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## Pastor's Column

Last year I was talking about a rock garden I was making in my front yard. I still have 10 foot of rock to lay to finish the project. I was hoping to have it done this spring or at least by fall and here it is Nov. 1 and I still need to finish it, I hope this year!!

Do you ever have those kinds of projects? You start and they last forever. You either don't get the time or when you have time you are not in the mood to do it. Ever been there?? It isn't just projects, it seems to pertain to life as well. We all have good intentions to call on someone or buy for some birthday or now it is Christmas presents. We have things to do lists and yes some of those things do get done, Thank the Lord. Yet our lives are filled with unfinished projects. The real hard ones are trying to forgive or be forgiven. That is one task that takes forever to do because we don't want to admit we are wrong, or that right or wrong we need to be able to forgive one another. We have all seen people who carry their grudge so long they don't even remember what the quarrel was all about.

We are into November and Thanksgiving. We need to be thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Some of those blessings occur when we least expect it, like when we need to forgive. Opening our hearts is kind of like opening our doors and the Spirit of God can mend all sorts of things that have us on edge with one another.

Look outside as the trees turn and leaves begin to fall. Winter is around the corner and it is a sign—life changes. Let's spend this Thanksgiving finishing up some of those spiritual projects. Praying for one another, helping our neighbor, caring for the least and the last, forgiving where forgiveness is needed and being forgiven where we have strayed from the path.

Getting those kind of projects sorted out can make a difference in how we approach Christmas as well. Open Hearts allow Jesus' birth to be even more special because Jesus is helping us be better people for a better world. Let Jesus help you with your projects of life. They work out so much better when Jesus is involved.

*Happy Thanksgiving,  
Pastor Jack*

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Give  
*thanks*  
 to the  
**LORD**  
 for He is good  
*His love endures*  
 forever



# Scriptures for the Month of November

**Sunday, November 4:** Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14;  
 Mark 12:28-34

**Sunday, November 11:** Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28;  
 Mark 12:38-44

**Sunday, November 18:** Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14,  
 (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

**Sunday, November 25:** 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18);  
 Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

## Lower Level Dining Area of Church

The Fellowship Hall got new flooring thanks to Bob Lyons and Randy Darden. Those fellows spent a lot of time putting that floor together. It doesn't look like a large dining hall with all the tables and chairs out, but put them away and it becomes a very, very large room. Dave Gilliam did all the trim with Pastor Jack helping out here and there. We have one small area to finish and we will have a new floor which looks absolutely great!!

Thanks Guys!!

## Helping our Military Service People

Again this year we will be sending money to help our military folks call home during the holiday season. Sunday, Nov. 11 we will take a special offering to help with the calling cards.



## Worship at the Campgrounds

On Sept. 30 we had a worship service and picnic at the RV park at the end of UU. It was a great day. There were 43 in attendance and we had hot dogs and many food items to go with it. The weather was great and Pastor suggested we do this every Sunday!! Thanks to the Herrmanns for saving the space and all those who helped make the picnic a success!!



## TRUNK or TREAT

Trunk or Treat this year turned into a Welcome Center Activity. It was raining at 3 p.m. and at 7:30 when we closed it was still raining with a lot more rain to come. All in all it was not a bad night. We still had 50 trick or treaters come out. This is half of what we usually get but we all had a good time with the kids!! Also as usual there was plenty goodies for us grown ups as well thanks to Beverly Gunther.





## Floating Cafe Trip

First of all, we had prayer breakfast which is the right way to start the day. There was rain in the forecast but when it came time to board for the trip we had no rain!! While we ate there was rain but the return trip had little or no rain. With Gerald and Barb not being able to go we needed to do some quick adjustments but it all worked out even though Pastor Jack and the Finleys needed to drive over. We all had a good meal and fellowship. Without our main photographer we did not get our traditional picture. We will try again next year!



## Hanging of the Greens



Our monthly potluck and Hanging of the Greens come on the same Sunday/Nov. 18. We will have our potluck after church and proceed to decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas Season. It is always a special time of the year. The sanctuary especially looks so beautiful for Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Lets get together Sunday, Nov. 18 for food, fellowship and fun decorating.

## Teen Challenge

The Teen Challenge ladies made a visit to our church on Sunday, Oct 28. They provided a nice service and stayed for potluck. We took a love offering for them in the amount of \$207.00 plus they had their crafts on sale. It is always good to have them update us on their ministry. They also gave the church this beautiful cross which is one of the crafts that they make.



## Landscaping

Up by the church and gazebo we are creating a patio with a fire pit as a means for cooking and using the gazebo as a picnic area this spring. We also want to cover up that utility box with roses and make that area a nice little park out to the tree. Beyond that tree will be grass out to the parking lot. Thanks to Art and Sue Cella for their work on the retaining walls along the sidewalk. We will be bringing in dirt to back fill the wall and level the area for a patio of red block. Let's use our gazebo!!







# MOVIE NIGHT



We have had 2 great months of movies so far. November is another great month of movies. On Tuesday, November 6 we will be showing "God's Not Dead 2". And on Thursday, November 15 we will be showing "The Velveteen Rabbit". Both are at 7:00 p.m. Please be sure and come on out. You will be glad you did. We always have a great time getting together.



## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS



Nov. 4: Pat Bangert

Nov. 11: Debra Tompkins

Nov. 18: Jack Smith

Nov. 25



## GREETERS

Nov. 4: Warren Samuelson

Nov. 11: Marilyn Samuelson

Nov. 18: Barbara Curbow  
Jo Chambers

Nov. 25: JD Settles



## Thank You

Thank You for the gift of "Red Lobster" on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. It was a very thoughtful gift (we like (Love) Red Lobster). And it took us totally by surprise. Also thank you to Debbie Herrmann for the cake.

THANK YOU ALL!!

## Veterans Reception

Veterans from all branches of the service and their spouses were invited to a reception in the Blue Eye High School Commons.

November 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Entertainment and a dinner was provided. It was a nice way to honor our veterans.



This newsletter is published monthly. If you have an article for publication please get it to the pastor before the last week of the month. Also if you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please leave that information in the church office.

We have a Facebook page, please go to our page and "like" us. You can post suggestions, pictures or anything you would like. It is also a great way to find out what is going on and see the pictures of events already taken place.



October

December

# November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Hours 9-5	2	3 <b>Prayer Breakfast 8:15</b> 
4 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 COMMUNION	5 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	6 Movie Night 7:00 "God's Not Dead 2"	7 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	8 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	9	10
11 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Church Council 11:45	12 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	13	14 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	15 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "The Velveteen Rabbit"	16	17
18 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Potluck Hanging of the Greens	19 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	20	21 Office Hours 9-5 Choir 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b> 	23	24
25 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30	26 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	27	28 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Finance Committee Meeting 3:30 Choir 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	29 Office Hours 9-5	30	



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Debbie Lyon	3
4	5 Jack Jensen	6	7	8	9 David Pratt Dwane & Beverly Smith	10
11	12	13	14 Marcia Siefkes	15	16 Kathryn James	17 Randy Darden
18 Megan Riggs	19 Bonnie Finley	20	21		23 Dave Gilliam	24 June Johnson
25 JD Settles	26	27	28 Barbara Curbow Helen Feuz	29	30	