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November Reflection

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

It is impossible for me to think about November and not think about Thanksgiving. When I was younger, my entire family would get together at my Nana and G-Dad's house and we would have Thanksgiving dinner. We had a ritual that was very similar to one that I am sure many of you have, we would go around the table and say what we were thankful for. I treasure the times that we get to reflect on what it is that we are thankful for.

As a camp counselor there was a song that we would sing with the kids each night before bed. It was a simple song, the chorus was simply, "We've got so much, so much, so much, so much, so much, so much, to be thankful for" and then each camper would say what it was they were thankful for. It seems that at this time of year I get this song stuck in my head. For it is true I do have so much to be thankful for.

Try as I might, I cannot escape this time of year without feeling a deep and abiding sense of thankfulness. I wish that I could blame my nostalgia on the leaves turning, or the cooler weather, or Thanksgiving but the truth is I am just so thankful. It is sad that I need a time of year to express this sentiment, for every single day should be Thanksgiving.

Thankfulness is an important part of our discipleship and is a quintessential marker of the Christian life. Without a thankful heart, it is easy for us to only see what we do not have. Yet, here in this letter to the churches in Thessaloniki Paul reminds the church that our first response to God is one of thanks. "Rejoice always...give thanks in all circumstances."

There are most certainly times in our lives where it is hard to give thanks. It is hard to give thanks when we are disappointed, it is hard to give thanks in sadness, it is hard to give thanks in sickness, and yet our calling is one of a people who are eternally thankful. For whatever trials and tribulations that may arise, the good news of Christ's victory over death trumps whatever disappointments this life can throw at us. So it is with grateful hearts that we sing God's praise.

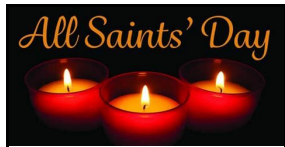
I am thankful for a church that is loving, warm, and kind. I am thankful for a congregation that is willing to accept the call of discipleship and live it out each and every day. I am thankful for the ways that y'all have showed Crystal, Elijah, Ella and myself, the love of God, and I am moved day in and day out by your extravagant generosity.

As we move into this season of Thanksgiving, I want to challenge us to respond with thanks at every opportunity we have. Give thanks to God in all things that we say, think, and do. When you rise in the morning give thanks for the gift of a new day, as we go to sleep at night give thanks to God for bringing us through another day. For I hope that First UMC Cherryville is known, if by nothing else, as a thankful church. Give thanks today, tomorrow, and every day, for what other response can we make to the love of God?

Pastor Zack



As a reminder, Sunday, November 3, Daylight Savings time ends. You will need to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



All Saints Sunday will be held on Sunday, Nov. 3. During our 11:00am Worship service we will remember our church members who have passed away during the past year: Bob Dellinger, Katherine Goins, C.V. Thornburg, Steve Falls, Alice Kilby Wacaster, and W. Cone Carpenter, Jr.



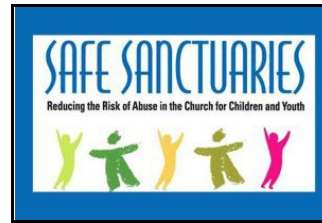
Our UMK's meet weekly on Wednesday evenings at the church beginning at 5:30 for a meal followed by our weekly program of songs and lessons. Also, there is a schedule of special events on our website under the UMK tab at firstmethodistcherryville.com.

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

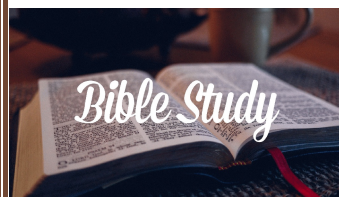
At 7:00am on Thursday mornings the youth will meet for their weekly **Prayer Breakfast** at 7:00am at Homefolks Café. All youth are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Following prayer breakfast, the adults will meet in the Church Parlor and have prayer time for our youth and the youth in the community.

Attention all parents with children who are in grades 4 - 6, we will meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:00pm - 6:00pm with a meal, fellowship and a lesson.

4th-6th



There will be safe sanctuary training session for everyone who works with children and youth in the church on Sunday, November 3, at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The adopted Safe Sanctuary policy of FUMC requires that all individuals working with children/youth attend this class.



Pastor Zack is leading a Wednesday evening Bible Study at 6:30pm on the Gospel of Mark in the June Medlin classroom. A fellowship meal will be served at 6:00pm prior to the Bible Study.



During the next two weeks we will be raising funds to help support a refugee training event David and Renee Crane will be facilitating in South Sudan this November. The funds raised will go directly to sponsoring refugees who will attend the event. These refugees will be trained in evangelistic methods used to spread the gospel among unreached people in refugee camps across south Sudan and Uganda. This is a chance for our congregation to directly impact world missions bringing the gospel to people groups who have never heard it. David and Renee share many stories of how God is moving powerfully even in dark places like this. Please consider contributing to this effort and also praying for the upcoming training event.



