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My Brothers and Sisters,

With Thanksgiving later in the month, we tend to talk more and think more about being thankful! It is interesting how the Bible says that we are to be thankful to God at all times – when times are good and when they are not so good and even when they are downright bad!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

This is really as easy as it reads to understand and apply to our lives!

For everything that we do and encounter we are literally “to rejoice always” and to be filled with JOY! We know it is impossible to be HAPPY all the time because we go through rough times and through things that will make us sad at times! But JOY is NOT really the same thing as being HAPPY. It is actually the opposite of being BITTER! It can be easy to be bitter towards people and situations that have had a negative impact on our lives. It can be easy for us to be self-serving and self-driven to satisfy OUR wants and perceived needs. That is what leads to bitterness when people are totally fixed on their own fulfillment and when things don’t turn out like we want them to. But JOY is when we make a decision to put our lives and outcome and fulfillment in the hands of the LORD and are trusting Him for what happens to us! JOY is believing and trusting that GOD actually knows what is BEST for us and that He is leading our lives for His purposes and for our good! And the LORD is leading our lives when we are seeking Him and His truth rather trying to lead ourselves by our own wisdom and logic.

It is ONLY then that we will be filled with the JOY OF THE LORD (Nehemiah 8:10)! And when we have God’s JOY, we are thankful for everything that He brings across our path, even the difficult and really hard things because we discover that it is an opportunity to trust the LORD! Our difficulties and seeming impossible circumstances are merely times when the LORD can show how MIGHTY He is to save!

Zephaniah 3:17 - The LORD your God in your midst,

The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing.”

And JOY also comes through praising God all day long! It is only by praising the LORD for all that He is & all He has done in our lives & the salvation & forgiveness that we have in the Lord Jesus that we have the POWER of OUR GOD in our daily lives! Read through the Psalms! Why do you think that the LORD delivered David from every foe and dangerous situation he encountered? IT IS BECAUSE DAVID PRAISED THE LORD in everything that happened to him – good or bad! And when David praised God, he was talking to God and that is PRAYER! David always praised and prayed to God and God was pleased to move mightily in his life!! The same can be true for you and I every day of our lives and in all that we go through! We are to give THANKS TO THE LORD in everything because He is the One who is in control of our lives and He allows things to happen for our growth in faith as His children and ultimately for our good as well!

And this should move us and convince us to be filled with JOY, to PRAY & praise Him continually, and to give THANKS to Him in everything – for this the will of God in Christ Jesus for us!

Thankful For You All in the Name of Jesus,
Pastor Andy

VISION STATEMENT

“Bringing People to Jesus”

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

EVENT	LOCATION	WHEN	TIME
Worship Service	Sanctuary (Live Streamed)	Sundays	11:00am
Sunday School	Fellowship Hall	Sundays	10:00am
Prayer Meeting	Sanctuary	Tues	1:00pm
Adult, Youth, Child classes	Fellowship Hall & FLC	Wed Evenings	6:00pm
Fellowship Lunch After Church	FLC	Sun, Nov 14	12:15pm
Living Hope Homeschool Coop	FLC	Thursdays	9:30am
Deacons Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Sun, Nov 14	12:30pm
Session Meeting	Fellowship Hall	Sun, Nov 14	12:30pm



November Birthdays

Robbins, Anthony	3-Nov
Brown, Steve	4-Nov
Kalinoski, Bobby	17-Nov
Van De Venter, Katsu	25-Nov
Ward, JG	26-Nov



Fall Back 2021

Daylight Savings Time Change
Sunday November 7 at 2:00am

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, clocks are set back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to “fall back.”

QUICK UPDATE

1. The Fall Festival will be on Sunday, November 7 at Barry & Dava's house at 1pm. It includes lunch and is at 269 Kisler Farm Road in Mooresville.
2. There will be an upcoming youth retreat, possibly on November 5-7 in Pilot Mountain, NC!! See Pastor Andy if you are interested.
3. We will be doing the Christmas Walk again this year in December with the inflatables, live nativity, and nativity sets in the Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING AND ONLINE OFFERINGS

Currently, and partially due to the COVID-19 crisis, giving is down and the church continues to need to pay the bills, just like everyone else. So, please make sure you keep up to date on your giving. You can make your offerings in several ways: 1) attend church and make your offering. 2) Mail a check to 659 Carpenter Ave, 28115. 3) Drop your offering in the mail slot that is in the courtyard door to pastor's office, 4) Call a deacon to come pick it up. 5) Make offering online, which is now available, utilizing Pay Pal, accessible on the Church's Website. www.mooresvillearp.org

B-L-E-S-S OUR NEIGHBORS (AND CO-WORKERS & FRIENDS)

B – begin with prayer, **L** – listen (& ask questions to get to know them), **E**– eat (invite to your home, cookout, or for going out), **S** – serve them in some way, **S** – share what god has done for you and invite to church

