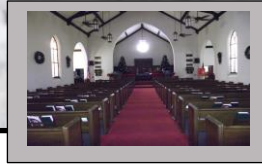


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

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First Things First...

GIVING "PERSONAL" THANKS

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:4

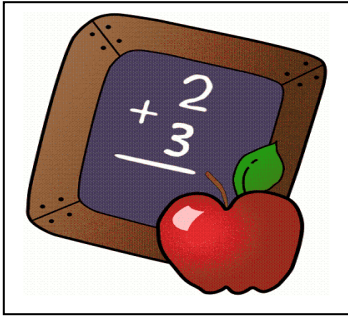
How many Thanksgiving Days have you experienced? How many Thanksgiving Days have you celebrated? The numbers answering these two questions may be the same or they may be quite different. There were days that were experienced but not remembered. The lack of remembrance may be caused by age, either being too young or too old, illness or even the nondescript character of a single day. The trials of life or burdens of a certain time in life may prompt a certain day to be less than memorable. Truly, there is a way any believer can number the true Thanksgiving Days of his or her life, that is, for the years of life.

How can that be determined? Take the number of the years of your life and multiply by 365.242! Every day of a Christian's life should be a Thanksgiving Day...and, yes, even a capitalized and celebratory day. For the one fact of life which is a present truth for all believers is the fact and truth of our salvation in Christ. That the grace of God is given in Christ Jesus is enough cause for thanksgiving and celebration.

There are many reasons to give thanks to God: people, events, blessings of material goods provided for sustenance or pleasure. However, nothing compares to the blessing of forgiveness of sin and the attendant everlasting life that is ours in Jesus! Better yet, we need not limit our thanksgiving to our own salvation. We can, like Paul, give thanks for the grace bestowed on family and friends, and especially for the grace given to the fellow members of our church. We have Paul's example of rejoicing in the salvation of our brothers and sisters in Christ. What better day than today to begin that thanksgiving? We are called to love one another. What better way to express that love than with a prayer of thanksgiving that our brothers and sisters will join us in heaven with Christ forever?

Giving thanks to God our Father for the grace given to you in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Grier



First School And Day Care

First School has 85 children and a waiting list so we are very busy to say the least and are very thankful for all of our many children. We are gearing up for our annual Thanksgiving feast! Each year in November our First School parents and grandparents come out and have a Thanksgiving meal prepared by our school. It is such a wonderful time when we get together each year with all of our parents around and thank them for being a part of our school! This Thanksgiving we have so much to be thankful for! First School has come so far and the best is yet to come! To God be the Glory!!!!!!!

Many Blessings!
Bree Joines
First School Director

First School Activities

Trunk or Treat -- Friday, October 25th - 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving Feast -- Friday, November 22nd - 11:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER READINGS

11/03 Psalm 149; Daniel 7:1-3,15-18, Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31
11/10 Psalm 145:1-5,7-21; Haggai 1:15b-2:9, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17, Luke 20:27-38
11/17 Psalm 98; Isaiah 65:17-25, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19
11/24 Psalm 46; Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43



11/02 Ted Schoenfield
 11/03 Jewel Deen House
 11/15 Bram Koudela
 11/19 Joshua Barosh
 11/25 Franklin Ahlschlager, Jr.
 11/29 Nerissa House



Our FLC Family

Dorothy Atchete
 Charles Bard
 Ron Chambles
 Pastor & Alys Grier
 Nora Hollingsworth
 Jewel Deen House
 Boogie & Marilyn Kight
 Kim & Larry Ledwig
 John Nelson

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 Ernest & Rozell Giesie
 Peggy Glaze
 Verna Roy
 Kim Walker
 Monica Harris
 Riley Sless
 Sherry Morgan

S J Swanson
 Shawn
 Daniel Wittig
 Kim S
 Luke Streiferd
 Ruby Davis
 Laura Atchete Cunningham



11/01 Robert Hollingsworth
 11/03 Kirbie Woods
 11/04 Lois Barosh
 11/16 Nikolas Woodson
 11/16 Ryan Woodson
 11/20 Sarah Barosh
 11/20 Teagan Stewart-Gallegos
 11/23 Sharon Nielsen
 11/24 Linda Korenek
 11/27 Marilyn Kight
 11/29 Lynette Hernandez

List will be cleared on the 1st in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.



PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Jake Barosh
 U.S. Armed Forces



11/07 Milton & Loretta Johnson

WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



OR



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 Wed: 8:00am – 12:00pm

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COUNCIL MEETING
 Thursday, November 21st
 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
 Phone: 979-541-6173

Manna Meals

Our FLCEC Manna Meals Team will be serving on Thursday, November 7th. Please let Cathy Schoenfield know if you will be able to help. The team welcomes anyone who would like to come and help with this outreach effort!

Where all are family and all are fed

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Fall Back!

On Sunday, November 3rd, daylight saving time ends! Remember to “fall back” – turn your clocks back one hour so you will be on time for our morning service.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Father, providing food for your children,
By your wise guiding teach us to share
One with another, so that, rejoicing
With us, all others may know your care.

(taken from Praise and Thanksgiving,
hymn 409, LBW)

WOMEN OF THE WORD MEETING

Monday, November 4th
6:00 p.m.

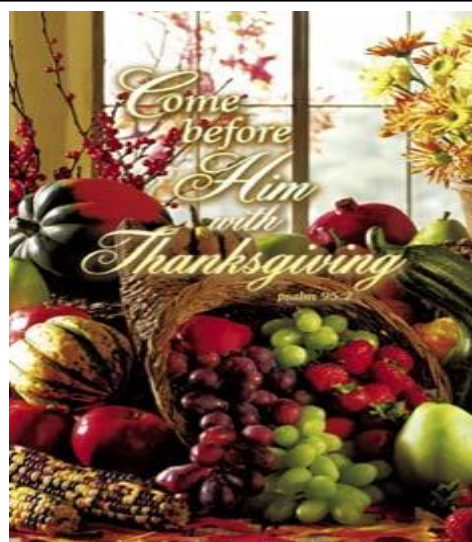
WOW Food Drive
Sunday, November 3rd

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 28th
El Campo Civic Center
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
All are welcome!

Donations are needed for this free city wide Thanksgiving Dinner. Monetary donations are welcomed to help defray the cost of this meal. A request is also being made for donated desserts (cakes, pies and pastries) to be delivered to the Civic Center starting at 9:30 a.m. Volunteers will be needed to help that day.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion WOW Food Drive	4 WOW Meeting 6PM	5	6	7 Manna Meals 5-6:30PM FLC Team serves	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	11	12 First School Board 5:30PM	13 Newsletter Items Due	14	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	18	19	20	21 Church Council 6PM	22 FS Thanksgiving Feast 11AM	23
24 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	25	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29	30

November Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Lynn Talafuse
SEXTON: Gaynard Wigginton
USHERS: Calvin Borak, Daniel Wilfert
ALTAR GUILD: Sheila Herrington, Becky Sample

ACOLYTES

3rd
10th
17th
24th

READER

Ty Schoenfield
Kirk Marek
Ted Schoenfield
Sheila Herrington

If you are unable to serve on your date,
please find someone to take your place.



NOVEMBER FLOWER CALENDAR

3rd

Jimmy & Kathleen Joines

10th

Open

17th

Open

24th

Open

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Helen Marie Kight, Organist
Christine Richter, Office Manager
Bree Joines, Director of First School

November

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS: Sheila Herrington, Milton Johnson, David Kight, Sheila Miller, Jimmy Nielsen,
Cathy Schoenfield & Lynn Talafuse



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Join us on Sunday mornings!

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m
Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.