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Trust, Peace, & Joy – The Justified Life



Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 EHV

As we celebrate God’s Word and the Good News it brings (Reformation) as well as the sanctified lives it creates (All Saints Day), we remember the impact of these realities in daily life through a blog post by Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb:

Martin Luther placed, “the justification of the sinner,” at the heart of his preaching and teaching. He believed the restoration of the righteousness—the justified nature—of those who had revolted against God in sin constituted the heart of the Biblical recital of God’s interaction with human creatures after the Fall into sin. ... At its core, Luther’s understanding of “justification” meant a restoration of the perfect trust and love Adam and Eve enjoyed as the most essential part of their nature as human beings in Eden. For Luther, justification is “humanization,” the restoration of our true humanity, because he defined being human as, at its heart, “fearing, loving, and trusting in God above all things.” All proclamation of the atoning work of Christ aims at fostering and nourishing the trust which places life totally in God’s hands and hearkens fully to Christ as Lord and Savior. ...

Luther perceptively recognized faith and/or trust as much more than acknowledgement of the facticity of a report; it is clinging to someone, relying on another person or an object onto which we place our weight. Trust may risk, but trust produces a sense of assurance letting us rest easy and enjoy peace while it drives us to ventures which may seem dangerous but are possible to do because trust defies the dangers. At the essence of our humanity, trust in God and His Word governs and maintains human life. ...

To trust is a verb that takes a human subject. ... However, it is not a verb which we will to perform. It is not an action I can force myself to do. The object of our trust creates the trust. Because faith is the unshakable confidence of that for which we hope and the substance of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1), it does not arise from anything we can master and prove. Quite the contrary, trust surrenders our persons to dependence on another. The thrill of a baby being cast into the air, the grace of acrobats swinging from one rope or one set of hands to another, the sigh of relief from the hospitalized when the physician enters the room, all point to the sense that things will be alright which trust produces. The parent tossing the child in the air creates this sense, as do the fellow acrobats and the perception of one’s own ability to do the right thing, or the patient’s hope in the doctor to know what to do. Sometimes more, sometimes less evidence sets trust in motion... Trust is the mysterious heart of our humanity. ...

Trust enables believers to look at the world around them and take a glimpse into the future with confidence and assurance that the God who has livened us in Christ accompanies us.

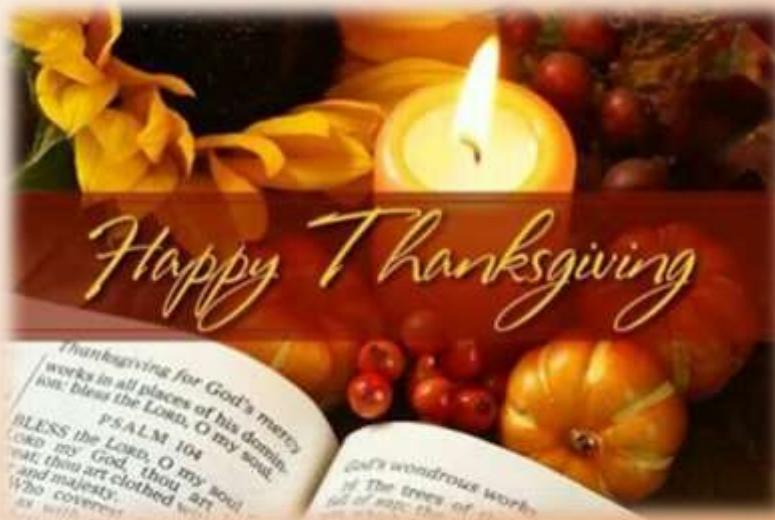
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This gives us the ultimate sense of security, for God is safeguarding our present and guaranteeing our person for the future. Trust thus banishes our inhibitions, reservations, and fears, for we rest assured His protecting and preserving hand is there to ward off the worst attacks of Satan. We have hope because He has secured our future. Trust in God's pronouncement that sin no longer identifies who we are, therefore, produces the confidence which enables God's children to risk what they have to demonstrate love to others. No reservations about freely reaching out to those whom God has placed around us inhibit our acting as the children He says we are. For the Holy Spirit's gift of trust in the promise of new life and salvation impels us into living life framed by the peace and joy He gives. In His peace and joy we perceive how enjoyable it is to take care of those whom God has entrusted to our love. This is the adventure and blessing of living the justified life.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13 EHV