The Prayer Warriors meet biweekly at 6:00 in the church Parlor. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, November meetings will be held on Nov. 14 & Nov. 21. Contact Randy Baxter for more details.



Happy Fall to All!

During October our children enjoyed a trip to Lineberger's Pumpkin Patch and a large number of our preschool families took part in Trunk or Treat here at the church. Both of these activities were lots of fun for everyone! All of us were so excited when our Trunk or Treat site was chosen as First Place Winner!

We also observed Breast Cancer Awareness Day. The children and the staff wore pink and lots of photos were taken.

The children are learning while having fun doing so. It is a blessing to witness the excitement when they learn something new; as well as to see the friendships that are being formed.

We are already practicing for our Christmas program which will be on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving from Kingdom Kids!

Ms. Millie

PRAYER LIST (Members)

Billy Alexander, Mike Burgess, Joanne Carpenter, Janet Carter, Billy Crews, Deborah DeVenny, Vera Eaker, Jim Eaton, Peggy Gardo, Ruth Gaston, Aura Ann McGinnis, Larry McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Ed & Nancy Pierce, Karleen Price, Joe & Frances Putnam, Jack Stephenson, Gary Thornburg, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Joie Arthus, E. L. Beam, Grebb Biebault, Mike Dellinger, Dan Jonas, Danny Jonas, Cornelia Moss, Jeff Schrum, Marc Sigmon, Marissa Smith, and our loved ones in the military.

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

#*Ethan Beck, Aron Dickerson, Jessica Lovell, Cody Spiker.

Church Member, *Stationed in the Middle East

NOVEMBER NURSERY WORKERS

8:45am

11:00am

Nov. 3	M'Shel Bowen	Sandra Beam
Nov. 10	Phyllis Thornburg	Emilie Pope
Nov. 17	Linda Brittain	Karen Freeman
Nov. 24	Shayne Turner	Melanie Thornburg

NOVEMBER USHERS

Chesley Walls, Scott Beam, Allen Fraley, Terry Moss, Bruce Barrett

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, OCT. 27, 2019

Previous Total	\$251,080.66
Total To Date	\$280,945.47
Needs to Date	\$306,020.92
Under.	\$25,075.45

ATTENDANCE, OCT. 27, 2019

Sunday School.	90
Early Worship	44
Worship.	150
TOTAL	194

 THANK
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 MUCH!

To the Church,

Thank you for the care you showed to my brother's, Cone Carpenter, Jr., family. The service and the meal was so greatly appreciated. I will cherish these acts of love in my heart.

Elaine & Garlin Neal



We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in loving memory of:

CARL AVERY

Pam Anthony
Jack & Judy Bingham
Mrs. Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)

DIANA BEAM

Chad & Michelle Bingham
E.L., Gail & Ephriam Beam (Backpack Ministry)
Jack & Judy Bingham
Ben & Robin Blackburn
Steve & Lynn Bowen
Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown (Backpack Ministry)
Larry & Juanita Gunnell
Gail Jenkins
Bill & Quita Moss
Ronnie & Jill Puett
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg
Danny & Teci Webb

FRED DARDEN

Ken & Darlene Mayhew (Endowment Fund)

GARY HALLMAN

Bob & Caryl Austell
Jack & Judy Bingham
Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown (Backpack Ministry)
Ronnie & Jill Puett

SCOTT "HAMBONE" HAMM

Chad & Michelle Bingham

STEVE McDOUGALD

Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)

CARLOS MOTHS

Jack & Judy Bingham
Nancy Catena
Vernon & Betty Smith
Mrs. Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)
Danny & Teci Webb

W. CONE CARPENTER, JR.

Billy & Linda Alexander
Pam Anthony
Joyce Baxter
J. L. Beam Men's Bible Class
Jack & Judy Bingham
Chad & Michelle Bingham
Marion & Brenda Boozer
Terry & Patsy Brandon
Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown (Backpack Ministry)
Gene & Linda Carpenter
Cherryville Chapter 156 Eastern Star
Frank & Sloan Fortenbery
Nell Griggs
John & Ann Ham & Robert Rhea
Clarice Harrelson
Michael & Susan Hood
Ron & Janice Hovis
Tad Huffstetler
Linda Mauney
Bill & Quita Moss
Kevin & Kay Moths (Bell Fund)
Ernie & Betty Parker
Karleen Price
Ronnie & Jill Puett
Betty Jane Robinson
Vernon & Betty Smith
Shirley Smith
Bill & Chris Sneed
Stamey Cherryville Funeral Home (Endowment Fund)
Amy Tallent
Mrs. Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)
Rhonda Wehunt
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Rhyne White
Young At Heart

