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THANKSGIVING

November 23, 2025

I wrote the article below for the bulleting for Thanksgiving week in 2024. I do not usually like to reuse an article that is only a year old, but I think it is fitting for 2025. We just read Colossians last week, and this Sunday evening's lesson will come from that letter.

In his letter to the Colossian church, Paul spends a lot of time emphasizing thankfulness. Each chapter of the book contains each one statement of thanks written by Paul while he was imprisoned. That should serve as a reminder to each of us that we have plenty to be thankful for even when it seems things are not going well for us. What did Paul say about being thankful?

- He is thankful because the church was doing what it should be doing: showing faith and love. "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people." (Colossians 1:3-4)
- He wants them to be thankful too, and his thankfulness is contagious. "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." (Colossians 2:6-7)
- Being thankful helps to make peace, and peace is something to be thankful for. It's a wonderful cycle. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15)
- If we are not thankful by nature, it is something we can improve through action and habit. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." (Colossians 4:2)

Let's remember to be more thankful this week and all year long.

- Brian



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Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! – Psalm 100:4

Family Matters

Joan Elliott's grandson, Jesse Bryant, is recovering from a stroke. Please keep him in your prayers.

Ardith Sumpter was taken to Baylor Medical Center to receive a pacemaker. Please keep her in your prayers.

Jerry Miller is back at home now after having a stint put in. Please keep him in your prayers.

We are in need of a 2nd - 4th grade teacher for the quarter that begins in December. If you can help, please see Dusty Dennis.

We will have a Thanksgiving Singing and Devotional Night on Wednesday, **November 26th**. There will not be any Bible classes on that evening. Everyone will meet in the auditorium.

The church office will be closed on **November 27th and 28th** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Happenings

Church Events & Announcements

We will have a Congregational Fellowship Meal on Sunday, **November 30th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services. Please bring soups, chili, and desserts. The bread will be provided. After our meal we will have an afternoon service at 12:30pm in the auditorium. We will NOT have a 5:00pm service.

There will be a breakfast for the widower's and single men on Tuesday, **December 2nd**, in the fellowship building. Coffee will be ready at 7:30am and breakfast is served at 8:00am.

There will be a Singing Night on Wednesday, **December 3rd**. There will not be any Bible classes. Everyone will meet in the auditorium.

There will be a Golden Doers Lunch on Sunday, **December 14th**, in the fellowship building following our morning services. If you are 60 years or older, please come join us! If you would like to participate in the "Dirty Santa" gift exchange, then the women need to bring a woman's gift and the men need to bring a man's gift. The gift limit is \$10.

The last class of 2025 for the Tuesday morning ladies Bible class will be **December 16th**. The class will resume on **January 6th**.

We will pass out Christmas Baskets on Tuesday, **December 16th**, from 4pm - 7pm at the Yellow House for some families from a couple of our community's schools. *If you know of a family or shut-in in need of a basket, please let Mark Clark or Hunter Nickell know by Friday, **December 5th**.* Monetary donations are welcome for those that would like to donate for the food purchased. **Monetary donation deadline is also **December 5th**.** If you would like to help pass out the baskets, please sign up at the welcome desk.



Yellow House will hand out food on Monday, **November 24th**, from 8am - 10am. Helpers this month are: Kim Simpson, Carolyn Pults, Janna Byrd, Chuck Love, Tommy Myers, Cindy Geiger, Debra Provence, and Scott & Sharon Estes.

The Ladies Prayer Group will meet next on Sunday, **November 23rd**, at 4pm in room 111.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Continue to pray for list...

Mary Lee, Barbara Cannon, Lea Crain, Susan Pickle, Glenda King, Jana & Stacey Stewart, Ken & Wanda Roper, Myrtie Clarke, Nash Gilliam, Betty Gerth, Barbara Hataway, Sherry Price, Barbara Lewis, Randy Hall, Ronald Trent, Sue Silkey, Katie Meaders, Johnnie Sing, Cherry Bennett, Shirley Perry, Pattie Mitchell, Debbie Harber, Warner Fleck, Randy Wilson and Thayne Consequellos.



Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to attend or volunteer.



Christmas Paint Party!

Join me **December 13th @4pm** in the fellowship building.
Sign up by December 3rd!

Sign up to attend at the Welcome Desk and list which picture you like the best, A or B.

Please bring finger foods to share. See Carli for questions.



