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LIVING A LIFE FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

In a world that bombards us with the message that we would be content only if we had "x, y, and z," how do we cultivate a heart of thanksgiving? Pastor Dennis explains in this month's news article.

Thankfulness can be described as being content with that which God has blessed us. So much of the time, I find myself discontented with the blessings that I have already received from the Lord. I search for something different, new, or more exciting. Television and social media push us to feel as if we are living in the dark ages unless we have this or that new item. Filled with slick advertisements, their aim is to entice us with promises of the good life. You have an ill, we have a pill. You are too heavy, we have a program. You are too thin; we have a program for that too. The internet is not any better. Regardless if it is email, Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, someone is trying to sell you something. From oils for your body to an oil change

for your car, the siren call is constant. Have more, do more, be better, and you are not enough on your own. We have just what you need to solve your problem. If we were to purchase everything that everyone wants to sell us, we would always be broke and in debt. All of us have items in our homes that promised to change our lives for the better but were a disappointment in the end. Whole business empires are built on our discontent.

How do we get past all of this discontentment to a place of thankfulness? One way is to take an inventory of your blessings. Make a list of all the ways that the Lord has blessed you and post it in a place you will see it on a daily basis. All of your material possessions such as a car, if you have one,

Church Events

11.10 Kids Missions Mania Camp

**Youth Camp Out
Garner State Park**

11.11 Church-Wide Work Day

11.18 Men's Breakfast

11.19 Thanksgiving Service & Church-Wide Meal

11.22 Office Closes @ Noon

11.23 Thanksgiving Day

11.26 Baptism Sunday

clothing, food, etc. should be on the list along with family and friendships, employment and education. There are so many things in our daily lives that we take for granted that are actually huge blessings. Do not overlook them. Recognize what you have been given by the Lord and thank him for it daily.

After listing your blessings, observe those around you. Take your eyes off your own discontent and seek to serve others. There are people in our church who struggle with poor health. We have single parents who work two and three jobs to make ends meet. What can you do to help alleviate their troubles or stress? Could you bring them a meal? Offer to babysit? Be creative! Ask the Lord to cultivate a heart of thankfulness in you through service to others.

Though our nation is in a state of turmoil at the moment, we still live in the greatest nation in the world. If we take the time to look at what is happening in countries across the globe, it helps us to understand the magnitude of the personal freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States. We live in a nation of opportunity for everyone. If a person works hard, they can make a life for themselves here. It does not come easy but it is possible. That possibility is taken

away in other nations where the majority of citizens live in squalor and abject poverty with no hope of ever overcoming their situation. Be thankful for your personal freedom and the opportunities you have to earn a living.

Finally, if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you have an eternal future full of hope. When all else fails, when all else disappoints, Jesus never will. As a believer, we have an eternity shared with Christ in which all will be well. How precious that our Savior stepped out of heaven into our world to give his very life as payment for the price of your and my sin. What more can we hope for? What else can bring us more joy and contentment? We have a Savior who is for us and has blessed us with a hope that never ends.

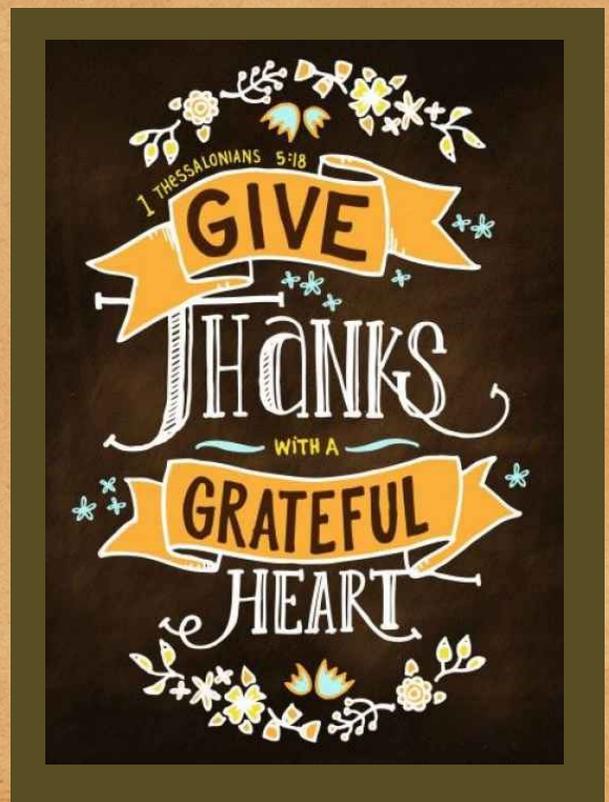
On one of my first of many trips to Uganda, I was out in the Bush eating a meal in a young couple's grass hut. They did not have much of anything in the sense of material possessions, but what they had, they used to the Glory of God.