From <https://www.1517.org/articles/justification-by-faith>, abridged. 10.27.21

Pastor David



Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever. Psalm 107:1

***Thanksgiving Day Worship w/Communion
Thursday, November 25th at 10am***

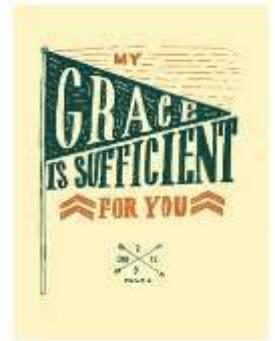


Deaconess' Musings

Sufficient Grace! Boastful Weakness?

As the weeks seem to fly by and as the New Year looms in the distance, we are reminded of life's fleeting ways and the weaknesses of our own selves. Worries and doubts arise when we consider all that lies before us, and what remains to be accomplished and completed. Even within what we may think of as a "perfect day," we cannot accomplish all that we are commanded to accomplish. Our homes, vehicles, and jobs may be spot-free and expertly arranged, but we, ourselves, are left feeling empty and hollow, thirsting for something that this world cannot, and never will, give us. We search and search and search for the "perfect _____" that will make our lives *that much better*. Or we face sliding into complacency, believing that simply following through with the various motions of our lives will fill that void that never leaves our hearts.

We can con our own hearts and minds into believing that we are strong enough on our own, a "self-made man" that needs no one else to complete him. Our own stubbornness and refusal to see the other side of the equation lures us into a sense of false security. Our inner drive to "be the best we can be," takes us farther and farther away from seeing the reality of who we really are: sinful, fallen creatures in need of our Creator's mercy and pardon. We come before our Lord God meek and lowly, with no right to boast of our own deeds and accomplishments, and He graciously forgives us of our shortcomings, lack of trust, and our inability to place Him foremost in our hearts and minds. For through Christ Jesus, who died but rose from the dead and now lives forever, we also died to sin and are raised to new life in Him and for Him through our Father's grace.



Through these lenses of our new and forgiven self, we see the foolishness of what the world yearns and seeks after. We understand that we cannot achieve the "perfect" anything by our own accomplishments and that what we so desperately need is forgiveness and grace given only through the Savior, Jesus Christ, who's "power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). While we may suffer any form of affliction in this life, we are called to hold fast to Christ and His all-sufficient grace. His grace and power turns even the most wretched of things (our sinful human self) into a being fully and wholly dedicated to Christ, saved and made whole to serve Him and one another.

"Therefore afflictions are not always punishments for particular past deeds. They are works of God intended for our benefit, that the power of God might be made more manifest in our weakness." – Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article XII 160

Thanks be to God for Christ Jesus, who, through His almighty power, takes our weak and feeble beings and uses them for His works in this world. And while we may face suffering and pain, we are made to "boast all the more gladly of [our] weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon [us]. For the sake of Christ, then, [we] are content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when [we are] weak, then [we are] strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9b-10) We are made strong in God's power working through our very weaknesses and failures, and are shown that His grace is truly sufficient. For now, and for eternity.

~Deaconess Holly

2021 VETERANS'S DAY TRIBUTE
NOVEMBER 7TH—14TH



**HONOR
OUR VETERANS**

Once again we will be honoring any and all members of the Military... both past and present. **The Tribute Board will be displayed during the week of November 7th—14th.** We would like to proudly display your story during this important week. **Simply submit a photo and/or short story of the history of service before November 1st.** For those who have been displayed from previous years, your photo and story will automatically be included in this year's display. We encourage everyone to participate. **To be included, simply put your entry with photo (if available) in Craig Wells Church mailbox, or email Craig at: wells4589@aol.com**

Scrip Cards are available and make *great Christmas gifts* as well as earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time. Please note we have Publix, Ingles and Walmart gift cards available. For orders please contact *Sue Hauser* at (864) 643-9245 . After the order is received one of the Scrip ladies will contact you to make arrangements for delivery. Scrip Card Team: *Beckie Rau, Libby Dunlap, Elisabeth Baker & Sue Hauser.* ~Thank you for your support.



Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Sat. Nov. 6th as Daylight Saving Time ends.