The Lord wants us to get to know people to be able to share the hope that we have in Jesus! This is the best and deepest thing that we can share with them! But it takes time and commitment to get to know our neighbors in this way! This is how the Lord wants us to grow the church! Please be in prayer for living in an intentional way like this and for the lord to work through you for his glory! Remember – there are 3 levels of getting to know people: 1) learn their names: 2) know things about them – job, where they are from, family members: 3) know something significant they are facing or dealing with

SESSION / DIACONATE HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met on Sunday, October 10 at 12:30 pm:

- 1) Reviewed 2021 budget to actual expenditures with Deacons.
- 2) Approved 2022 budget (October 17, 2021)
- 3) Agreed to move forward with seeking competitive quotes for church insurance program.
- 4) Certified candidates submitted for nominations for officers
- 5) Approved scheduling Congregational meeting for Sunday Oct 31.

The Diaconate met on Sunday, October 10 at 12:30 pm:

- 1) Reviewed 2021 budget to actual expenditures with Elders.
- 2) Scheduled additional 2022 Budget Committee Meetings for week of October 10.

COVID

COVID-19 still is an issue, and the delta variant has caused an increase in infections. We are continuing to adhere to our normal schedule until further notice. Remember to pray for those affected and that we will soon see widespread and effective protection thru inoculations and natural immunity, freeing us from this pandemic and the related restrictions. In the meantime, we will continue to remind congregants to be mindful of CDC safety recommendations such as social distancing, wearing face coverings and refraining from any social contact if feeling ill or exhibiting symptoms. There is ample space in the sanctuary for safe social distancing and we will continue to have masks and hand sanitizer available for those who wish to utilize them.





*This is the confidence we have in approaching God:
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.*

1 John 5:14

Please pray for our country in this great time of need, and especially for those who have been affected either by illness or economic hardship brought on by this viral pandemic. Pray that the dissent, division and secularism in our country can be healed and that our leaders will be guided by the Lord's will. We particularly want to pray for the following:

Church

Outreach & Evangelism
Wednesday Nights
Men's & Women's Groups
Sunday School, Worship & Fellowship
Children & Youth Ministry
Michael & Laura & Fox Cochran – Missionaries in the UK
Homeschool Co-op on Thursdays

Homebound & those in nursing homes

Linda Arceneaux –The Manor
Ginny Suitts – Citadel (Genesis)
Lois Salter – home
Carolyn Massey - Wilmington
Margaret Lamberth - Summit
Bobby Brawley – home
Grier & Lois Brown - home
Kathryn Delaune – The Manor

College Students

Matthew Ward, JG Ward, Olivia Monroe

Town of Mooresville & Community

Those in need in our community
Students in our community

World

World to know Christ!
All ARP Missionaries & Persecuted Christians
Missionaries held hostage in Haiti

Individual Needs

Jewel's cousin, Laura Jane
Charlie Malcolm
Amy Wyatt & Steve McGlothlin's family (Fineran's friends)
Frank & Mary Ann's friend, Margaret & Martie
Diane's brother-in-law, Marty
JG's friend, Ashley
Clint Jenkins
June's friends, Morgan & Joe & Austin
Dixie Stevenson
Trinity Sisson & the loss of her uncle
Kathryn Delaune
Jared – Susan (close friend of a co-worker)
Steve & Daniela Brown's friend, Jackie
Unspoken Needs

Nation

President, Governor & local leaders
Election audits
Return to a Constitutional Republic
Military, Law Enforcement & 1st Responders
Doctors & nurses & medical staff
Healing fom those who have viruses and illnesses
Church – that God would bring revival in our nation
Our education system

CHURCH HUMOR

An irate customer called into the newspaper office and loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am", said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered 'til Sunday." There was quite a pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition. "So that's why no one was in church today."



At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'
- LUKE 14:17 NIV

Thanksgiving Day was approaching, and a family had received a Thanksgiving card with a painting of a pilgrim family on its way to church. Grandma showed the card to her small grandchildren, observing, "The pilgrim children liked to go to church with their mothers and fathers." Oh, yeah?" her grandson replied, "So, why is their dad carrying that rifle?"

A man buys a horse from a pastor who explains to him "to make the horse go yell 'Thank God!' And to make it stop yell 'Hallelujah'". The man is riding the horse and gets distracted when he notices he is about to ride off a cliff and begins to yell "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!", and the horse stops just at the edge of the cliff. He wipes his sweat off and says "Phew! Thank God!".



BOTTLE CAPS

Don't forget to bring in your plastic bottle caps to put in the container by the door in the Fellowship Hall. We want to get enough plastic caps to make a bench for the playground!

ACCESSING THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON LINE

Live Stream on You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD3cSltgWL-NfNoQMwUWVSA>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/GrowingstronginGod/

Church Website: www.moorestvillearp.org

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