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Hi All,

As we continue through Fall toward the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas we come to November. One of my favorite holidays is Thanksgiving. It is a time to stop for a minute and give gratitude to God for all He does for us in life. Psalm 100 does a magnificent job of focusing our thoughts on praise and thanks of God. "1 Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! 2 Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. 3 Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name. 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations."

No matter what life brings God is always worthy of our praise and thanks. Let me use two illustrations from Methodist Pastor and author James Moore to put gratitude into perspective. James Moore says, "in one of my favorite Peanuts comic strips, Lucy's feeling sorry for herself, and she laments, "My life is a drag. I'm completely fed up. I've never felt so low in my life."

Her little brother Linus tries to console her, and he says, "Lucy, when you're in a mood like this, you should try to think of things you have to be thankful for; in other words, count your blessings."

To that, Lucy says, "Ha! That's a good one! I could count my blessings on one finger! I've never had anything, and I never will have anything. I don't get half the breaks that other people do. Nothing ever goes right for me! And you talk about counting blessings! You talk about being thankful! What do I have to be thankful for?" Linus says, "Well, for one thing, you have a little brother who loves you."

With that, Lucy runs and hugs little brother Linus as she cries tears of joy, and while she's hugging him tightly, Linus says, "Every now and then, I say the right thing."

James Moore continues with a great story of gratitude, "some years ago in a mid-western town a little boy was born blind. His mother and father were heartsick, but they struggled with his blindness the best they could. Like all such parents, they prayed and hoped for some miracle. They wanted so much for their son to be able to see. Then one day when the little boy was 5 years old, the community doctor told them that he had heard about a surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital who was specializing in a new surgical procedure that might just work for their son... that might just give their little boy his eyesight.

The parents became excited at the prospect, but when they investigated further and discovered the cost of the surgery and the travel and the hospital expense involved, they became deflated because they were not people of means at all. In fact, some would call them poor. But word got out in the community and their church rallied to help them. In a short period of time, the money was raised to send them to Boston for the surgery. On the morning they were to leave for Boston, the little boy gathered his things together including his tattered little teddy bear. It had an ear chewed off, was missing an eye, and was bursting at the seams. His mother said, "Son, why don't you leave that old teddy bear at home? He's about worn out. Maybe we can buy you a new one in Boston or when we get back." But he said, "No, I need it."

So off to Boston they went. He held tightly to that teddy bear all the way. The surgeon sensed how important the teddy bear was to the little boy, so he allowed the boy to keep the bear with him throughout all the many examinations prior to surgery. On the morning of the surgery, the hospital staff brought in two surgical gowns – one for the little boy and a smaller version for the teddy bear – and off to the operating room they went... a little blind boy on a stretcher holding on dearly to his beloved teddy bear.

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Mon-Thurs 8:30-2:30

Friday: Closed

The surgery went well. The doctor felt good about what they were able to accomplish. "I think he will be able to see," said the surgeon, "but we won't know for sure until we remove the bandages in a few days." Finally, the day came for the doctor to remove the bandages. The nurses and interns stood with the parents as the surgeon slowly unwound the gauze from the boy's eyes. Miracle of miracles! The little boy could see! For the first time in his life... he saw his mother's face, he saw his dad and his doctor, he saw flowers and candy and balloons and the people who had cared for him. For the first time in his life, he saw his teddy bear. It was a joyous celebration!

When it came time for the boy to leave the hospital, his surgeon came into the room. The doctor had grown so attached to the little boy that he had to busy himself with those insignificant gestures that we... when we are trying to surmount a great wall of emotion. They said their good-byes with tears of joy all around... and then the doctor turned to leave. The little boy called him back.

"Doctor," the little boy said. "I want you to have this." He was holding out the teddy bear! The doctor tried to refuse, but the little boy insisted. "Doctor, I don't have any money. So, I want to give you my teddy bear to pay you for helping me so see. I want you to have it. It's my way of saying, 'Thanks.'" The doctor took the teddy bear and shook the little boy's hand and wished him well.

For a long time after that... on the 10th floor of the White Building of Massachusetts General Hospital, there was on display... a teddy bear, bursting at the seams with a chewed-off ear and one eye. And there was a sign under it written in the hand of that surgeon. It read: "This is the highest fee I have ever received for professional services rendered."

That little boy was so thrilled that he now could see. So, in response, he gave away his most prized possession. There's a name for that... it's called thanks-giving."

May God fill your November with thanks and praise!!

Pastor Robert

Join us Sunday, at 5:00 pm for a "TABLE TALK: Bible Stories You Should Know" hosted by Pastor Robert.
Nursery Provided



Wednesday's at 5:30 p.m.

"Read the Red"

Come and join us on the first Tuesday of every month.

November 2nd, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.



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Christian Symbol



CORNUCOPIA—Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning "horn of plenty," has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.



Food Bank Deliveries
Second Thursday of the Month


November 11th, 2021

Voluntaries Needed

Bible Quiz

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

A. the king of Aram; Elijah
B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah



Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10)

**Join us for Prayer Group on
November 1st.
We meet the first Monday of every
month at 10:00 a.m.**

Please include these people in your prayers this month: *Carolyn Simonsen, Juanita Lewis, Ingrid Cash, Norma Roady, Paula Wilson, Rick Bowen, Paz Ibarra, and Emily Maranto.*

Also, please pray to all care givers and remember our service men and women and their families.

**Are any among you suffering? They should pray.
Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.
Are any among you sick? They should call for the
elders of the church and have them pray over them,
anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.
The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord
will raise them up.....James 5:12-14 NRSV**



Wednesday's at 7:00 a.m.



Nov 2 Jimmy Salter
Nov 3 Olivia Bales
Nov 7 Richard Willis
Nov 9 Rachel Williams, Jayla Salter Green
Nov 14 Emerson Henley
Nov 15 Chance Linville
Nov 19 Judy Carter
Nov 21 Vickie Keith
Nov 22 Dave Gallaway
Nov 25 Cathy Brinley Beadles
Nov 26 CJ (Cindy) Larson
Nov 30 Laura Goodin, Edith Johnson



Nov 4 Hugh & Casey Killblane
Nov 8 Danny & Kealise Linville
Nov 24 Ben & Debrah Randall

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