

## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### ***And be thankful. (Colossians 3:15b ESV)***

November 2022 is both the month of the midterm elections this year and the month of our yearly celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. I hope that all who read this newsletter vote on November 8 and do so from Christian convictions. And whatever the outcome, God remains our Provider, Protector, and Preparer (see Psalm 23). Let's be reminded this month: one of the primary Christian virtues is thankfulness, or gratitude. I recently noticed how often *thanksgiving* is mentioned in Paul's letter to the Colossians. It is mentioned no less than seven times.

1:3 We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ when we pray for you.

1:11-12 (Paul prays for them that) being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

2:6-7 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

4:2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

In one short letter we see a tapestry of gratitude. Paul is reminding us, at the very least, that we are thankful for friends, for brothers and sisters in Christ, for salvation in Christ, for life, for God's provision of our needs, for fellowship, and for an opportunity to work and rest. *Thank you, Lord, for all these things!*

James, our Lord's brother, tells us that every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights (see James 1:17). Paul, on the other hand, tells of the dangers of ingratitude. In a lengthy exposition of the sinfulness of humanity, he writes, *For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened* (Rom. 1:21). As you meditate on the verses listed above, ask yourself, "Am I thankful today?"

***Dear LORD, the Bible tells us that you are a Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and who provides for our physical, material, emotional, and spiritual needs. Thank you and please help us to be thankful. In Jesus' name, Amen.***



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 <b>B-day:</b> Joel Coddington	5
6 <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> <b>International Day of Prayer (IDOP)</b> <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <b>Anniv:</b> Ray & Melanie Evans	7 <b>Game/Fellowship</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:30am	8 <b>Election Day</b> <b>WM Circle Study:</b> 6:45pm <b>B-day:</b> Stephen Cannon	9 <b>WM Circle Study:</b> 9:30am <b>Dessert Fellowship:</b> 6pm <b>Study/Prayer:</b> 6:15pm	10	11 <b>Veterans Day</b>	12
13 <b>Deacons Meeting</b> <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <b>Communion</b> <b>Deadline: Christmas Cards for the Troops</b> <b>B-day:</b> Judah McNutt	14 <b>Game/Fellowship</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:30am	15 <b>WM Circle Study:</b> 9:30am or 6:45pm	16 <b>Dessert Fellowship:</b> 6pm <b>Study/Prayer:</b> 6:15pm <b>B-day:</b> Joy Mackin	17	18	19
20 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <b>Fellowship Potluck</b> <b>B-day:</b> Ruth Symon <b>B-day:</b> Mia McNutt <b>B-day:</b> Nathaniel Coddington	21 <b>Game/Fellowship</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:30am	22 <b>B-day:</b> David Coddington	23 <b>Session Meeting:</b> 7pm (TBD) <b>B-day:</b> TJ Keasler <b>B-day:</b> Andrea Ward	24 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	25	26
27 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am (in the sanctuary and via Zoom) <b>B-day:</b> Cindy Keasler	28 <b>Game/Fellowship</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:30am	29 <b>WM Circle Study:</b> 9:30am or 6:45pm	30 <b>Dessert Fellowship:</b> 6pm <b>Study/Prayer:</b> 6:15pm			

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH:** David Coddington and Ray Evans

**FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH:** Karen Lashley

**RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:**

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom.
- Game/Fellowship Time, Mondays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Women’s Ministry Circle Study, Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall or 6:45 pm at Ann Resto’s house.
- Dessert Fellowship and Bible Study/Prayer Time, Wednesdays. Dessert fellowship at 6:00 pm and study with prayer time at 6:15pm.

<u>2022</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 7,560.85	\$ 75,415.47
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 6,861.85	\$ 71,483.56
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 699.00	\$ 3,931.91
<u>2021</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 6,027.00	\$ 71,552.00
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 5,444.35	\$ 56,828.87
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 582.65	\$ 14,723.13

**SEPTEMBER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:** 25

**DEACONS CLASS OF 2023:** David Coddington and Mike Cork

**DEACONS CLASS OF 2024:** Ray Evans and Joel Coddington

**DEACONS CLASS OF 2025:** Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

**November 13:**

- Communion
- Deacon Meeting
- Deadline to turn in all Christmas Cards for the Troops

**November 20:** Fellowship Potluck, immediately following the worship service; potluck setup/cleanup team: Scott and Patty Kirkpatrick, Jimmy and Joy Mackin, and Thelma Brown.

**November 23:** Session Meeting, 7:00 pm (To Be Decided)

**November 27:** Hooked on Prayer (HOP), see page 4 for more information. The regularly scheduled HOP meetings for November and December have been cancelled due to the holidays. Meetings will resume in January.