Pause... and give Thanks

As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday later this month, it is good to reflect on the wonderful gifts that God has provided to each of us. I am thankful for my parents who provided a good home for their children. They created an environment of love and encouragement and taught us the power and importance of prayer. I thank God for my wife Jeanne and for our daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren. I thank God for reasonably good health despite a few challenges along the way.

Once a month Jeanne and I help deliver Meals on Wheels through Senior Solutions. This has been a humbling experience to see the challenges many people in our community are dealing with. They are appreciative of the meals and it also has an impact on us. It reminds me of the blessings in my life. Had things gone differently in my life with regard to home environment or health challenges I might be depending on you to bring meals to me.

I am thankful for my Shepherd Group. It is an honor to reach out to each of them and too take their prayer concerns to God on their behalf. Recently I lost two members of my Shepherd group Dell Jensen and Penny Klein. Both were blessed by long lives. As they approached the end of their lives they were faced with health issues. They remained upbeat and positive. During Penny's Memorial service her children shared their fond memories of their parents. One thing that stood out to me had to do with their move from Ohio to South Carolina. Penny would have been content if they stayed in Ohio but Fritz dreamed of living on the lake. Penny was with friends before their move and someone asked if she was sad to be leaving. She said she would have joy wherever she was. What an example for all of us.

Reflecting on the death of friends and family and praying for serious challenges many loved ones are currently facing, I find comfort in the song by Casting Crowns: Scars in Heaven. The lyrics describe a loved one's battle with terminal illness. In the survivor's sorrow they reflect on what they might have done differently in those final days. Then the focus turns to the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf.

I know the road you walked was anything but easy
You picked up your share of scars along the way
Oh, but you're standing in the sun, you've fought your fight and your race is run
The pain is all a million miles away

The only scars in heaven, they won't belong to me and you
There'll be no such thing as broken, and all the old will be made new
And the thought that makes me smile now, even as the tears fall down
Is that the only scars in heaven, are on the hands that hold you now.

I think these lyrics encourage us to keep our priorities in their proper perspective. We live in a fallen world and it is easy to be distracted. But whether God gives us only a few years on this earth or a hundred this is just a temporary life. Pause, count your blessings and ponder things eternal. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." Ephesians 1:3

~Dan Arkfeld, Head Elder

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

**Sunday, November 21st
after the late service**

**Join us for this important meeting
in the main Fellowship Hall
or
you can join us via zoom.**

Watch for more information articles and emails.

Advent Workshop



**Sunday, November 28th
at 9:45 am**

**Please watch the weekly announcements for more details
on this special event.**

*All children 3 years—8th grade, members, friends and families
are invited. ~We look forward to seeing you there.*

Toys For God's Kids: Your local chapter of Toys For God's Kids based at ESLC has had a busy year supplying toy wooden cars to Mission Teams and to Churches to place in their Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. We normally provide 3000 toy cars a year however this year has been slightly less because of Mission Teams not being able to travel. We expect the numbers to increase next year with missions traveling again.

We have about 15 members who help assemble cars but we are in need of folks who can cut, sand and rout the cars to prepare them for assembly. All that is needed is a scroll saw, a belt sander and a router. If you have any of these and would be interested in being part of this ministry please contact Pastor Ray Ramsburg or Mike Hauser for more information. We always need help with assembly so let us know if you are interested in this as well. Workers are known as "Smilemakers" because of the smiles we bring to children's faces throughout the world. Come join us and be a "Smilemaker".

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

While distributing shoeboxes in Ecuador, this young boy scaled a 6 foot wall, and began preaching the Good News. He said, "last year I received a shoebox and was introduced to Jesus, then I was able to go through The Greatest Journey where I asked Jesus into my heart." He proceeded to say, "now I know Jesus, but my dad and mom do not." At that time, his dad and mom approached and we were able to gather around dad and mom and pray for them, then they both asked Jesus to be their Savior. This is one example of the saving message found through a shoebox. Glory to God!

~submitted by a Shoebox volunteer

Be a part of what God is doing through Operation Christmas Child! Donations are accepted year round and used to purchase items for the boxes & to cover shipping costs.

Help send the gift of hope to children all around the world!



