

Winns' Messenger

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....It's time for a P-A-R-T-Y!!!!

Our Annual Shoebox Party is just around the corner!

On Sunday, November 17th @ 12:00 noon we will be packing over 3,000 shoeboxes to send to children all around the world!

There will be one service on this day at 10:30!

(No Sunday School or Nursery)

After a time of warm worship with our families, we will head down to the Fellowship Hall and work together to fill boxes!

It's going to be an exciting day!! Hope to see many of you there!!

Dear Church Family,

There is an expression that is used when people see things as better than they actually are or were. It's called looking at things through "rose colored glasses." I don't suppose a touch of optimism really hurts anything but making a habit of giving circumstances and situations a better grade than they really deserve can cause a lot of problems. The biggest one being that it can prevent people from making changes that make a difference.

There is a much better way to live in happiness and contentment than to pretend that things are good that really aren't. It's called a mindset of gratitude. One can be totally honest about hardships, grief, loss, and difficulty while at the same time being grateful for what is good and going well, and even for the good that God can and will bring out of sad or hurtful occurrences.

Far from living in a contrived world of endless sunshine, a mindset of gratitude helps us to accurately see the whole picture. When pain comes, we tend to think only of the pain. A grateful heart helps us to see all of the wonderful things that God is doing alongside, and sometimes through, the pain. It's not technically optimism, though it may look like it. It is actually realism. There are downsides to everything, no matter how welcome and wonderful it, or the situation may be. Few blessings compare to bringing a new baby into the family, but mama's multiple sleepless nights don't feel like fun at the time! Similarly, God brings good out of situations that seem horrible and sad. The prison sentence that a desperate young man receives for a crime he committed, may be the beginning of his walk into the Savior's arms.

So, a grateful person knows that there are some downsides to even wonderful blessings, and that God brings good out of even the most oppressive situations. The true believer also understands that whatever this life throws at us, that God will walk with us through it and ultimately bring us home to a place that He has prepared for us!

As we lean towards another Thanksgiving Day, it might be a great time to get back on track with the biblical admonition- "...in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (! Thess. 5:18)

Gratefully His and yours,
Pastor Jeff

Good morning, Church Family,

Fall is in the air and big things are coming up: My personal favorite is lower humidity! But seriously, we are getting close to the time of year where we focus on being thankful. While our lives should be lived in regular thankfulness to God each and every day, we need to “stop to smell the roses.” God is so good to us, and I think a lot of His blessings are not noticed because we just take them for granted or live distracted by all the things of life where we don’t have enough bandwidth left to consider all that He has so graciously provided. Be sure to be thankful for your family, your health, your job, your church, for the creation that God so masterfully has designed and placed us in, etc. Most of all be thankful for God’s provision through the Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation and for His perfect, unchanging Word.

God wants us to notice His blessings and to show our thankfulness. He also wants us to represent Him faithfully to the world. So, seek to be a blessing to others in any way that you can. Through words of kindness and encouragement, but also through actions. Be sure to do it for Jesus and for His glory and He will definitely bless it!

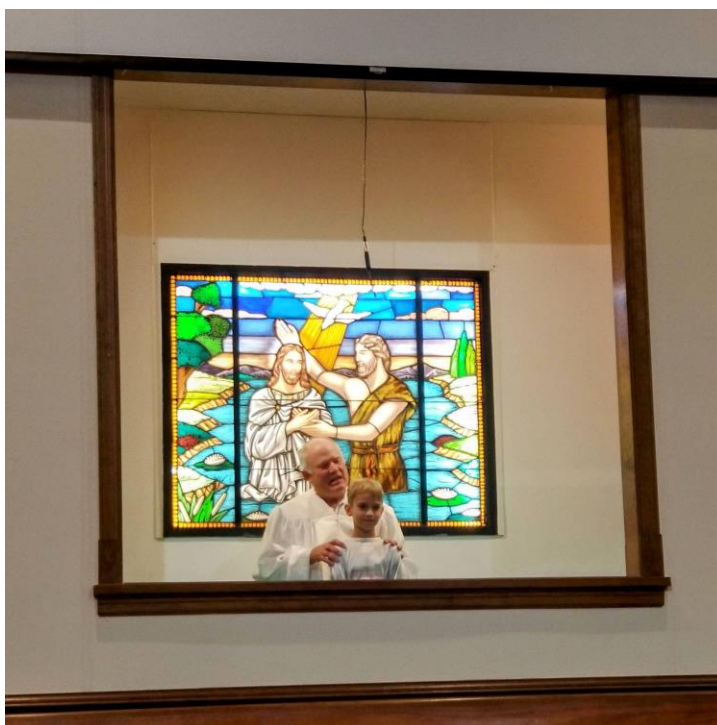
And as we get closer to the election, I would like to admonish you to take time regularly to really pray in an undistracted way for God’s will to be done. No matter the outcome, we have nothing to fear, because this world is ultimately not our home, BUT we do want things to go as smoothly as possible while we are here, and we also want to live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness. We want to maintain our freedom, but we have to ask ourselves what are we using that freedom for right now? Our faith isn’t theoretical, it is supposed to be practical and beneficial to those around us. Seek to live out your faith. Ask God how and He will show you. Then do it for Him. God bless y’all. I love you.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Doug



CELEBRATE!!

On Wednesday, October 23rd our AWANA opening looked a little different. We opened our night with the baptism of Thomas Meece, one of our AWANA clubbers. Thomas had accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior this past summer and was very excited to follow through with a believer's baptism. All of our Wednesday ministries, Men's ministry, Women's ministry, and Youth ministry joined us to support and encourage our new brother in Christ! Congratulations Thomas!



Informational Calendar 2024-2025

October

30TH No Wednesday Activities

31st Fall Festival

November

10th NMIC

17th OCC Packing Party

27th No Wednesday Activities

28th & 29th Church Office Closed

December

14th 3pm Christmas Musical Presentation

15th 6pm Christmas Musical Presentation

24th 5pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

25th No Wednesday Activities

24th, 25th, 31st Church Office Closed

January

1st Church Office Closed

1st No Wednesday Activities

8th Wednesday Activities Resume

WEEKLY

- **Monday pm (FH) American Heritage and Trail Life**
- **Tuesday 9am Men's Prayer (108-109) & Women's Prayer (112)**
- **2nd Tuesday (FH) 11am Young at Heart**
- **Wednesday's Set-Apart, Awana, Women's Bible Study (108 & 109)
Men's Ministry Meeting at Yellow House, Youth**
- **1st & 3rd Thursday (FH) 4H**
- **Saturday pm AA (Yellow House)**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Thanksgiving Day

Word Search

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

AMERICA
CANOE
COLONY
CORNUCOPIA
ENGLAND
FALL
FAMILY
FEAST
FREEDOM
GRATITUDE
HARVEST
HOLIDAY
INDIANS
MAIZE
MAYFLOWER
MILES STANDISH
NEW WORLD
NOVEMBER
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PLYMOUTH
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PURITANS
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FALL BACK

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

Sunday, November 2nd, 2024, at 2am



Just a reminder:

**Wednesday, November 27th
there will be no evening activities.**

**The Church office will be closed
Thursday and Friday
November 28th & 29th.**

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**For the month of November & December , we will be collecting “
Fabric and Trim” used to make dresses, shorts, and bags
Items can be placed in the bin at the “Welcome Center.”**