. If it’s a man, it’s a man; and if it’s a woman, it’s a woman.

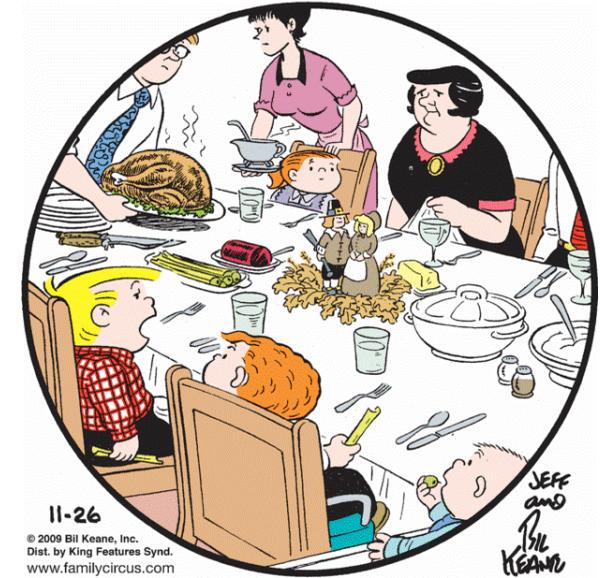
Ladies, we will all do well to learn that it may be the example of a godly woman that might really make our faith grow. If we deny ourselves growth in our faith by denying other women leadership roles, then we will not fully understand the work of the Holy Spirit.

## Secretary’s Corner

### A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, so oftentimes, as any other day  
When we sit down to our meal and pray  
We hurry along and make fast the blessing  
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing  
We're slaves to the olfactory overload  
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold  
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minutes more  
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for  
For my family, my health, a nice soft bed  
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head  
I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those  
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know  
Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure  
Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure  
That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place  
And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace  
So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided  
And bless each and every person invited  
Amen!

—Scott Wesemann



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**“I wish the Pilgrims had sent out for PIZZA on the first Thanksgiving 'stead of shootin' a turkey.”**



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**“This is a HARD way to make pumpkin pie, Grandma. Don't you know how to make the frozen kind?”**