



Faith Christian Assembly

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Rejoice and Be Glad! *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

Do you know what the most gracious word(s) in any language are? "gracias" - "danke schön" - "xiexie" - "arigatou" - "thank-you"

We are the only creatures on earth who can articulate a sense of appreciation with words of thanks. Therefore, we must give thanks to the Lord. Why? Well, for one, because Almighty God - the Creator of the universe - commands us to do so...

Psalm 150:6, "Let everything that has breath PRAISE THE LORD."

Did you know...? "The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have

been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of Thanksgiving." ~ H.U. Westermayer

Psalm 103:2, NKJV, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits..."

Why do you suppose we are told not to forget all His benefits? Because as Ann Voskamp says, we have a tendency to have "Spiritual Amnesia." All too quickly we forget the incredible things God has done for us. But we can make a decision not to forget. As Asaph declares:

Psalm 77:11, NKJV, "I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely, I will

remember Your wonders of old."

Psalm 92:1-2, (NKJV) "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night..."

Our thanks are due to our gracious Lord. And it is entirely appropriate for us to remind ourselves of this throughout each day. Notice in the above verses he includes morning and evening. It would be great for us to develop this habit if we haven't already.

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Earlene Leming

Count to Ten *by Earlene Leming*

Very early in life, children learn to "count to ten." Some kids will love numbers and develop amazing skills in mathematics. But I chose to teach primary grades in school because math is a huge struggle for me. In God's Kingdom, math is simple and unique. If we learn to follow His formula, we find our life becomes easier, and we are often promoted to the "top of

the class!" Thanksgiving is a good time to enroll in a fun, spiritual math class. The lesson is from a best loved hymn.

"When upon life's billows, you are tempest tossed.

When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost.

*Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing
as the days go by.*

*Chorus: Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done."*

Just go back to basics and count to ten. It is easy to earn an A from our Teacher.

~ Earlene

Rejoice and be Glad! *continued from page 1*

In fact, in Psalm 119:164, the Psalmist exclaims, "Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous judgments."

When we give thanks and praise to God, it tends to lessen the troubles and afflictions of life. By choosing to dwell on those things we are thankful for our focus shifts from self to all God has done for us. A gloomy

mind makes all things around more gloomy; an unthankful mind is an unhappy mind; a murmuring, complaining, dissatisfied mind makes one despondent and all around him miserable.

To give thanks to God is such a small return for the great benefits that He richly gives to us; yet He commands it so let us not neglect it. If we thank

people who simply open a door for us, how much more should we bless the Lord for His countless benefits?

Psalm 118:24 is my morning verse. It is my "before I get out of bed or before I drink my coffee verse." "This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it."

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November Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Time: 10:30am

November 2 — Com-
munion Service

November 2 - Daylight
Savings Time ends—
clocks turn back

November 23—Guest
Speaker Kevin
Stebbing. (Kevin &
Jennifer Stebbings,
Ministering to the Ori-
ent)



MONDAYS

Office Closed

TUESDAYS

Church Office Hours

10:00am to 4:00pm

Please call for appoint-
ment

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study: 11:00am

November 26—
Thanksgiving Eve
service 11:00am

THURSDAYS

November 20—1:00pm

Men's Ministry and
Touch of Love Women's
Ministry meetings

FRIDAYS

Church Office Hours

10:00am to 4:00pm

Please call for appoint-
ment

FALL BACK
Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 2

Rejoice and be Glad! *continued from page 2*

It is a good daily reminder that the day belongs to the Creator of the day. He knows what it is going to look like, as it has been foreordained by Him. He brought this day into existence for His purposes. He's got it covered. I don't need to worry about what the day will hold. My responsibility is simply to rejoice in this reality and be glad in it. We will therefore carry out God's purpose and rejoice and be glad in it.

Here is a beautiful Hymn to get us started...

Thanks to God for my Redeemer, Thanks for all Thou dost provide,
Thanks for times now but 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 that Thou hast answered, Thanks for what Thou dost deny,
Thanks for storms that I have weathered. Thanks for all Thou dost supply.
Thanks for pain; 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 homes and thanks for fireside. Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow, Thanks for heavenly peace with Thee!
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow, Thanks through all eternity



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From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~ November 1, 2025

Colossians 2:6-7, NKJV, "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." Are we overflowing with thankfulness? If not, we can ask the Lord to make this a reality in our lives. We have countless reasons to be thankful! Remember, this month ends with pie! God is good!

We invite you to join us for Bible Study which meets every Wednesday @ 11am. We study God's

Word which shows us His plan for the way we should walk around this world as He draws others to Himself. Psalm 119:24 tells us, "Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors."

We also look forward to our annual Pre-Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday, November 25, at 11am. This one-hour service is a special tradition at Faith Christian Assembly. We will have a time of Worship, Prayer, and a Devotional. Please be sure to join us as it is always such a blessing to gather to-

gether.

Please take a close look at the FCA Calendar in this issue to keep you aware of all that is going on.

We invite you to join us this first Sunday in November at our 10:30am service as we partake in Holy Communion together. This is the time to partake together, and, in this way, we obey Jesus' command to, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Looking forward to Sunday,

*Pastor Sheri & Gary
Leming*