

The Beacon

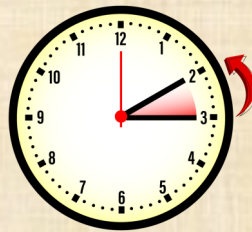


YOUR WORD IS A LAMP FOR MY FEET, A LIGHT ON MY PATH. PSALM 119:105

November 2022

Happy Thanksgiving

Fall Back



daylight
saving
time
ends

Sunday, Nov. 6th ~ 2:00am

Turn your clocks back one hour
before going to bed Saturday
night.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Christmas

Drop off your filled shoeboxes at the church in the Welcome Center by Sunday, November 6th. Then, on Wednesday, Nov. 9th (Missions Night), the Baptist Women will assemble additional shoeboxes and prepare the boxes to be sent to OCC in Boone, NC. "Through your prayers and generosity, we're sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth!"

Remember, these items will not be accepted: No liquids, candy or food, or anything with an expiration date, war toys or weapons, glass, etc. For more information, go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>.

Fall Festival - Saturday, Nov. 12th - 1:00p - 3:00p

Games - Food - Cakewalk - Hayrides - Bounce House - Photo Booth

Classic Car Show - Fire Truck &
Smoke House
and more!



Southern Supreme Fruitcake Trip

Join the *Fun Bunch* as they head to the Southern Supreme Fruitcake factory in Bear Creek, NC on Tuesday, Nov. 15th. Check out their website for more items besides fruitcake <https://www.southern supreme.com/>. A sign up sheet will be in the Welcome Center.





Pastor Dave's
Message
 for the
Month

Every day it seems like more and more people are only concerned about themselves. People watch out only for their own interests. They treat others in ways that they themselves would not want to be treated. They put their own needs and wants ahead of everyone else. They think only of themselves. We live in a world where many people are self-focused.

As Christians, God has called us to live differently. God wants us to live with our lives focused on Him and on others. Jesus made this clear in Matthew 22 when He told us what the first and the second greatest commandments are. But this is not something new. This way of thinking has always been the standard for God's people. In Micah 6:8 God said this, "He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" God defines what is good, and He has shown us what is good. He makes it clear that it is good to be honest and fair in the way we live our lives and how we treat others. We are to be kind and faithful towards others. Most importantly, we are to walk in daily submission to God. This is what God requires of us.

So, as we live in a very self-centered world, let's live differently. As we do God will be glorified, we will be blessed, and others will be pointed towards Jesus.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

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Tuesday, Nov. 1st ~ 6:45p
 (1st Tuesday of each month)
"Better" By Jen Wilkin - Session 9

Baptist Women News

You can purchase **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 (please let Carol Carden know if you're using the paper order form). **All RADA products are proudly made in the USA!** Each purchase helps support Baptist Women mission projects.

Ladies, you are invited to a luncheon with the **Roxboro Christian Women's Club**, on Thursday, Nov. 10th, at 12pm at the Homestead Steakhouse in Timberlake. The cost is \$14. Please RSVP to Susan at 336-364-7777 by Nov. 6th. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for upcoming events.

Women of Joy Conference

May 5th - 7th, 2023

Myrtle Beach, SC

Speakers: Lysa TerKeurst, Jackie Hill Perry, Margaret Feinberg, and Lisa Harper.

Concert: Big Daddy Weave
 A sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center. A \$25 deposit is due Dec. 2nd. Make checks out to Red Mountain Baptist Church. Please contact Jenn Shull for more information.

Get Ready for the
Best Weekend Ever



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

✠ Grace and Karma Karangelen and their families in the death of their brother, Pete Karangelen



Monday, Nov. 21st ~ 7:00p
 (3rd Monday of each month)
'33 The Series - A Man and His Design'

33 The Series is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue Authentic Manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in the 33 years He lived on earth. Each lesson is a stand alone study. So, if you missed the month before or the month after, you're not behind.

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



We Received a Thank You Note From:

The Pryor Family

Thanksgiving Covered Dish Meal

Join us Tuesday Night, November 22nd, for our annual Thanksgiving Covered Dish Meal. Bring your favorite meat, vegetables, desert, or beverage, and gather 'round with your church family as we celebrate God's goodness on our church and in our lives.



There will be no Wednesday Night Bible Study on Nov. 23rd.





