



The Beacon



The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Romans 13:12

November 2021

Fall Festival

Saturday, November 6, 2021 ~ 3:00p - 5:00p

Join us for **FUN, FOOD & GAMES!**

Antique Cars • Bounce Slide • Corn Hole • Hay Rides • Obstacle Course • Invite your friends!



Get your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Ready!

A few examples of what to pack; Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Socks, Pencils, Sharpeners, Crayons, Jump Rope, Yo-Yo's, Comb, Sunglasses, etc. Go to samaritanaspurse.org/occ for more gift ideas and also, what *not* to pack. Help us reach our goal of 100 boxes. Please bring your filled shoeboxes to church on **Sunday, November 7th**. The Baptist Women will pack up the shoeboxes to send to Samaritan's Purse. If you pay your shipping on line, please post a note on the outside of the box, otherwise, please put your check of \$9/per box shipping inside the box. Thank you for helping in spreading the Gospel!



Time changes Nov. 7th. Turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed Saturday Night.



Thanksgiving Covered Dish Meal Tuesday, November 23rd - 6:30pm

Bring your favorite dish(es), dessert, or beverage as we share a meal together to give thanks and to fellowship with one another.





**Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month**

Have you noticed how things are made to not last anymore? Years ago, when you bought a product, it was made to last a good while, but that does not seem to be the case today. Companies seem to be not doing their very best at making quality products. A lot of products today are not made to last long and will break so you have to get it repaired or buy another one. I guess the manufacturer of the product makes more money this way.

This philosophy does not just apply to products, but it seems to apply to people as well. Many people in our society seem to not give their best at what they are doing. They seem to just do enough to get by, and they are okay with that. Sad to say, that way of thinking has carried over into church life. Some Christians seem to do just enough to get by when it comes to serving in the church. They don't give their very best. When this happens, the church suffers.

What if Jesus did not give His very best? We would all be in a lot of trouble. I am thankful that Jesus did give His very best. He did not do just enough to get by. Because Jesus gave His very best, we should be motivated to give our very best as we serve Him. Colossians 3:23 says, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." The Amplified Bible says it this way, "Whatever you do [whatever your task may be], work from the soul [that is, put in your very best effort], as [something done] for the Lord and not for men." The idea is that as we serve the Lord, we should do it with excellence.

I am thankful for all of you who serve the Lord at Red Mountain. I greatly appreciate your faithfulness. But let me encourage us (myself included) that as we serve the Lord, let's give Him our very best because He gave His very best.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave



**Women's
Bible Study**
Tuesday, Nov. 2nd ~ 6:45p
We'll meet in the Family Life Center

Baptist Women News

Start your Christmas shopping with **RADA Cutlery** and other kitchen products by clicking this link:

radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946

or use the catalog and order form in the church foyer **All RADA products are proudly made in the USA!** Each purchase helps support Baptist Women mission projects.

Women of Joy Conference - "Embrace Joy" April 22 - 24, 2022 in Pigeon Forge, TN. **A \$25 deposit is due by 11/21/21** and the remaining balance is due 2/13/22. Please make checks payable to RMBC and give to Jenn Shull. For more information, see Jenn or go to womenofjoy.org



Monday, Nov. 15th ~ 7:00p
(3rd Monday of each month)

"The Bondage Breaker"

Overcoming: Negative Thoughts, Irrational Feelings, Habitual Sins

"As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." Proverbs 27:17



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

🕊️ Judy Stencil and her family in the death of her husband, Don Stencil

🕊️ Cathy Taylor and her family in the death of her nephew, Barry Poole

**Building
Loan Balance**

(as of 10/20/2021)

\$ 370,393

Honoring Our Veterans with Prayer

Two decades after World War I, which officially ended November 11, 1918, the U.S. passed legislation to have a legal holiday every November 11th, honoring veterans who served in that war. As time marched on and more wars were fought, Veterans Day became a national holiday honoring American veterans of all wars.

Before personally knowing someone who fought in a war, I didn't give much thought to Veterans Day, other than the commercial aspect of a few good sales. I regret my previously flippant recognition of this important day.

Before Bill went to fight in Iraq, he was an electrician with the same company for 25 years. His children were mostly out of the nest and he and his wife were looking forward to their retirement years. However, after the 9-11 terrorist attacks, Bill joined the Virginia Army National Guard. It seemed unlikely he'd be called to serve overseas since the reserves had not been called up for war since World War II. His family was shocked when he left for the war in Iraq and was gone for 18 months.

When Bill returned in 2005, his family welcomed home a courageous and radically changed man who had lived through horrible events. His time away was spent in chaos.

He told of entering a city where a beheaded man was leaned up against a post — the hand-written sign on his chest translated, "This is what will happen to anyone who speaks to the Americans." He recounted how deeply the enemy hates and wants to destroy all Americans. He carried the bodies of young men in his unit whose lives were cut short by the dining hall suicide bomber in Mosul. The horror stories could fill a book.

