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November 24, 2024

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School :
9:30 a.m.
Worship:
10:15 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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*"This is the day the Lord
has made. Let us rejoice
and be glad in it."*

Psalms 118:24

**We Welcome You
To All Of Our
Services**



In this time of incredible stress, pressure, and anxiety, let's hear the simple words of encouragement from the apostle Paul:

Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done. (Colossians 2:7 NLT)

Years ago, my husband and I were going through financial problems. I was distraught with worry. Then I read Paul's clear words of truth written to the Christians in Philippi:

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7 NRSV)

When I started giving thanks to God, faith filled me. I received the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding!

Can we really find reasons to thank God even during difficult times like we are facing today? Absolutely!

There are many reasons to give thanks, even in times of despair and difficulty. Let me list a few to get you started thinking about the blessings in your life. Once you get started, I'm sure you can think of many other reasons to give thanks.

Salvation:

When we come to know Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are blessed with forgiveness, everlasting life, constant communion with Jesus, divine guidance, and God's faithful provision, answers to prayer, hope for the future, and a host of other good things. When it comes to salvation, we can join Paul in saying, *Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!* (2 Corinthians 9:15 NRSV)

The Beautiful Creation of God:

Sometimes when I feel down, I go for a walk and praise God for the beauties of His world. Jesus said:

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these (Luke 7:27 NRSV).

God's beautiful creation is such a great blessing!

The Fellowship of the Saints:

Our Lord has given us our brothers and sisters in Christ for our enrichment and encouragement.

Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:12-13 NRSV).

The gift of Christian fellowship should never be taken for granted!

God's Wonderful Promises:

When troubles assail, I open my Bible and find a promise that gives me comfort and reminds me of God's faithfulness.

For God is not unfair. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other Christians, as you still do (Hebrews 6:10 NRS).

We can, and should, deal with the stress and anxiety of this Thanksgiving season by giving thanks!

God's promises are faithful and true. The Scriptures remind us of God's great faithfulness! Thanksgiving does drive away anxiety! But, we don't have to go through hard times to appreciate God's blessings. If we look, we will find that His blessings are new every day. Our hearts can awaken to these when we choose to give thanks!

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart (Colossians 4:2 NLT).

Muriel Larson, www.heartlight.com



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

November 25 - Karla Jacques
 November 26 - Waynetta Rodgers
 November 27 - Lisa Britt
 Jane Terrill
 November 28 - Brian & Amy Thomason (A)
 November 30 - Leslie Neely
 Steve & DeeDee Burch (A)
 December 1 - Stan Dauck
 Jesse Shelton



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Vienna Sausages * Cheddar Cheese
 Soup * Canned Chicken * Brownie Mix
 * Brown Sugar * Shortening
 Pick up date: December 16



Attendance for November 17: 103
Contribution for November 17: \$4562

WILLING TO SERVE



November 24, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
 Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
 Scripture.....Steve Jones
 Prayer.....Sam Garner
 Closing Prayer.....Jess Lecroy

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson
 Prayer.....Derek Mays
 Scripture.....Ron Garner
 Dismissal.....David Burleson

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
 Prayer.....David Carson
 Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

December 1, 2024

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Derek Mays
 Opening Prayer.....David Carson
 Scripture.....Steve Jones
 Prayer.....Zack Tanner
 Closing Prayer.....Justin Allen

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson
 Prayer.....Wayne Reams
 Scripture.....Sam Garner
 Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

TRUSTING OUR FUTURE TO GOD

In 2010, Laszlo Hanyecz made the first purchase with bitcoin (a digital currency then worth a fraction of a penny each), paying 10,000 bitcoins for two pizzas (\$25).

In 2021, at its highest value during the year, those bitcoins would have been worth well more than \$500 million. Back before the value skyrocketed, he kept paying for pizzas with coins, spending 100,000 bitcoins total. If he'd kept those bitcoins, their value would've made him a billionaire sixty-eight times over and placed him on the Forbes' "richest people in the world" list. If only he'd known what was coming.