***Please join us at our 6th Annual Shoebox Packing Party on
Saturday, November, 6th, 2021 at 2:00-4:30pm
at ESLC in the Fellowship Hall.
You WILL be blessed to be a blessing!***

OCC News Continued: I'm so thankful God's a Multi-tasker!

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 188 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. In 2021, the ministry hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 9.7 million children.

For fourteen years I've organized the Operation Christmas Child ministry here at Eternal Shepherd. The first year we sent 27 boxes. In 2016 we launched our Annual Shoebox Packing Party and God has blessed it and made it a tremendous success. I cannot take credit for that, because you see, God has been working on me even more than He's been working on this ministry!

I used to stress about what to buy for the boxes. Should I buy shoes, or t-shirts? Which colors and how many? How many pencils is enough for all the boxes? And what about coloring books? Soap? Toothbrushes? Hairbrushes? Would I be able to find enough of what we needed in order to pack the boxes well? I worried about all of that because I didn't realize how invested God was in our efforts. I didn't realize what trusting God looked like because at that time in my life, I wasn't very good at trusting God.

However, God runs this ministry, and He is also aware of what each of His children need. That doesn't just mean each child that will receive a shoebox....it also means me!

Because He loves me, He set out to open my eyes to His faithfulness and trustworthiness. I've learned that He provides better items for His shoeboxes than I ever could, and He does it for less money. He also makes our contributions go farther than I ever could. I do not understand His accounting system, I just know that it works so much better than mine. I've learned to trust that He will lead me to the items He wants in the boxes, and He'll provide the means to pay for them, even when I can't see the way. I've learned that when I'm looking at something that He does NOT want in the boxes, He'll just make sure I cannot find them, because after all, I'm not the One in charge.

I started to see that when I went to Walmart on a whim, and the youth t-shirts had just been marked down for me, that wasn't my good timing - that was God. When I couldn't get colored pencils from the local store, and a new resource appeared on my computer whose colored pencils were better, and cheaper, that wasn't me - that was God. And this year, when I learned that menstruating girls are not allowed to attend school during their cycle unless they have feminine hygiene pads, it moved me. But I was mostly done buying items, (Or so I thought) and figured, "Next year I'll have enough money to do something about that!" But God had other plans. He continued to put the story of those girls in front of me on my computer. Over and over again I saw it until I finally asked Him what HE wanted me to do. It would take over \$200.00 to provide pads for the 50 (10-14 yr. old) girls that we were filling boxes for, and I didn't know if we had enough money left to buy them. When I asked for the balance in the OCC designated fund, I was told there was over two thousand dollars! I didn't know there was so much money available, but what I DO know is that God has decided that we are doing something about it THIS year! Reusable feminine pads, along with a length of clothesline, clothespins and directions on their use will be sent.

I've learned to trust that God knows best. If God can manage to get 188 million gifts of the Gospel into the hands of children in over 170 countries, then I'm quite sure I can trust Him to run the ministry in this place - and He has! This year we'll ship 300 shoeboxes! That's an 1100% increase from where we started! Only God does math like that! And to think that He also found time to fix my trust issues. He sure is a great multi-tasker! *By Terri Baumann*

Comfort Dog News

Seth is keeping the Comfort Dog Team busy despite varying challenges in facility requirements due to Covid. Some visits are cancelled at the last minute and sometimes we receive last minute calls to come to the Oconee Memorial Hospital to offer stress relief to staff when needed. We have learned to be flexible! I am personally thankful to our team who respond with willingness to serve in various times, circumstances and needs.

Since this month we celebrate Veteran's Day, I would like to once again highlight Veteran's Last Patrol (VLP), a wonderful organization we work with that honor veterans in hospice care. This organization's mission statement is as follows:

"At Last Patrol, our mission is to serve veterans by bringing friendships, honor ceremonies, & emergency assistance while in hospice care."

