

The Crosswalk

First Christian Church
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Every year at Thanksgiving we sit around a table with far too much food and someone inevitably asks the question, “What are you thankful for?” This reminds me of a conversation I’ve been having to have with my kids lately. My kids are getting old enough to start learning how to handle money. So, we’ve instituted the chore chart. At their ages it’s pretty basic, do a chore get a quarter (or nickel if dad’s feeling particularly cheap). It’s become our routine to only have pay day once a week, so that they get paid for all their hard work through the week and I only have to mess with it once a week. We are trying to teach them to be generous and to save for big expenses and things of that nature so every pay-day I sit down and explain that they can’t simply put all their money in their savings or their spending jars. The part they struggle with most, however, is the giving jar. Week after week I find myself explaining that they need to give some of their money back to God. In the Old Testament the Israelites were asked to give ten percent, but in the New Testament the only guide we are given is that all of it is God’s. Right now, my kids give because their dad makes them, but the reason I make them is because I want them to learn something. It’s not going to make a difference in the church finances if my kid gives his 20 cents this week or not, but it will make a difference if my kid learns to be thankful in a way that expresses itself tangibly; if he/she learns to have an attitude of gratitude. Yes, I want my kid to be thankful *for* this money, but more importantly I want him to be thankful *to* God for this blessing.

The Psalms have more to say about giving thanks than any other book in the Bible, by far. Of the 133 times the bible uses the words “thanks” or “thanksgiving” 46 of them are in the Psalms. The next book that uses this word the most is Nehemiah with only eight usages. The psalms make it clear, thankfulness is not a thing to be done half-heartedly. “I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds”- Ps. 9:1. “I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever”- Ps. 86:12. “I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation”- Ps. 111:1. We are told to give thanks aloud or in song 11 different times, and we are to do this so that others can hear. We are told to give thanks among the people (105:1), in the company of the upright (111:1), among the throng (109:30), among the nations (57:9; 108:3). Basically, we are to give thanks with all that we are so that others can hear it. However, the reason others are supposed to hear it is because of who is receiving this thanks.

11 different times the psalmist gives thanks to “the name”. God is the one who is worthy of our thanks. He is the only one to whom thanks is given throughout the Psalms. Partially because he is good (used in 8 different places) and partially because of what he’s done (4 different places). In fact, the phrase, “give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever” is used almost verbatim in six different places in the Psalms. It is because of his righteousness, goodness, and love that we give him thanks.

So, this month as we sit around a table with friends and family and far too much food and we talk about what we are thankful *for*, don’t forget who we’re thankful *to*. We are thankful to the one who loved us enough to send his son to die for us. We are thankful to the one who’s love endures forever, who is righteous and holy, and who is the giver of all good things (James 1:17). Maybe this year you might find a Psalm to read with your family (Psalm 117 or 118 are good ones) to remind everyone to “give thanks to the LORD for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!”

In Him,
Ben



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 LBS 9:30AM SERVICE/ACTION MTG 10:30AM ABS 6:30PM	2 WORSHIP MTG 5:30PM	3 PCG-6:00PM	4
5 THANKSGIVING DINNER-NOON GS 3:30PM SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	6	7 EDUCATION MTG 5:30PM	8 LBS 9:30AM ABS 6:30PM	9 ELDERS MTG 6:00PM DEACONS MTG 6:30PM BOARD MTG 7:00PM	10 PCG-6:00PM	11
12 HBS-6:30PM GS 3:30PM SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	13	14	15 LBS 9:30AM ABS 6:30PM	16	17 PCG-6:00PM	18  BODDY/CLARK WEDDING 7:30PM
19 ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING GS 3:30PM SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	20	21	22 OFFICE CLOSED PM	23 OFFICE CLOSED 	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
26  6:00 PM Hanging of The Greens! GS 3:30PM SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	27	28	29 LBS 9:30AM ABS 6:30PM	30		



**ABS-ADULT BIBLE STUDY; GS-GIRL SCOUTS; HBS-HOME BIBLE STUDY
LBS-LADIES BIBLE STUDY; PARTIN COMMUNITY GROUP; SS-SUNDAY SCHOOL; WS-WORSHIP SERVICE**

Serving In November

November 05

Meditation: Doug Dalton
Servers: Bob McGuire, Carol Carson
 *John Signorelli, ?
Nursery: Sunday School - Ben & Kristen Partin
 Worship Service - ? , ?
Children's Church: Roma Weinkauf
AV Booth: Jordan Bronson/PP, Robert Crawford/Sound
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD
Lord Supper Prep & Clean Up: Iris Felix
 *Offering Prayer

November 12

Meditation: Lloyd Colston
Servers: Doug Tritle, *Iris Felix
 Jane Clark, John Signorelli
Nursery: Sunday School - Robert & Crystal Crawford
 Worship Service - Katie Bronson, ?
Children's Church: Sarah Skiles
AV Booth: Jordan Bronson/PP, Robert Crawford/Sound
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD
Lord Supper Prep & Clean Up: Iris Felix
 *Offering Prayer

November 19

Meditation: Randall Coffman
Servers: John Signorelli, *Wanda Jones
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Nursery: Sunday School - Marilyn Wright, Wanda Jones
 Worship Service - Richard & Christina Barnes
Children's Church: ?
AV Booth: Jordan Bronson/PP, Robert Crawford/Sound
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD
Lord Supper Prep & Clean Up: Iris Felix
 *Offering Prayer

November 26

Meditation: Jim Jones
Servers: Brenda Gibson, Jackie Morey
 *John Signorelli, Richard Barnes
Nursery: Sunday School - Jackie Morey, Wendi Noon
 Worship Service - Brian & Colleen Buss
Children's Church: Nova Noon
AV Booth: Jordan Bronson/PP, Robert Crawford/Sound
Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD
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In Our Prayers

Judy Folkner - cancer
 (Kathy Morrow's friend)
Nick Williams - ALS
 (Altus teacher)
Sherri Merrill - uterine cancer/chemo
 (Rick Weinkauf's sister)
Jo Parnell - inoperable lung cancer
 (Lee Barnes' son-in-law's mother)
Debbie Cleland - cancer
 (Christina Barnes' co-worker)

Periodically the Prayer List will be updated. If we remove someone that you still want on the list, please let us know and we will be glad to put them back on..

If you have a prayer need or know of any changes, please contact the church office.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/01 Tyler Tidwell
 11/15 Elisabeth White

Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30 am
 Worship Service 10:30 am

Wednesday Services

Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm


Secretary's Report October 2017

Average Attendance	52.8
Average Visitors	4.4
Total Average Attendance	57
Total Offerings	\$ 10,128.00

DO YOU KNOW?

1. When was the first American Thanksgiving Day?
2. Where was it celebrated?
3. How long did the Thanksgiving feast last?
4. When was Thanksgiving Day first observed as a National Holiday?

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 4)





**THIS YEAR I THOUGHT I WOULD TRY
 A SELF-BASTING TURKEY.**

Your Elders

Phil Carson, Randall Coffman, Doug Dalton
 Gene Drechsler, Jerry Gibson, Jim Jones

Your Deacons

Richard Barnes, Jane Clark, Crystal Crawford,
 Brenda Gibson, Wanda Jones, Brenda Risner

- CHURCH FAMILY -
**THANKSGIVING
DINNER**



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE
FUN GAMES FOR THE KIDS**



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH - FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

*Annual
congregational*
MEETING

**WE WILL BE VOTING ON THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND THE
2018 BUDGET. A LIST OF CANDIDATES IS ON THE BULLETIN
BOARD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**