Of course, Hanyecz couldn't possibly have known. None of us could have. Despite our attempts to comprehend and control the future, Ecclesiastes rings true: *No one knows what is coming* (10:41). Some of us delude ourselves into thinking we know more than we do, or worse, that we possess some special insight about another person's life or future. But as Ecclesiastes pointedly asks, *who can tell someone else what will happen to them?* (v 14). No one.

Scripture contrasts a wise and a foolish person, and one of the many distinctions between the two is humility about the future (Proverbs 27:1). A wise person recognizes that only God truly knows what's over the horizon as they make decisions. But foolish people presume knowledge that isn't theirs. May we have wisdom, trusting our future to the only One who actually know it. Winn Collier

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mike Duley at home following a stay in the hospital for pneumonia and sepsis * **Janet Woods** scheduled for some tests prior to a stent procedure * **Judy Flannery** will have a biopsy December 5 for a few spots in a breast and lymph node * **David Burleson** diagnosed with shingles, and is feeling a little better * **Joe Thomason** remains at Mercy Hospital in Cape with infection and other issues * **Jerry Collier** still having issues with double vision and other symptoms * **Jeff McGowan** has been under the weather for several days * **Corey Gunn**, Stan's brother in law, having some health issues * **Loretta Zimmerman** was recently hospitalized but has since been released * **Cathy Provance** struggling with knee and hip pain *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Trish (Baldwin) Swain * Rick Beard * Cody Boyt * David Burleson * Janie Burleson * David Carson * Pat Cooper * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Karen Forkum * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Darlene McGowan * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Donna McQuin * Gloria Moore * Ida Roberts * Waynetta Rodgers * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Woody Wood

Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

Melinda Akers * Chastity Beard * Cathy Bennett * Rodney Britt * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Tammy Clark * Randy Cravens * Barbara Denson * Bill Fitzpatrick * Audrey Galloway * Emily Garner * Patricia Greninger * Stan Goodman * Renee Goodman * Nolan Hollowell * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jeralds * Holly Johnson * Kristin Meadows * Connie Lemmons * Ponna Mahan * Mike Napier * Betty Nicholson * Keagan Owens * Nikki Reif * Bobby Thornton * Mindy Tomah * Joe Vincent * Alan Woodward



Our Shut Ins

Pat Cooper * Sue Flowers * Ida Roberts * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson

Looking Ahead

TODAY: Austin Ketchum will be our guest speaker. ***



November 26: Our Bible study will be on Tuesday this week, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. ***

November 27: There will be no fellowship meal due to the Thanksgiving holiday. ***

December 1: First Sunday potluck and early evening service. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship and an early, 1 p.m. evening service. Everyone is encouraged to attend. ***



December 1: Randy English will be our guest speaker. ***

December 8: Bridal shower for Cassie Summers and Justin Cummings at 2 p.m. They would most like gift cards or contributions to a honeymoon fund, as well as some items for their kitchen and laundry room. They are registered at Target and Wal Mart. If you would like to contribute to a money tree, please see Millie or Ginger. ***

December 9: Ladies Lunch out at 11:30 at Hickory Log in Dexter. If you would like to attend, you must sign the sign up sheet in the table in the foyer as reservations are required. Please also note this is a Monday instead of our usual Tuesday. ***

December 13: Ladies' annual ornament exchange and supper at 6 p.m. in the fellowship room. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped ornament valued at \$10 or less. ***

December 16: The children's home van will be here to pick up groceries. Let's get the cart filled up. ***

December 19: Ladies' holiday brunch at 10 a.m. at the home of Amy Thomason. Ham will be provided, please bring your favorite dish to share. We will also have an optional \$20 gift exchange. Bring bagged or canned pet food or other pet-related items to be donated to a local animal shelter if you'd like to be entered into a drawing for a door prize.

The Dexter Nutrition Center has asked our congregation to provide 150, 15-ounce cans of chili for their emergency meal kits. Chili is due by the end of November and the cans can be placed in the box under the table in the foyer.