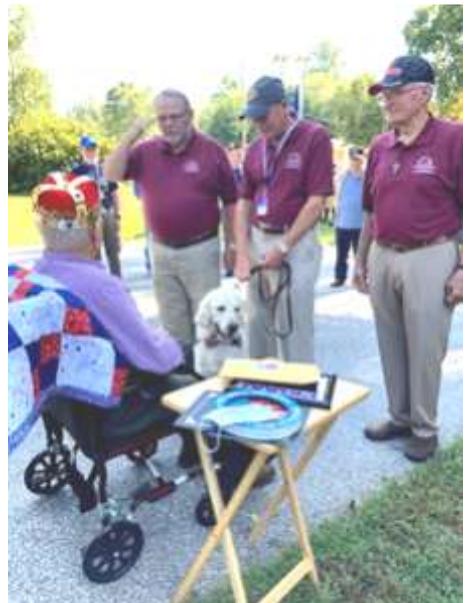
The honor ceremonies they conduct for veterans in hospice care are so inspiring and meaningful. Any citizen who wants to honor a veteran in their "last patrol" are welcome to attend any of these ceremonies. If you are interested in the work they do, you can email them at admin@veteranlastpatrol.com and you can be put on their email list of upcoming ceremonies and other events.

Another wonderful endeavor VLP engages in is *Operation Holiday Salute* whereby they collect Christmas cards to be distributed to veterans across the nation. The last two years, I sent a notice to all the Comfort Dogs across the country asking them to participate and many did! VLP collected over 30,000 cards last year which were sent to veterans near and far. This year their goal is to collect 50,000 cards to distribute to veterans!

Be sure to visit Seth's bulletin board in the hallway just outside the Narthex which showcases VLP thanks to Teri Massa's creativity. If you are interested in joining with us in supporting those who sacrificed much for our freedoms, please let me know!

Coming in December, the Comfort Dog Team will be holding our annual "Howl-Le-Lu-Ya Dog Biscuit Sale" so stay tuned for next month's Agapegram article for sale dates! Don't worry, we got your furry friends covered for Christmas!

To God be the Glory,
Kyra Carbone, Top Dog
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Feed the Hungry Ministry

Eternal Shepherd participates in the Feed the Hungry Ministry. Every three months we serve food to our hungry neighbors in Seneca. Year round this program is headed by Christ Central Ministry which finds church groups and others that commit to a time for service. Our church has been a long-time partner in this program, and we have faithfully continued our partnership by making and serving food quarterly. Our normal service time is the second Saturday in the months of January, April, July, and October. At Eternal Shepherd the Feed the Hungry Ministry falls under the Board of Christian Outreach.

Over the years we have had a faithful group of people that come together to prepare meals in the Fellowship kitchen. We then transport the meals to downtown Seneca. In the past we have met at church to begin preparing the food at 9:30, we leave to serve the food at 11:00, we serve the food beginning at 11:30 and leave by 1:00 PM. Volunteers are not committed to helping the entire time, some decide to prepare the food, others to serve the meals. For several years we have used the Our Daily Bread building to serve those in need. There, we can take prayer requests from those joining us and deliver a prayerful message usually provided by our own Captain Bert Wise.

The last 18 months has been a little different. Because of Covid restrictions, including social distancing we have not met as a group to prepare or serve the food. Nevertheless, our church has continued to provide! Our Daily Bread have only allowed prepared meals to be handed out at their front door. We have been sharing bagged lunches including sandwiches, chips, fruit cups, cookies, and Coke products. At the October 9th event we were joined by Seth our Comfort Dog and his handler Diane Williams.

Our group of regulars want to return to our normal practice and hope that may happen by our next service date of Saturday, January 8, 2022. Please continue to pray for our ministry and those that we serve. Pray that restrictions will be removed so that we can meet in person and share the Word of God along with our food. If anyone would like to join our ministry, please reach out to us so that we can add you to the fun group of people that are part of this group.

In His Name, Colleen and Rich Hesemann (864) 973-8130



Wrapped in Love

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



REMEMBER THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY WITH YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. Please pray that these comforting gifts will reach the people that God wants to receive them.

We know that there is great need because of illness, economic distress, etc. at this time. We have spouses, family members and friends that we are praying for. Should any of these people receive a prayer shawl? **You, the members of Eternal Shepherd, are the ones to decide.**

Anyone can receive a prayer shawl; they do not need to be a member to ESLC. The prayer shawls come in various colors, sizes and shapes. While they are being lovingly made, the woman pray for those who will receive them – that our Loving Father will comfort them, sustain and strengthen them in both body and spirit, and allow God to carry their burden and provide for them, as He knows best.

