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NEWSLETTER

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Come Thanksgiving Day each year, many of us give the nod to Pilgrims and Indians and talk of making ready for a harsh first winter in the New World. But for the Christian, the deepest roots of our thanksgiving go back to the Old World, way back before the Pilgrims, to a story as old as creation, with a two-millennia-old climax. It's a story that keeps going right on into the present and gives meaning to our little lives, even when we're a half a globe removed from history's ground zero at a place called Golgotha. You could call it the true story of thanksgiving — or you could call it the Christian gospel viewed through the lens of that often-undervalued virtue known as "gratitude." It opens up a few biblical texts we otherwise may be prone to downplay.

First, God created humanity for gratitude. You exist to appreciate God. He created you to honor him by giving him thanks. Appreciating both who God is and his actions for us — in creating us and sustaining our lives — is fundamental to proper human life in God's created world. As he describes in Romans 1 what's gone wrong with the world, the apostle Paul gives us this glimpse of the place of appreciation in the created order: Although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or *give thanks* to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

(Romans 1:21) Part of what the first man and woman were created to do was honor God by being thankful. And part of what we exist to do is honor God by being thankful — and thus the numerous biblical commands enjoining gratitude.



Let us remember to give "Thanks" to God for all the wonderful things He has done for us. We should also remember the poor, downtrodden and those who have not yet, given their lives to God. Celebrate by the wonderful gift of giving to others to help make their lives more meaningful.

Come join us and be a part of one of our services!

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:00 - 10:00 am

Morning Worship - 10:50 am

Afternoon Services - 3:00pm

Tuesday

Bible class Hour - 7:00 pm

Thursday

Bible Class Hour - 10:00 am

Prayer Meeting - 7:00 pm

Saturday

Shepherd's Hour (TBD)

Our Annual Preaching Theme

*"A Christian's Position in a Sinful World."
Scripture: Matthew 10:16*



Join one of our ministries!

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

When the bible is studied more in depth, opportunity to grow in the Lord and Christian fellowships are developed.

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

We have an exciting youth program that is designed to train our youth to be effective leaders throughout our church ministries.

OUR CHILDREN MINISTRY

One of God's greatest gifts are our children. We teach them about Jesus' life and how important it is to come to know Him.

OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

Our choir will minister to you through God honoring songs that will touch your heart as the Lord Jesus Christ is being praised and worshipped.

OUR MISSION & MOTHERS

In this ministry we have a great time of fellowship. We engage in a lot of exciting and fun activities throughout the year.

OUR NURSES MINISTRY

We have a nice, loving group of nurses to attend to the needs of the pastor and congregation.

OUR USHER'S MINISTRY

We proudly meet and greet you as you enter into the Lord's house to help make your worship experience a delightful experience.

Attention!

Our Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway

Tuesday 11-26-19 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Happy Birthday

Pastor Harper – 11-26

Thanksgiving Morning Service

9:00 am

“Courage to “STAND” even in the 21st Century”

Joshua 1:1-8

At some time in our lives we have all experienced fear. We've face situations that we thought were impossible and we overcame them. Our lives will always have a number of challenges; some more fearful than others, whatever fears we face, we can face them together with Jesus on our side and WITH COURAGE.

Let's start here: 2Ti 1:7; **For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

To be sure God did not give us a spirit of fear. But we have it, it came packaged with the input of sin. It should, however, not cause us to wither and hide or be unbelieving and immobile. What Satan meant for harm, God allows it to be used as an alarm system. By the same token we should not tempt God by acting foolishly in our daily effort to be godly warriors. Remember we are in a battle and it's in this battle we must have courage. In the book of Joshua, we find the best battle plans to live our lives victoriously even in the 21st century. I know you're saying Joshua is Old Testament so how is that possible? I'm glad you asked.

First, remember this, God is the same yesterday, today, and forever more. **Mal 3:6 says** “For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore, ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

God promised Joshua that he would be with him and not fail him; Hebrews 13:5b, “for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee”.

The responsibility of the believer is to be strong and courageous; (**Jos 1:7**).” Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law”. Being strong through Christ Jesus is the only way we can live a victorious life. (**Jos 1:8**) This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have GOOD SUCCESS.

BE STRONG: Know the word. Hide it in your heart.

BE COURAGEOUS: Trust the Word of God.

And you shall have good success.