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Bible Class: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual discipline: Gratitude

I have a friend who is bent on teaching her grandchildren about gratitude. When one of them begins to complain or cry about some disappointment, she says, “Sweetheart, I know you don’t like what is happening, but you have the choice of making this a happy day or a sad day. What kind of day do you want to have? Do you remember all we have to be glad about in this day?”

Thankfulness is a thread that can bind together all the patchwork squares of our lives. Difficult times, happy days, seasons of sickness, hours of bliss – all can be sewn together into something lovely with the thread of thankfulness. Jesus was especially good at doing this. Once he was in a tough situation with a lot of hungry people on his hands, and all he had were five loves of bread and two fish. He could have complained that God shouldn’t expect him to feed five thousand people with so little.

But Jesus didn’t write off the loaves and fish as nothing. He noticed what was given and “gave thanks” for it. And in these less-than-perfect circumstances, God supplied all that was needed. We, like Jesus, have choices about how to respond to what life dishes up. We each have the power to interpret the facts of our lives. We make the choices that turn us into bitter or grateful people. Gratitude is rooted in the reality that bidden or unbidden, God is present.

Thanksgiving is possible not because everything goes perfectly but because God is present. The Spirit of God is within us – nearer to us than our own breath. It is a discipline to choose to stitch our days together with the thread of gratitude. But the decision to do so is guaranteed to stitch us closer to God. Attend to the truth that bidden or unbidden, God is present.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Juanita (Abby’s Mother)
Tim Taylor
Pam Aldrich
Dennis Rosenbaum
Nolan Adams

Terry Sallee
Danielle Harmon
Crystal Emery (Gloria’s mom)
Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie
Pam, Leanne, Barbara

Saul Moncada (Abby’s brother)
Cella Lemberger (Jessica’s
Aunt)
Kay Kinnaman
Ryker Berens
Betty Peptone (David’s Sister)

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

There will be Youth Group Tonight at 7:00 PM at the Church building.

Bible Hour [Wednesday]

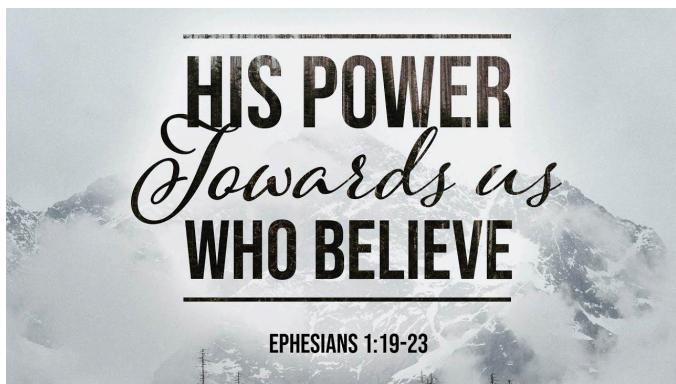
Wednesday night Bible Hour will meet this week at 6:00 PM.

Save the Date:

February 8 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
March 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
April 4-5 - LTC Convention (Kansas City)
April 12 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

Birthdays

None



Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Tom & Pam Turner

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Zoey Carter

Gathering: #4 - To God Be the Glory

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Shawn Batten (Ephesians 1:19-23)

Song: #470 - Victory in Jesus

Song: #376 - He Paid a Debt

Communion: Tom Turner (Chris Stott, Gatlin Reed, Darrel Bauer)

*Song: #480 - Blessed Assurance

Lesson #1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #222 - There's Something About That Name

Lesson #2: Zeb Carter

Song: #909 - There's a Fountain Free (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Zach Marks

* During this song, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to a special Bible Hour made just for them!

