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Seek. God. First.

Thoughts from our Pastor



Thanksgiving is much more than an American holiday. It is a biblical response to the greatness of God. We see a great example of this truth in the Book of Revelation:

And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. ¹⁸The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth."
(Revelation 11:16-18, NKJV).

Why were the twenty-four elders giving thanks to the Lord? When we read this passage in the context of the chapter, we find they were giving thanks for the Lord's justice. And as far as we know, at this moment and forevermore, they will be giving thanks for God's justice. Of course, thanksgiving is found in many places and for many reasons in the Bible prior to the Book of Revelation. In fact, the phrase, "Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever" occurs (with some minor variation) eighty-one times in the Bible!! Giving thanks to the Lord is nothing new and is certainly no small matter.

We see it in our own lives. We give thanks for the small as well as the great. When the server at the restaurant fills our glass of water, we typically say, "Thank you." When the surgeon successfully finishes his work and gives a report on our loved one's health, "Thank you," is our typical response. In the simplest of terms, thanksgiving is a response.

However, thanksgiving is more than a response, it is an attitude. For Christians, thanksgiving and worship are joined at the hip. As we grow in Christ and realize that His steadfast love endures forever, thanksgiving moves from a response to an attitude and finally to worship. The Book of Job tells us that Job was the greatest man in the east, yet he lost everything near and dear to him – even the lives of his children. His response reflected his attitude and his worship toward the Lord:

Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. ²¹And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord." ²²In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong. (Job 1:20-22, NKJV).

When we gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, let's remember that thanksgiving is a response that grows into an attitude that leads to worship. Thanksgiving really has nothing to do with circumstances and everything to do with the steadfast love of God through His Son – our Savior – Jesus Christ.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Barry

The Gate Post

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change



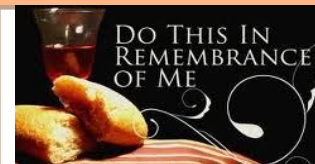
Daylight Saving Time ends on November 7. Reset your clock before retiring on November 6.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Have you picked up a box to fill? There are boxes in the church, so please pick up one or two and begin filling them.

Boxes must be at the church no later than November 15. Don't forget to put the \$9 postage in the box or give some money for mailing the boxes. If you have any questions, see Linda Hardesty or Ann Therrell.



The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, November 21.

The pastor and deacons have decided to conduct the ordinance in much the same way as we have in the past. The balcony will be closed. Some of the pews will be unavailable for seating. The deacons will serve the elements to the congregants in their seats as we have in the past.

There will be no Kids Worship on November 21.



The Church Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 25 and 26. We will close at noon on November 24. NO service or other activities will be held on Wednesday, November 24. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

A Message from Barry Agnew, Jr., Minister of Students and Education

Some years ago I was working with a college student whose entire family were not believers. She would constantly ask for prayer for her family to come to faith in Jesus. One day her high school aged sister was visiting her on campus. While driving around one day the college student began telling her younger sister about some challenging things that were going on in her life and school. She then told her about how even with all of that going on that she was thankful and blessed to be in the situation that she was in. After a few minutes the younger sister finally blurted out "STOP THE CAR." In frustration she asked her big sister what she was so thankful for during such tough times. The older sister used this as an opportunity to share the gospel with her younger sister and ended up leading her to the Lord right there on the side of the road.

God has given us so much that He deserves our thankfulness, however our thankfulness also acts as a witness to a lost and dying world around us. When people see that we have so much to be thankful for many will realize how desperately they need the goodness of God and the joy of Christ in their lives. So as we move into the holiday season and specifically as Thanksgiving draws near, think about all you have to be thankful for and also think about the witness that your thankfulness will have on the lost world around you. **God has been good to me and I want the whole world to know about it.**



A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

The Hymn "Just as I Am" is the best-known invitation hymn in all of Christendom. Here's how it came to be.

Following an illness in her early 30's, the hymn's author, Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871), of Brighton England became a bitter invalid, declaring "If God loved me, He would not have treated me this way". Charlotte's brother, a pastor, in hopes of encouraging his sister, invited a Swiss minister, Dr. Cesar Malan, to be their family dinner guest. Perceiving Charlotte's mindset, Dr. Malan said "You're holding onto your hate and anger, because you have nothing else in the world cling to." Charlotte said, "What is your cure?" Dr. Malan responded, "You would give yourself to God just as you are now, with your fighting's and fears, hates and loves, pride and shame." Charlotte said "I would come to God just as I am. Is that right?"

Soon after Charlotte responded to Christ, her poem "Just as I Am" was published in the "Invalid's Hymnbook". This "sweet hymn" then found its way into magazines and other publications, into religious circles, then into hymnbooks. Sometime after its publication, a lady, struck by its beauty, printed it in leaflet form where it was widely circulated in cities and towns throughout England. In modern times, it has become associated with Billy Graham Crusades, where hundreds of thousands of people have responded to its melody and message.

The impact of even the infirmed, yielded to God, is never to be underestimated.

Invitation to Singers: If you would like to sing in our Christmas musical, please see me for a free listening CD. We will be having alternate practice opportunities.

In Him who first loved us, Dennis



We share our sympathies with: Teresa Green, on the passing of her mother, Shirley Rainey; Tony Green and Tiffany Bannister on the loss of their grandmother; Markus Heinis on the passing of his mother. Please keep these families in your prayers.



Friday and Saturday
November 19 & 20
9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be **Friday and Saturday, November 19 & 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.**

I hope you will make plans to join in the November prayer vigil. You can sign up for a spot by calling the church office during business hours. As always we encourage EVERYONE to sign up and we are beyond excited about what God is already doing through the prayers of His church at Northgate!

Church Office: 864-242-3805
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Sunday, November 14, we will have an IMB Missionary will be at Northgate. The service will not be recorded or live streamed. Plan to be here. Pray for our missionaries.



Eric & Brandy Ager are expecting a baby boy November 24. Brandy is registered on amazon.com. You can go there and pick a gift. Pampers diapers are also needed. There is currently a shortage on diapers and they need all they can get! Gifts can be dropped off at the preschool.



WMU will be meeting in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, November 23. All ladies are invited.



November Joy Club

November 15 at 10:45am in the fellowship hall. Come join us for this time of great food and fellowship. **Candy Garren will be our special guest. Contact Judy Rothfuss at 483-0709 to let her know you will be coming. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, November 10.**

NOVEMBER KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- 11/7 Linda Hardesty, Ann Therrell
- 11/14 Justin Brooks, Carole Coker
- 11/21 **Lord's Supper**
- 11/28 Robby & Tiffany Bannister, Tina Jimmerson

If you are unable to serve, please ask one of the other volunteers and contact the church office.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

- 11/7 Almena Simon, Ann Therrell, Beth Todd
- 11/14 Lori Buchanan, Peter & Anne Danciu, Tom Simon
- 11/21 Mandy Agnew, Pat Durham, Bonnie Foster
- 11/28 Judy deKock, Sarah Folk, Linda Hardesty