**2023 POTLUCK COMMITTEES:**

- Jan. Resto and Ward
- Feb. Weltin and Symon
- Mar. Davidson and Kirkpatrick
- Apr. Lashley, Cannon, and Thelma Brown
- May Coddington and Evans
- Jun. Mackin and Basinger
- Jul. Cork and Resto
- Aug. Ward and Weltin
- Sep. Symon and Davidson
- Oct. Kirkpatrick and Coddington
- Nov. Cannon and Basinger
- Dec. Lashley, Cork, Mackin, and Thelma Brown

**2023 FOOD MINISTRY LEADERS:**

- Jan. Joy Mackin                      Jul. Patty Kirkpatrick
- Feb. Bernice Cork                  Aug. Karen Lashley
- Mar. Karen Davidson              Sep. Vickie Cannon
- Apr. Katy Basinger                Oct. Andrea Ward
- May Melissa Weltin                Nov. Ann Resto
- Jun. Eloise Harris                  Dec. Ruth Symon

## November 6, 2022

**IDOP**

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
for the PERSECUTED CHURCH



**Voice of the Martyrs**

- ◆ Pray that Christians in hostile areas and restricted nations will soon hold their own copies of God’s Word.
- ◆ Pray that each of us will cherish God’s Word more deeply.
- ◆ Pray that our knowledge of the glory of the Lord will result in obeying Scripture at any cost.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE TROOPS

We hope you will help support our Christmas Cards for the Troops annual event. Start planning now to prepare your cards. All cards will need to be delivered to the church by **November 13th.**



# HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

NOVEMBER 2022

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Robert & Lisa Stewart	Mission to the World — Japan
Andy & Bev Warren	Mission to the World — Ethiopia
Doug McNutt	Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa
Aaron & Leticia Zapata	Mission to North America — Mexico
U.S. Military Chaplain Ministry	Mission to North America
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Joy Ayabe	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Clete Hux	Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL
Jonah & Jennifer	Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country
General Support	The Lighthouse Women's Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS

## HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Acton, Beth	Hoggle, Judy
Allinder, Kate	Hooks, Chesnee
Bazuin, Caiden	Huizenga, Fran
Beale, Amy	Hux, Karen
Beard, Ken	Ivy, Kendall
Beard, Ronnie	Jennifer (Missionary)
Beeler, Peggy	Lane, Barbara
Belcher, Samuel	Lawson, Connie
Brantley, Maggie	Ligon, Brandon
Bridges, Ida Lee	Mackin, Jimmy
Brooker, Chrissy	Mader, Rebecca
Brooker, Jan	McIntier, Jodie
Brown, Walt	Morgan, Laura
Busby, Rhae	Mutisya, Cecilia
Bynum, Linda	Parr, Higley
Coker, Jean	Phillips, Ronnie
Craig, Noah	Plummer, Kaegan
Curry, Walter	Renner, Elizabeth
Davidson, Karen	Reynolds, Christy
DeWitt, Robert	Sakon, Ethan
Duncan, Conner	Sharp, Chris
Dyer, Doug	Sims, Anna Katherine
Emerson, Sandra	Telmont, Jose
Espy, Emily	Thornton, Alaina
Farst, Sharon	Tipton, Carolyn
Finley, Betty	Tulipan, Amelia
Griffith, Michelle	Tulipan, Hansen
Hall, Jimmy	Turner, Becky
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	VanderMolen, Popko
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Hayes, Betsy	Womble, Caleb
Headley, David	Zimmerman, Steve
Hocker, Jeannie	

If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.

**If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you.**

**Can you pray?  
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you knit or crochet?  
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you write note cards?  
WE NEED YOU!**

HOP is a prayer shawl ministry. We give shawls, throws, or blankets to the critically, chronically, or terminally ill to let them know we are praying for them. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to be involved.

Any monetary gifts or donations of supplies, yarn, note cards and/or postage is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin for more information on how you can get involved.



## OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

### Cancer:

Luke (Jonah's son)  
Scott Kirkpatrick  
Jimmy Mackin  
Rick Wilson  
Kendall Ivy  
Jimmy Hall

### Illness:

Laura Morgan  
Neal Bules  
David Headley  
Linda Dunning

### Special Needs:

Liz Bond  
The Hutton Family  
Sharon Farst

### Other Needs:

Christina & Danny Addison  
Abigayle Kircharr  
Harry Jeong

### Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick  
Sam Brasfield  
Steven Mackin  
Victor Resto  
Joseph Wilson  
Josh Tyson  
Blake Ivy  
Austin Griffith  
Kaleb Brown