The process of giving a prayer shawl is simple. In the Fellowship Hall on the side with the closets, there are four large bins containing prayer shawls. There are over twenty to choose from. Pick the size, shape and color that best suits the person who will receive it. Then simply sign your name, the date and the name of the person receiving it. If you give the prayer shawl in person, we request that you pray as you give it.



Behind the sign out sheet, there is a list of people that have already received prayer shawls. We have given approximately one hundred and twenty five! Let us work together to continue this comforting ministry.

If you have any questions or would like to give a prayer shawl, but have not returned to church because of Covid, please contact Sue Hauser.

Our Schools in Haiti Continue to Grow!!



Recently Pas Bonbon added a 6th grade. Between Pas Bonbon and Rocky Road, the enrollment is now 428 students. As you can see, some bring their own chair some sit on a log supported by rocks. Tables and chairs are on a “school supply list” but more importantly we need to order more Bibles and Luther’s Small Catechism in both French and Creole. We sent a \$2,000.00 check in October to Trinity HOPE for the lunches. The price per serving is 27 cents so the check will feed both schools for 17 days. (<https://www.trinityhope.org/>)

If you have a mission you want Eternal Shepherd to consider, please contact any of the following also serving on the Mission Committee: **Richard Grotheer, Pastor Bill Barthel, Pastor Ray Ramsburg, Milo Bell, Deek Decker, and yes, both Pastor David and Deaconess Holly.** Eternal Shepherd is Blessed to be a Blessing around the world!

Thank you for your support! ~Lars Helland

Honduras News

Our intent for 2022 is to send a Mission Team to Honduras, however, at the present time the government is not ready for this to happen. Therefore, this month's focus will be on another World Gospel Outreach ministry known as WGOKids at Rancho Ebenezer. Rancho Ebenezer is a facility in the mountains where WGO cares for approximately 50 children who have been abandoned by their families. Rancho Ebenezer is set up to raise 80 children but without sponsorship the number is limited. At the Ranch the children live in a family setting in cottages and are educated at the school on the property by missionary and Honduran teachers.

When Mission Teams went to serve in Honduras with WGO, part of one day was spent visiting the Ranch, seeing the ministry, and meeting the children. Without teams this does not happen and the support of this ministry has leveled off. There are a great many more children who need this life saving care and for that reason we will have a display set up near the mailboxes on Nov. 7 and Nov. 14 to introduce the congregation to Rancho Ebenezer and to the children who live there. Team members and members who sponsor children will be there to answer questions and there is a short video of the Ranch and the children. Children at the Ranch stay until age 18 from where they continue on to college or enter the workforce as bi-lingual young adults. This is a step above the normal population whose education usually ends after 7th grade.

Please stop by and find out about this life changing and life saving ministry and hear some of the stories about the children who reside there. Thank you for caring.

Dios te bendiga! (God Bless You!), Pastor Ray



CARD CART NEWS! - If you have a chance, stop by the **Card Ministry Display in the Fellowship Hall**. You might find one that is just perfect for someone you know! There is a wide variety for all kinds of occasions and the price is perfect!!! \$.50 for all cards and \$5.00 for a box of 12 found on the bottom of the cart.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Habitat For Humanity is in need of **volunteers throughout the organization.** There are jobs for men and women in all areas. Please consider helping in this worthwhile organization. Find out more about serving with us at <https://www.oconeehabitat.org>.

FOOD BANK NEWS: Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month to help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry's shelves. **November's** preferred product is **"Canned Fruit"** (Please place items in one of the trash cans marked Food Bank down by the Fellowship Hall). ~*Thank you for your generosity and support.*



Needs Mentors!

Our mission is to empower children to reach their full God-given potential and to break generational poverty.

Mentors are needed for 3rd-12th graders. Come and share life changing skills with our children!

Visit our website at www.rippleofone.org
For more information, email Ria Dawkins at: ripple.terria@gmail.com



CHURCH VOLUNTEER APPEAL FOR BABYREAD

Volunteers Needed for BabyRead during Pandemic

*BabyRead volunteers continue to stay in touch with families by texting, phoning and dropping off books once a month. **We need volunteers more than ever** to provide our moms and babies with books and moral support.*

Become a BabyRead volunteer by emailing Caren at babyread@charter.net. To learn more about BabyRead, go to www.babyread.org.



