

The Youth Connection

Mercy Baptist Church Youth Newsletter

MERCY BAPTIST CHURCH

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New name for the newsletter

The people (that's you) have spoken! When the very first Mercy Youth monthly newsletter came out, we asked you what you thought it should be called. The youth responded and a vote was taken.

The Youth Connection has prevailed!

Thanks for all your help picking a great newsletter name.

Thanksgiving is a festive occasion allowing people all over the world to give thanks to God for food, family and friends. It is a time to reflect on the many blessings in our lives. This day is set aside to show appreciation to our Lord who supplies our daily bread, good health, a sound mind, and a place to rest. This is a “thank you” to Christ who keeps us in his loving care everyday of our lives.

We should be thankful for what we have, and realize that we are truly blessed. In the bible, we read.

“In *everything* give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (I Thessalonians 5:18).

Instead of complaining, God's wants us to continually live with an attitude of thankfulness and joy.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Pastor Johnny J. Hollis, Jr. and First Lady, Gloria Hollis

Mercy Youth Choir

The Mercy Youth Choir is here and they are fabulous. On October 14th, the Mercy Youth choir had its first rehearsal with Bro. Laron Washington. The youth choir is made up of tweens and teens 10 to 19 years of age. The choir made its debut at the Victory in Christ Celebration on October 31st. See VIC article in this edition.



Youth Buzz



Kudos

We've got a great group of youth here at Mercy. Let us know your accomplishments so we can share the moment with the congregation.

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Birthdays

3^d

Zanyelle Combs

4th

Timothy Williams

9th

Yazmine McQueen

11th

Asia Smith

24th

Sarah Bethea

30th

Chris Jackson

If you are between 0-20 years of age, see a youth advisor to have your birthday added to the calendar.

Praise Expressions



VICTORY IN CHRIST

****On October 31st, the Mercy drama, music and dance ministries presented us with a joyful exhibit of praise and a skit worthy of an Academy Award.



Fun Page

Bible Verse Activity - Use the words listed to fill in the blanks and complete the Bible verse.



I Thessalonians 5:18

Jesus, thanks, every, Christ, thing, you, will, God

In _____ give _____ : for this is the _____ of _____ in
 _____ concerning _____.

Bible Word Search: Thanksgiving

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, the leftover letters form a *mystery answer*.

P P R A Y E R S
 T H U R S D A Y
 S F A M I L Y I
 E L E G P E U R
 V I M A K K M S
 R W O R S H I P
 A P U R I T A N
 H T P R A I S E

Family, Feast, Harvest, Praise, Prayers,
 Pumpkin, Puritan, Thursday, Turkey, Worship,
 Yum

The Climb

This **November** remember all of the things that make you happy to be alive. These are the things that we should go to God and thank him for. We sometimes get caught up in what **WE** want and how to please **OURSELVES**. Surrounded by a world that teaches us to only care for what we desire. We have to care for others and put their needs in front of our own. Sometimes we have to remember that **life's a climb** and those we **knock down** on the **way up** could be the ones we call to for help when we are **falling** back down.

So be thankful, grateful, and helpful not only this November, but **EVERYDAY**.

Sarah Bethea

*Have a Happy and Safe
Thanksgiving from the
Mercy Youth Department!!!*



Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen. Revelation 7:12