GIAVANNI PALMIERI

Gail Jenkins

JAMES PUTNAM

Linda McQuaige

ANN STANLEY

Larry & Juanita Gunnell

C.V. THORNBURG

Stamey Cherryville Funeral Home

CORINNE TURNER

Amy Tallent



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BILL SIGMON

Bob & Caryl Austell
E. L., Gail & Ephriam Beam
Jack & Judy Bingham
Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown (Backpack Ministry)
Larry & Juanita Gunnell
Clarice Harrelson
Gail Jenkins
Ronnie & Jill Puett
Amy Tallent
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg

BENNY TATE

Pam Anthony
Jack & Judy Bingham
Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown (Backpack Ministry)
Palmer & Mary Ann Huffstetler
Amy Tallent
Mrs. Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)

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IN HONOR

We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in honor of:

MIKE DELLINGER

Sandra Carpenter

ANN HARMON

Sandra Carpenter

PAT MCGINNIS

Sandra Carpenter

CORNELIA MOSS

Sandra Carpenter

JOE & FRAN PUTNAM

Sandra Carpenter

GERALD QUINN

Sandra Carpenter

MARY ETTA STEPHENSON

Nancy Catena (David Crane's Sudan Ministry)
Chancel Choir (David Crane's Sudan Ministry)
Debbie Gantt (David Crane's Sudan Ministry)

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A NOTE OF



The family of Steve Falls would like to thank you for all of the cards, food, calls, visits, memorial gifts to the bell fund, and especially the prayers. Steve loved his church and was a faithful worker around the church and he showed this by the many projects he was involved in around the church. Our family is so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family. Please continue to remember us in prayer.

Carol Falls & family



Mary Etta Stephenson has officially retired effective September 30, 2019. If you wish to honor Mary Etta, she has requested that all honorariums go to the Calvary Road Ministry, Sudan Mission fund (for David & Renee Crane). Please note this on your offering envelope and you can make your check payable to the church. The church truly appreciates Mary Etta for her faithful service to our music ministry for many years. Best Wishes from FUMC.

November Birthdays

2 Mikki Jane Emerson
2 Allen Fraley
3 Sue Nolen
3 Elli Warlick
4 Ella Shuford
4 Henry Shuford
5 Ken Bowen
5 Daniel Owens
5 Eli Payseur
5 Lizzy Payseur
5 Wade Payseur
6 Kelsie Costner
6 Emma Pruitt
8 Wil Collins
8 Kim Mauney
8 Leslie Thornburg
9 Helen Dellinger
10 Joyce Baxter
11 Pam Anthony
12 Pat McGinnis
13 Ethan Beck
14 Debbie Sorenson
15 Judy Bingham
15 Becky Phillips
16 Richard Mauney, Jr.
18 Jamey Wyatt
20 Alan Dellinger
21 Dick Metzger
21 Crystal Thornburg
23 Connor Bradley
23 Guy Eaker
23 Lori Gibson
24 Preston Elliott
25 Kirsten Leffingwell
26 Natalie Beam
26 Justin Thornburg
27 Emily Blackburn
27 Frank Harmon
27 Jason Huss
28 Anna Dellinger
29 Karen Freeman
29 Sherie Harrelson
29 Mary Ann Huffstetler



A NOTE OF



I want to thank the church and everyone who prayed for my recovery while I was in the hospital. I know that prayer is what pulled me through. Also, thank you Pastor Zack for all your visits and concerns.

Mike Dellinger

If your birthday is in November and not listed, please contact the church office.



Jack Stephenson
418 Jane Street
Cherryville, NC 28021

Sunday, November 3 (Daylight Savings Time ends)

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
2:00pm - Safe Sanctuary Training
4:00pm - Christmas Music practice
4:00pm - 4th - 6th grades meet
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, November 4

6:00pm - Aunt Pearl Circle
6:00pm - Vera Eaker Circle

Wednesday, November 6

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal
6:30pm - Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 7

7:00am - Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in Parlor
7:00pm - Finance Committee meeting

Sunday, November 10

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
12:00pm - UMK's bowling (leave after church)
4:00pm - Christmas Music practice
4:00pm - 4th - 6th grades meet
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, November 13

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal
6:30pm - Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 14

7:00am - Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in Parlor
6:00pm - Prayer Warriors meeting

Sunday, November 17

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
4:00pm - Christmas Music practice
4:00pm - 4th - 6th grades meet
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, November 20

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal
6:30pm - Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 21

7:00am - Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in Parlor
6:00pm - Prayer Warriors meeting

Sunday, November 24

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
4:00pm - Christmas Music practice
4:00pm - 4th - 6th grades meet
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, November 27

6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Church Office closed

Friday, November 29

Church Office closed

Sunday, December 1

9:30 - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
12:00pm - First Light Dinner
4:00pm - Christmas Music practice



If you would like to be an **Usher** for Worship during the 11:00am service, please contact Steve Beam.