Do not worry about what you do not have, but ask the Lord to help you use what he has already given you to be a blessing to others. As we approach Thanksgiving, let us remember that we have much to share and much to be thankful for, even if all we have is the Gospel. Be a sharer of God's blessings.

Blessings on you,
Bro. Dennis

1 Timothy 6:6-7

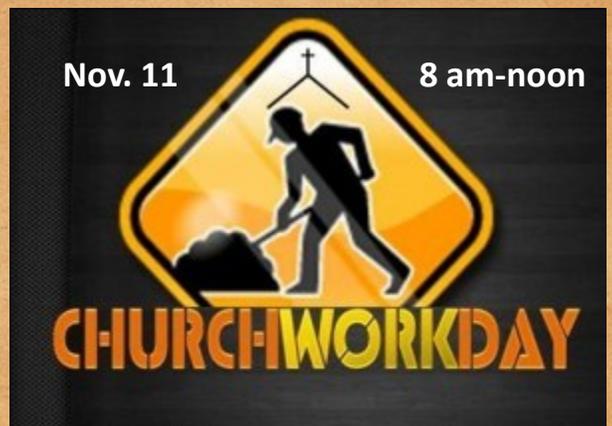
"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out of it"



Thanksgiving Celebration Service

Sunday, November 19 @ 10:00 AM

A time for worship, thankfulness, testimony, and song. Church-wide Thanksgiving luncheon to follow. Guests welcome! Bring a friend and join us.



Mark Your Calendars...

- A **Bridal Shower** for Miranda Champion will be hosted at Calvary on 12/02 at 2:00 pm. Miranda is registered at Target, Amazon, and Domino's Pizza.
- The **Kids Praise Christmas program** will be 12/03 at 6:00 pm. Show your support for the youngest worshipers at CBC by attending their Christmas worship performance. A small reception will follow.
- CBC will host an **Angel Tree** party again this year on 12/11. Be on the lookout for announcements and more information regarding how you can get involved in this holiday ministry.
- Drop your elementary aged and younger kiddos off at CBC on 12/16 so you can get some Christmas shopping done. Miranda will have games and activities for your child while you **Shop Til You Drop!**
- On 12/17, CBC will spread some Christmas cheer by singing loud for all to hear! Meet at the church at 5:45 pm for **Caroling**.
- Sunday, 12/24, services will begin at 10:00 am. No Sunday School. Also, that evening, we will have our **Candlelight Christmas Eve service** starting at 6:00 pm. If you have not attended the Christmas Eve service before, now is the time.



Calvary Events Calendar

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Caleb Martin	2 April Rodriguez	3 Kate Doring Sarah Trumbull	4 Catalina Dull Fishers of Men Fraternity Community Fellowship
5 Hector Garcia	6 Lena Pak <i>Threads of Love</i> 7:00pm Outreach/ Visitation	7 Lupe Cortez	8 Bella Bailey	9 Jonathan Watson	10 MISSIONS MANIA FALL CAMP OUT  Youth Camp Out Garner State Park	11
12	13 Cathy Dowling Joanna Kidd 7:00pm Outreach/ Visitation	14 Dean Leach	15 Jay Bryson	16 Liesela Austin	17 Nia Cagle Tammy Holland Ruth Rice	18 <i>Men's Breakfast</i>
19 Caleb Trumbull <i>Thanksgiving Service</i>	20 <i>Threads of Love</i> 7:00pm Outreach/ Visitation	21 Jenny Humphrey Carolyn Peters	22 Danielle Clardy <i>Office closes @ noon</i>	23 	24	25
26 <i>Baptism Sunday</i>	27 Emalyn Doring Danielle Edison 7:00pm Outreach/ Visitation	28 Larry Barnett Benny Rice	29 Kenneth Dees Georgia Katzer	30 Daniel Brown Michelle Jacaruso Lia Pina		