All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:15-16

NOVEMBER 2022

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Women's Bible Study 6:45p	2 Wed. Night Service 7p	3	4	5 Youth Stew Fundraiser <i>Karma Karangelen</i> <i>Courtney Martin</i>
6 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Deacon's Mtg 4p	7	8 	9 Missions Night 7p <i>Dalton Humphries</i>	10 RCWC Luncheon @Homestead 12p	11  Veterans DAY	12 Fall Festival  <i>Steve McFarland</i>
13 Honor Our Veterans/Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am	14 <i>J.D. Coates</i>	15 Fruitcake Trip 7am <i>Cindy Jeffries</i>	16 Business Mtg 6:45p Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Wendy Murphy</i>	17	18	19
20 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am	21 Men of Iron 7p <i>Bobby Coates</i>	22 Covered Dish Meal 6:30p <i>Carly Grinstead</i>	23 <i>Diane Poole</i> <i>Nell Smith</i>	24 	25 <i>Nancy Shuler</i>	26 <i>Delora Roberts</i>
27 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>Heather Young</i>	28 <i>Ashley Farrell</i> <i>Michael Hall</i>	29	30 Wed. Night Service 7p <i>Dennis Dunn</i>	Memory Verse "And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem." Luke 2:38		



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When Do You Thank God?

By: Anne Peterson

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

God tells us godliness with contentment is great gain, but being content is not always easy to do (1 Timothy 6:6). It's often difficult because we're looking around at others, wondering if what we have compares with what they have.

Paul said he learned how to be content in whatever state he found himself (Philippians 4:11). Paul didn't just talk about it, he showed us. There he was in prison, all shackled up, and what was he doing? Having a pity party? No, he was singing praises to God. Too often we choose to praise God *after* He has answered our prayers. And while there's nothing wrong with thanking God for answered prayer, we miss out, if that's the only time we praise him with thanksgiving. God is good. It's impossible for God to be anything less than good. It's his character.

I often think of when Jesus visited Mary and Martha after their brother, Lazarus died. Even though Jesus went there after Lazarus was already dead, he still had a plan.

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." - John 11:41-42

I always found it interesting that Jesus thanked God for hearing his prayer *before* Lazarus took one step. Years ago, I made a mental note of that. God is worthy of praise. We don't have to wait to see if God delivers on something we ask him before we thank him. And if God chooses to say, "No," that doesn't mean God is less worthy of our praise.

God's Word tells us it's impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6). When we choose to be thankful and praise God at all times, we are exercising faith. We are praising God because we know God is capable of doing everything we ask and then so much more. When we thank God, we are pleasing our heavenly Father.

God is worthy of praise. Just because he's God. It pleases God when we praise him ahead of time because we're saying, God, whether or not you choose to answer my prayers, I praise you for who you are. I thank you for all you've given me. And Lord, even when you choose to say "no" to my requests, I know you have your reasons. You know the beginning from the end. Your thoughts are much higher than my thoughts and your ways are higher too (Isaiah 55:8-9). And Lord, if you withhold something I'm asking you for, then maybe the thing is not good for me, or the timing is not right. I know it's not good because you've said you will not withhold any good thing from me (Psalm 84:11). God, I trust you.

We can choose to be thankful in all things. Simply because God is all wise and he allows what he does with his wisdom. And when things look like they will never work out, those impossible times are God's specialty. The things that are impossible with man are possible with God (Luke 18:27). I love it when God does what seems impossible, because there's no question at all who did it. And when we get discouraged because of our circumstances, God promises that in all things he can work for the good, for us (Romans 8:28).

We can rejoice always because we know the Almighty God, the everlasting Father.

We can pray continually, because he invites us to bring our cares to Him, because he cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). And we can give thanks in all circumstances because it is God's will. We also know none of God's plans can be thwarted (Job 42:2). I'm pretty certain that when Paul sang to the Lord from behind bars, it was one of the most beautiful praises ever heard. And we can do the same.

Safely Through

*"I don't know which way to go,"
I told the Lord, today.
He answered, "That's the problem,
You keep trying to find your way.
My thoughts are different than your thoughts,
My ways are higher, too.
So you just need to take my hand;
I'll see you safely through."*

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<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/thanksgiving-devotionals/>

