#### **\*\*\*PREPARE COMMUNION\*\*\***

November - Jerry and Pam Collier December - Jacob Clayton

#### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Pat Cooper \* November 25 - Marietta Reams

#### **CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS**

Toilet paper \* Toothpaste \* Dishwashing detergent \* Disinfectant cleaner (non-aerosol) \* Cereal \* Marshmallows (pick-up date is December 10)

#### **OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK**

Attendance 115 Contribution \$4127

#### FOOD PANTRY

NOVEMBER ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE Vienna Sausages, Pork N Beans. Cash donations also gratefully accepted

# Happy Birthday:

November 19 - Zach Tanner November 24 - Summer McGowan November 25 - Bud McKuin November 26 - Karla Jacques November 30 - Jackson Howard Leslie Neelv December 1 - Stan Dauck December 2 - Beverly Karnes



# Happy Anniversary:

- November 21 Max and Judy Snyder November 28 - Brian and Amy Thomason November 30 - Steve and DeeDee Burch
- December 1 Marty and Christine Young

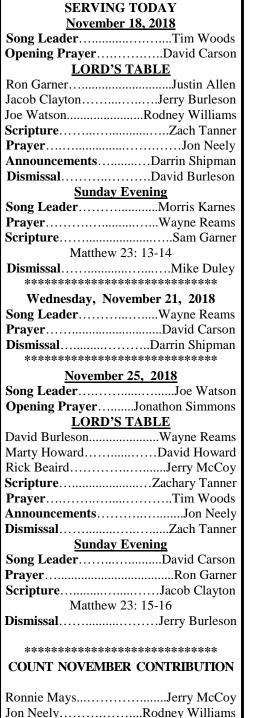
#### **Bible Trivia:**

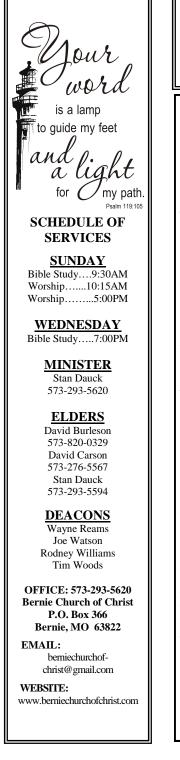
The giant Goliath lived in what city?

#### Last Week's Answer:

Ioash was the little boy king who was hidden in bedroom for six years to escape the wrath of his wicked grandmother.

Amy will be out of the office this week. No bulletin will be printed for November 25, but she will be available for prayer requests. Her cell phone number is 573-281-5625





# **TRUE LIGHT**

November 18, 2018

#### Always with Thanksgiving

When I was a little boy, my dad sometimes filled in as a preacher at little congregations. What he lacked in polish, he made up for in passion and colorful stories. One of his favorite sermons that I heard several times was on prayer. Dad's specific emphasis was always including thanksgiving in each and every prayer. He grew tired of "gimme prayers" - the kind of prayers that only ask for things for others and ourselves, but have little praise of God and even less thanksgiving given to Him.

Dad always felt that we could thank God regardless of our circumstances because of who He is, what He has done for us, what He has promised to do in our future, and what He is continuing to do in our lives. Dad's infamous line in in his prayer sermon went something like this, "Even pigs grunt in appreciation to their master when he brings them their slop, surely we should pause long enough to talk to the Father and include a few words of thanksgiving."

While I know this isn't the most appetizing image, nor is it the deepest theological statement known to Christian communication, it does colorfully make the point. In many ways, the Thanksgiving holiday in the USA demonstrates it. We dedicate one holiday a year to giving thanks to our Creator for His blessings and care for our world and for us. Even on most of our best years, shopping and football still swallow up the "giving thanks" focus of the Thanksaiving holiday.

*Even pigs grunt in appreciation to their* master when he brings them their slop...



Our family has been truly blessed with Thanksgiving this year. We've been with all of our immediate family. We've given thanks privately as a family and publicly with God's people. We've enjoyed a beautiful snowfall, games, football, conversation, recreation, shopping, and lots of incredibly good food. We've been blessed to be able to give thanks! However, my prayer coming out of this Thanksgiving is for more than safe travel, good health, and a blessed Christmas season. My deepest prayer is that we all will be committed to thanking and praising God every day, in every prayer, with genuine admiration, adoration, and appreciation. God's blessings are rich and real no matter what our apparent circumstances suggest. Our conversations with the Father should always be seasoned with a strong portion of thanksgiving.