Hospitality Happenings for November

Thank you to those who have signed up for the Sunday school coffee hour in the upcoming weeks. If you would like to serve you may sign up on the wall calendar hanging behind the coffee machine in the Fellowship Hall. ~Sue Williams



***Please Do Not** leave recyclable items in the kitchen.*

Thinking about joining the hospitality board?

Please see myself or Marlene Bell with any questions. *~In His service, Sue Williams*

ON-LINE GIVING Remember you can give on-line. After establishing an account, if you have the QR App on a device, you can use this method to contribute each Sunday using the QR code printed in the Sunday bulletin or the monthly Agapegram.
~Thank you for your faithful support.



November Birthdays

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| 2 – Lauren Lucas | 16 – Emerson McKay |
| 3- Joyce James | 19 – John Durham |
| 6 - Rick Cochell | 20 – John Lindgren |
| 7 – Craig Baumann | Dcs. Holly Cox |
| 8 – Jenna Fireovid | 22 – Bob Krabbe |
| 11 – Jim Jacques | Delores Stewart |
| Lee Lampe | 23 – Christine Davis |
| Margi McLain | Tom Eckersley |
| Lois Owens | 24 – Al Johnson |
| 12 – Gerry Durham | Woo Wagner |
| 13 - Kate Wells | 26 – Chuck Rau |
| 14 - Matthew Dunlap | 27 - Ken Dunlap |
| Garner Sorrell, Jr. | 30 – Milo Bell |
| 15 – Joan Callahan | |
| Scott Kaltrider | |
| 16 – Patty Kaltrider | |
| Quin Toussaint | |



November Anniversaries

- 1-- Richard & Joyce Thompson
- 4 - Christian & Katie Getchell
- 7 – Alan & Rocki Van Heusen
- 9 – Rein & Betty Brueggeman
- 16 – Rick & Suzanne Lucas
- 20 – Doug & Denise Zirbel
- 25 - Sherwood & Patsy Drexel
Pastor David & Judy Hammer
- 27 - Mike & Sue Hauser



SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS

In September the following gifts were given:



In loving memory of *John Abramovitch*
the Memorial Fund received a gift of \$500.00

In loving memory of *Penny Klein*
the Elder's Fund received a gift of \$50.00,
and the Memorial Fund received a gift of \$25.00

In loving memory of *Jean Seeley*
the Memorial Fund received a gift of \$25.00

Other Gifts:

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received a gift of \$20.00

The Debt Reduction Fund received a gift of \$600.00
from CCCF Giving Thanks Fund

The Disaster Response Team Fund received a gift of \$24.21

The Elders Fund received a gift of \$125.00

The Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$24.21

The Foothills Care Center Fundraiser received gifts of \$5,288.63

The General Fund received a gift of \$ 400.00 from Blessings Shared Grant

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$221.96

The Honduras Mission Fund received a gift of \$100.00

The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received a gift of \$194.05

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$191.00

The Senior Member Care Fund (*based on Galatians 6:10*) received a gift of \$500.00

The Special Missions Fund received a gift of \$10.00

Little Lambs Tales

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever"
1 Chronicles 16:34*

It is the month of November and we have much to give thanks for here at Little Lambs Preschool. We are thankful to the parents who entrust their little ones to us each and every day. We are thankful for the children who remind us through their words and actions the love of our God and the beauty of His creation. We are thankful for the support of our staff as we gather together in prayer each morning and are reminded that God is with us through the good days and bad. We are thankful for this church and the many members who continue to support us in so many ways.

This month we will be busy giving thanks and sharing our gifts of faith, family and friends with our children.

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be celebrated on November 12th! We are currently in discussion as to how our feast will look this year. Last year, we had an outdoor parade where the children dressed in costume and paraded with their classes as the parents stood outside their cars cheering us on as we passed by! We then celebrated by class our Thanksgiving Feasts! Regardless of how we celebrate this year, we will make it a fun-filled event!

We will be out of school the week of November 25th to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families.

We hope that each and every one of you can join us in counting our blessings as we celebrate this month of thankfulness!



Blessings,
Gina

Happy Thanksgiving!

SERVICE TIMES

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)



THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor: David Hammer
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Preschool Director: Gina Cote
Choir Director: Rick Schmidt
Choir Accompanist: Michelle Rowland
Organist: David Phillips

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