



Faith Christian Assembly

November Newsletter

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A Thankful Life by Pastor Sheri Leming

This is the month where we hopefully are reminded that we are to walk around this world with hearts of gratitude. In an increasingly godless world that we live in, I often wonder "who" the godless are thankful to? We as believers obviously know it is Almighty God.

I love The Psalmist's heart. It wasn't enough for him to just say "Thanks!" to God—he wanted to go further than that...

"What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and

will call upon the name of the Lord." Psalm 116:12 & 17 NKJV

I think it's good for us to stop and ask the last time we responded to God with a heart of thanksgiving like the Psalmist?

So we know God delights in a grateful heart. How does He feel about a heart that is not thankful? Sometimes we have a tendency to put certain sins in different categories. Murder, adultery, etc. we obviously consider "huge" - but other sins, people might consider "not that big of a deal." Where would we imag-

ine ingratitude, or unthankful to be on that list? 2 Timothy reveals that being unthankful is a big deal to God. Take a look at the heavy hitters in this verse...

"For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy" 2 Timothy 3:2 NKJV

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Only Trust Him Now! *by Earlene Leming*



Earlene Leming

"Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him." Psalm 37:7

We are living in difficult days! No matter how bad circumstances seem to be, we must choose to wait upon God, believing He will honor us for following HIS WORD in our thoughts and actions. I recall a quote from a

book report Gary wrote by UCLA Coach John Wooden, from his book *They Call Me Coach*. "I constantly caution my team, 'Play your game... eventually if you play your game, stick to your style, class will tell in the end. This does not mean we will always outscore our opponent, but it does

insure that we will not beat ourselves.'" This is similar to what Jesus tells us in the Gospels: Do what is right and trust Me. Just do My will and leave the outcome to Me. I will make sure that eventually you'll be the winner! And our song for the month is: "Only Trust Him, Only Trust Him Now! ~ Earlene

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I still find it amazing to think about the seriousness of refusing to have a heart of gratitude. Because all of us have struggled with this since we were born. Think about it, as I have said before, I don't think any of us ever had to sit our little child down and explain to them, "Now, here is what you do when you want something that your little brother or sister has, you walk over to them and say, 'Mine!'"

This came quite naturally to every child I've ever seen. What we, as parents have had to be diligent about was to teach gratitude. This is a lesson that impacts their whole life, for the good or, if never taught, for the bad.

Albert Barnes Commentary: The children who begin life with disobedience to their parents, with rare exceptions, are ungrateful to all others who may show them kind-

ness in their life journey.

"Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it."—A. W Tozer

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Gratitude
turns what
we have
into
enough.

Aesop

November Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Times: 10:30am
and 5:30pm/Pre-service
prayer 5:00pm

November 5 – Communion
service 10:30am

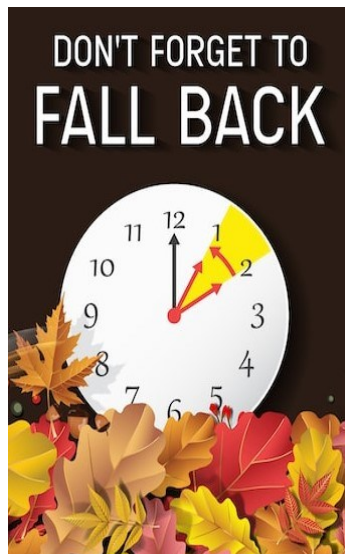
November 26 – NO EVEN-
ING SERVICE

MONDAYS

Office Closed

TUESDAYS

Church Office cont...
and /Library Hours



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5**

10:00am to 4:00pm
Call for appointment

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study 11:00am
November 22– Pre-
Thanksgiving service
11:00am

THURSDAYS

GriefShare—weekly at
6:00pm (ends Nov 9)
November 16 -Men's
Ministry 1:00 main
sanctuary

THURSDAYS cont

November 16— Touch
of Love Women's Min-
istry 1:00 pm Garden
room

FRIDAYS

Church Office Hours
10:00am to 4:00pm.
Call for appointment

SATURDAY

November 4—Men's
Golf Tournament

Men's Ministry Round of Golf by Gary Leming

In golf, I learned early on that the way I stand is very important and impacts the way I swing the club. If your stance is off, then your ball isn't going to go where you want it to go. The same can be said with our spiritual life. If we pay little or no attention to our life before God - we leave a whole lot to chance. But the apostle

Paul commands us to stand firm in the faith. I love this translation, where he commands us to "act like men, be strong."

"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." 1 Corinthians 16:13

The best way to obey this Scripture is to be men of

God's Word, to be men who value time in God's presence and in His house. Another great way to grow is when we gather together and encourage one another.

If you haven't signed up yet, please call the church office and join

us for our **Men's Ministry round of golf Saturday, November 4**. If just may improve your stance!





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From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~ November 1, 2023

November is such a special month. It is filled with beautiful colors and fragrances! Of course we love the smell of turkey and the fix-in's, but I'm also talking about the wonderful fragrance of gratitude. Have you ever noticed the different feeling there is in a room full of people voicing their gratitude, as opposed to being in a room of complainers? The difference in the atmosphere is remarkable. Colossians 3:17, NKJV - And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Saturday, November 4 at 8am at Bixby Village Golf Course, Gary Leming is gathering the men of Faith Christian Assembly to enjoy a round of golf and a time of fellowship. Call the church

office for more information.

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 draw 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 22, 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 together. *Please note there will be NO Sunday Evening Service on Sunday, November 26.

Please be sure to join us this first Sunday of November for our 10:30am service as we partake in Holy Communion together. This is such a set apart time to partake together and in this way we obey Jesus' command to, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Please join us for pre-service prayer this Sunday at 5pm, before our 5:30pm Service.

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High ~ Psalm 50:14

"The value of persistent prayer is not that He will hear us but that we will finally hear Him." ~ William McGill

Looking forward to Sunday,
Pastor Sheri and Gary
Leming