Remember Paul's words to the Philippians: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will quard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:4-6 TNIV) Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: NO MEAL DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. We will have our baked spaghetti meal November 28

**November 24:** Congregational Drop In Bridal Shower for Landon Woods and Susie Clark from 3-5 p.m. Cash, checks and gift cards for Target, Amazon, Ikea and REI are requested due to difficulty transporting/ shipping items to Berkeley, CA. They are also registered at Amazon.com for direct shipping to their new home

**November 26:** Mary and Martha meeting at 6:30 in the fellowship room. We will be working once again on our service project. Millie Dauck will hostess.

#### Looking Ahead

*Ladies Wednesday Night Class Christmas Party* Friday, December 7, at the home of Trish Baldwin. More details to follow.

Singing at Ridgeview Living in Malden December 9 at 2 p.m.

Ladies Lunch Out December 11 at 11:30 a.m. at Hickory Log in Dexter

*Ladies Holiday Brunch* at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 13, at the home of Amy Thomason. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped \$10 gift (optional). Bring a can or two of non-perishable food for our food pantry for a chance to win a door prize.

*Ladies Annual Ornament Exchange Monday, December 17, in the fellowship room at 6 p.m. Please bring finger foods or desserts to share and a wrapped ornament valued at \$10 or less.* 

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Christmas Dinner in the fellowship room at noon December 25. Make plans to join us!

*Challenge Youth Conference* February 21-24 in Pigeon Forge, TN. If interested in attending, the time to sign up is now.

# Thanks

Thanks to God for my Redeemer, Thanks for all Thou dost provide Thanks for times but now a memory, Thanks for Jesus by my side, Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime, Thanks for dark and dreary fall Thanks for tears by now forgotten, Thanks for peace within my soul, Thanks for prayers Thou hast answered, Thanks for what Thou dost deny Thanks for storms that I have weathered, Thanks for all Thou dost supply, Thanks for pains, and thanks for pleasure, Thanks for comfort in despair, Thanks for grace that none can measure, Thanks for love beyond compare, Thanks for roses by the wayside, Thanks for thorns their stems contain, Thanks for home and thanks for fireside, Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain, Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrorw, Thanks for heavenly peace with Thee, Thanks for hope in the tomorrow, Thanks through all eternity. Edd Sterchi, www.bulletingold.com Lifting up in Prayer...

# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bettie Thurston is in room 14 at Cypress Point following carotid artery surgery Wednesday and is doing well \* Sue Flowers remains in Southeast Hospital with an infection in her leg and rhinovirus \* Roxanne Carson is undergoing a series of 15 radiation treatments at MD Anderson \* James Wood was unable to have his treatment last week and is scheduled to have the final treatment this week\*

# **CONTINUING PRAYERS**

### (congregational)

Louella Akers \* John David Barnett \* Mary Burke \* David Burleson \* Jerry Burleson \* Pam Claeys \* Billie Cooper \* Mike Duley \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Grant Howard \* Jeff Martin \* Sonja Mays \* Jeff McGowan \* Ida Roberts \* Gayle Rodgers \* Elwood Rush \* Max Snyder \* David Terrill \* Max Terrill \* Bettie Thurston \* Joy Watson \* Marty Watson \* Cindy Williams \* Darrell Zimmerman \* Pansy Zimmerman \*

# In Sympathy:

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Flowers, who passed away Monday. Bill's funeral was Friday in Advance.

Sympathy is also extended to Zack Tanner in the loss of his cousin, Ben Penick. Ben's memorial service was held Thursday in California.

# CONTINUING PRAYERS (non congregational)

# <u>Cancer</u>

Ryder Boles Roxanne Carson Debbie Chrisman Bill Fitzpatrick Kevin Flowers Tommy Jacques Connie Lemmons Annette Lumsden Phil McKuin Betty Nicholson Jessica Payne Donnie Rawlings Deanna Rogers Norman Swafford Diane Wilder

#### **Other Health Issues**

Beaver Blocker (Alzheimer's) Cohen Eskew (seriously ill infant) Roy Greer (COPD) Hannah Guntert (higher risk pregnancy) Clyde Jacques Tommy Jacques Beckie King (MS) Alvin Miller (poor health) Tom Provance Traci Suiter (poor health) Geraldine Tomah (poor health) Lonnie Williams (motorcycle accident)

# **OUR SHUT INS**

Central Garden:	Fern Botsch #309 Mary Burke #303 Lois McKuin #117	Ridgeview Living/Malden:	Shirley Johnson Bertha Skidgell #201 Max Terrill #207 Isaac Wheeler
Cypress Point:	Bettie Thurston #14 Joy Watson # 11	Winchester Place:	Travis Cooper, #7
Gideon Care Ctr.	Sue Flowers, #102		

AT HOME: Pam Claeys, Scott & Judy Flannery, Gayle Rodgers, Elwood Rush