His heart was broken for those in his unit who suffered and died; most of them young enough to be his son. He cried for their parents; knowing how devastating it would be to lose a child. Bill was awarded the Purple Heart for his war injuries during battle. He still struggles with the memories of all the evil, death, and danger. He has severe post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) along with physical pain from his injuries. He's totally disabled.

Bill's one of thousands of veterans who are celebrated on this day. They fought so we could be safe from our enemies. They demonstrated the greatest love for us. A national holiday is hardly enough to show them our gratitude and respect. We can't undo anything they've been through, but we can do what the Bible tells us to do — **love them and pray for them.**

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. This is my command: Love each other." (John 15:13-14, 17 NLT)

<https://www1.cbn.com/devotions/honoring-our-veterans->

NOVEMBER 2021

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct. 31 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>Collins DiMeo</i>	1	2 Women's Bible Study 6:45p	3 Wed. Night Service Mtg 7p	4	5 <i>Karma Karangelan Haley Hall Courtney Martin</i>	6  3:00 - 5:00p  FALL Change clocks before going to bed BACK
7 DST Ends Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Sr's Appreciation Lunch 12:15p OCC Shoeboxes Due Deacon's Mtg 4p	8	9	10 Missions Night 7p	11  Veterans DAY <i>Riley Hudson</i>	12 <i>Steve McFarland</i>	13
14 Worship Service/ Honor Veterans 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>J.D.Coates</i>	15 Men of Iron 7p <i>Cindy Jeffries</i>	16	17 Wed. Night Svc.& Monthly Business Service 7p	18	19 <i>Josh Craven</i>	20
21 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am WOJ Deposit Due <i>Bobby Coates</i>	22 <i>Carly Grinstead</i>	23 Covered Dish Meal 6:30p <i>Diane Poole Nell Smith</i>	24 No Evening Service	25  THANKSGIVING <i>Nancy Shuler</i>	26 <i>Delora Roberts</i>	27 <i>Heather Young</i>
28 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>Michael Hall Ashley Lewis</i>	29	30 <i>Dennis Dunn</i>	Memory Verse “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.” Colossians 3:23			



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GIVE THANKS IN EVERYTHING

"Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Did you thank God today? For what, you may ask?

For anything other than your last meal.

Sometimes I can go an entire day without remembering God even once, much less thanking Him for His many gifts.

It is so easy to forget in the relative safety of the Western Church just how dependent on God we really are. No one is trying to kill or imprison us for our faith. Comfort can breed complacency. We need to combat this potential with the truth of God's Word.

THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

One of my favorite verses when thinking about being thankful to God is the first part of Acts 17:28: *"For in Him we live and move and exist."* You are alive today by the power of God. You got out of bed today, perhaps took a shower, got dressed for school or work, and ate breakfast all because God is actively sustaining you. You exist because He continues to will that you exist.

Realizing this gives a completely new perspective to Jesus' words, *"Apart from Me you can do nothing."* When you remind yourself just how much God has given you and just how much you need Him for everything, you can't help but thank Him.

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

I want you to try something for a minute...

Close your eyes, focus on your breathing, and take five deep breaths. With each breath, I want you to simply pray "Thank you, Jesus."

Go ahead, do it now. Seriously, stop reading and do it. I can wait.

For most of us, being able to breathe is probably at the top of the list of things we take for granted. However, each breath you take is a gift from God. Taking time to thank God for this most fundamental necessity of life can help remind us to have a heart of thankfulness.

Whether it is the air you breathe, the new day's

sunrise, or the embrace of a friend or loved one, thank God today for something you normally take for granted.

WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH

It's easy to thank God when everything is "as it should be." But chances are some of you reading this are going through some dark days right now. What do you do when you just don't feel like saying thank you for what's going on in your life? Here's two things to think about:

1. God not only said to give thanks in everything, He also said in Ephesians 5:20 to give thanks for everything. James 1:2-4 tells us that we should "consider it a great joy" when we face hard times because God uses those hard times to strengthen our faith. For reasons we will not always understand, God uses difficult circumstances to make us more like Jesus. As Paul said in Romans 5, hard times refine our faith to produce endurance, proven character and hope. We should thank Him that He cares for us enough to grow us in our faith and not leave us as we are.

2. Remember the example of David. In Psalm 116, David is praising God for rescuing him from death. In verse 17, David tells God he will offer Him a "sacrifice of thanksgiving." Sometimes saying thank you to God in hard times is really difficult. Acknowledge this difficulty to God, and then thank Him anyway.

REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE

When all else fails, there is always one thing you can thank God for: the sacrifice of Jesus for your sins. You were once God's enemy, but now you are His friend. You were once a child of wrath, but now you are a child of righteousness. You were once destined for eternal death, but now you have eternal life. Even in your darkest hour, you can thank God you don't have to face that dark hour alone.

Praise God, and thank you Jesus!

"He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me". (Psalm 50:23).

<https://fervr.net/teen-life/give-thanks-in-everything>