11/23 Ladies Prayer Group,
Youth Grp. Meal/Fellowship
11/24 Yellow House
11/26 Thanksgiving Singing & Devo
11/27-28 Office Closed (Thanksgiving)
11/30 Congregational Fel. Meal
12/02 Widower's Breakfast
12/03 Singing Night
12/04 Col. Christmas Party (Hatton)
12/06 Pancakes with Santa
12/07 AWTG (Chickasha)
12/13 Christmas Paint Party
12/14 Golden Doers Lunch,
Ladies Prayer Group



TEENS AND YOUTH

November 23rd
Youth Group
Meal & Fellowship

December 7th
AWTG
(Chickasha)



December 4th
College Group Christmas Party
(Hatton)

December 12th - January 20th
College Students on
Christmas Break

Birthdays of the Month

11/23 Owen Hensley
11/24 Shirley Perry,
Emma Vanlandingham
11/26 Jerry Miller
11/28 D'Esta Hoover
11/29 Greg Hatton, Rayah Tinsley

Happy Anniversary

11/24 Glenn & Sue Ogle
11/26 Clint & Paula Sturdevant

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Heaven Allen Hunter Wilson
Michale Perry Clay Wilson Jr.
Josh Higginbottom
Frank Holsapple Jr.



2025 Daily Bible Readings

11/23 - 2 Thess. 1-3, Psalm 18
11/24 - 1 Timothy 1-2, Psalm 19
11/25 - 1 Timothy 3-4, Psalm 20
11/26 - 1 Timothy 5-6, Psalm 21
11/27 - 2 Timothy 1-4, Psalm 22
11/28 - Titus 1-3, Psalm 23
11/29 - Philemon, Psalm 24
11/30 - Hebrews 1-2, Psalm 25



Adults

David Hendricks
Covenants

Jeff Butler
The Gospel of John
Room 100

David Dirrim
Adult Bible Class
Fellowship Building

Drew Adams
Characters of the Cross
Room 111

College Group

Kyle Wilson
Room 107

Youth Group

Thorin Turner
Room 101

Elementary

5th - 6th grades: Room 104
2nd - 4th Grades: Room 102
K - 1st Grade: Room 105

Preschool

3's & 4's: Room 112
Toddlers, 2's & 3's: Room 114
Babies: Room 113

For the Record: 11/16/2025

Bible Study	212
AM Assembly	314
PM Assembly	138
Wednesday PM	173
Contributions	\$13,169
Budget	\$15,738

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning:

Song Leader: Jack Cadenhead
Opening Prayer: Jared Hudson
Closing Prayer: Jeff Butler
Scripture Reading: Cale Hudson
Lord's Supper Thoughts: Greg Hatton
Communion: Matt Bryant, Brett, Butler,
Joe Dirrim, Justin Lane, Keith Nail,
Hunter Nickell, Cody Reynolds, Kerry White
Alternate Communion: Tim Hensley & Chuck Love
Balcony Communion: Don Kite & Tommy Myers
Nursing Home Communion: Raymond Johnson
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Kyle Wilson
Attendance Recorder (**Nov**): Sam & Sarah Austin
Safety Team Camera **AM/PM**: Josh Nail
Service Coordinator: Garrett Hatton & Todd Martin
Sound Booth **AM/PM/Wed**: Tyler Jones & Mark Tinsley
Welcome Desk (**Nov**): Clarie Dennis & Kim Simpson
Greeters (**Nov**): Sam A. & Cindy G. / Greg & Diana H.

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Scott Estes
Opening Prayer: Jared Griffin
Closing Prayer: Mark Coleman
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Kyle Wilson
Communion: John Eck & Drew Graham
Service Coordinators: Garrett Hatton & Todd Martin

Wednesday PM:

Song Leader: Thanksgiving Singing & Devo
Announcements/Opening Prayer: Will Lampkin
Closing Prayer: Mark Coleman
Devotional (8 Minutes): Thanksgiving Singing & Devo
Attendance Counter/Safety Team Walk: Brad Butler
Safety Team Camera: James Bryant

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome
Prayer
We Shall Assemble
God Himself Is With Us
Cornerstone
In Christ Alone
Thoughts From the Cross: Greg Hatton
Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Communion
We Give Thee But Thine Own
Contribution
The Greatest Commands
Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:27
A.M. Lesson: Building People
Just As I Am
Announcements
Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Prayer

P.M. Lesson: Incomparable Christ

An elder and his wife are available in room 107 during each invitation.

Shepherd November: Butch Platt
Supporting Shepherd & Wife: Brent & Diana Lowe

November Contribution Counters:
Drew Adams, Kevin Graham, Drew Graham

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Online Giving



Sunday

Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.
(Class does not meet during summer)

Wednesday

Bible Classes - 6:30 p.m.

Worship & Classes Online

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