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**YOU** *will be*  
*enriched in every*  
*way* *TO be*  
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*in every way,*  
*which ... will produce*  
*thanksgiving*  
*TO God.*

2 Corinthians 9:11, ESV

# Worship the Lord with Us!

## Sunday Worship

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Sunday School for all ages: 9:40 am

Contemporary Worship Service: 10:45 am

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The submission deadline for the *Holiday* issue of Windows is November 10<sup>th</sup>.

***THANK YOU FOR  
SUPPORTING WINDOWS!***



## From The Pastor's Heart

*Grow*

in the grace and knowledge  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus  
Christ.

2 Peter 3:18

Taking a walk this week I noticed a familiar scene. Leaves were beginning to fall; a cool nip was in the air. The season of summer is over; fall is here, moving us towards winter. Every season has its own unique blend of opportunities and challenges. However, the fall season is time of reflection for me, a time to assess the

deeper things of life. Now, I have a new helper in that process in a 3 foot little man named Trenton, my grandson. Seeing life through his eyes and heart is a trip. For everything that happens while we are together he usually has just a few responses...why? Can I help? Let's pray, and thanks Pap. He somehow has made life simple in his little mind. He also follows a great process of living a life of thankfulness and gratefulness and joy even as a little guy. And his joy and excitement for life is contagious. One of his favorite new phrases is "*May I share with you?*" offering to sit beside me on a chair, a bite of a sandwich or a drink of juice. (However, he does not share his cookies, yet!)

This past month, with Lisa and me facing some unexpected life challenges and decisions, the simple approach to life I watched in my grandson and the joy he lives out each moment caused me to reflect on these words penned from apostle Paul: "**Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.)

Apostle Paul is calling followers of Jesus to an amazing life here... not an easy life but a great one. Paul's words challenge us that a joyful, thankful and prayerful life is more than a November holiday; it's a lifestyle. And this begs a question for me. **How can we give thanks in all circumstances in every season of life? What happens when we GROW in our thankfulness?** (I found this response in some notes I found a while back not sure where I got this ...but one I wanted to share this with you.)

**G**ive yourself to others. Thanksgiving, to be truly Thanksgiving, is first thanks, then giving. To some of you, expression of gratitude to God could be in the form of giving financially to a charity. To some others of you, expression of gratitude to God could be in the form of serving others – not because they deserve it, but because God expects it.

**R**eflect on God's goodness. It has often been pointed out that thinking precedes thanking. When we are presented with a gift, it is because we think of its significance and meaning that we are led to express our appreciation. So start with your reflection about the goodness of God every day, and in every way. God is good.

**O**vercome discouragement through praise. The best weapon against discouragement is praise and thanksgiving. Whenever you feel discouraged you should praise and give thanks to God right away. Learn from the Psalms of how people give thanks to God amidst their circumstances. Listen to praise songs, singing them out loud and let the lyrics remind you of the good grace of God.

**W**alk in the light of an amazing God. God is sovereign. God is in control. God knows how things must work out for good. That means all I have comes from Him, and as such I should be thankful. The bigger God becomes in your life, the easier for you to give thanks to Him; so enlarge your vision of God, keep looking up until you see Him, and then He will even be bigger still.

When we are thankful it's just about impossible to be hopeless. It's much harder to be greedy or envious... or to be demanding or fixated on your own needs. If we are thankful, we're less overwhelmed when we are wronged. Being thankful does not mean living in denial, suppressing our feelings, or ignoring reality. It means being honest, bringing all those things to a God who has promised to love us and demonstrated it by sending His Son to be our Savior. It brings us nearer to heaven and helps us to overcome the things we deal with within our world.

Lisa and I want to express to you, our church family, that we are truly blessed to serve and be a part of such a loving, caring fellowship. We give thanks for you, and it is a joy to journey life together.

In His love and grace,  
Pastor Sam



***Don't forget to set your  
clocks ahead an hour  
on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.***

## **WNL**

911- Medical Emergencies (Things You Need To Know and Do) - November 12, 7:00 pm in the parlor. The following topics are some of those that will be discussed in this important and informative session being taught by Stan Sheaffer. Should I Call 911, my doctor, or go to an Urgent Care Center? Info the 911 operator must be told. What to do while waiting for the Ambulance? What the EMT's can't tell you. Please join us!!

## **CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm - SPR

7:00 pm - Church Conference



All requested forms are due in to Maria in the church office by Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. All chairs of our committees are asked to submit a report on what their committee did/accomplished and future plans if any for 2014 for inclusion in the church conference booklet. These reports are also due in by Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. You can also email them to [maria@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:maria@fumccollingswood.org). If you would like to see a copy of your committee's report for last year, please let Maria know. Thank you!

## COLLINGSWOOD MANOR AUXILIARY ATTIC SALE

The Collingswood Manor Auxiliary will be having our annual Attic Sale on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be various gift and household items, a bake sale and lunch available (chili and hot dogs.) Please come and support the Auxiliary. Proceeds go toward purchasing items for the residents at Christmas and year round. Donations of baked goods or sale items are appreciated and may be dropped off at the Manor that day or Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> after 12 noon . No clothing please. Please contact Sharyn Bailey for more info or questions.



### A Gift of Joy and a Message of God's Love

Operation Christmas Child is one way you can make a difference in a young child's life. This is a great way for your family, Sunday school class or small group to take part in this shoe box programs. These shoeboxes, filled with gifts will be sent around the world to children who perhaps have never received a gift or who are survivors of natural disasters. Gift ideas: school supplies, toys, hygiene items, hard candy, T-shirts, socks washcloths, etc. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will delight a child. Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box to help cover the cost of shipping. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. Franklin Graham is the president. Please bring your filled shoe box to the board room by November 16, 2014. Let's make this a banner year. Thank you for all the support you have given in the past and now again in 2014. May God bless you as you bring joy to others.

**GSC** would like to invite you to join in our Missions project. We will be filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. If you can't fill the box, you could put a few things in our boxes at the Connections Points.

We thank you in advance for your help.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

needs gloves, hats and scarves. (NO COATS please.) They can also use men's athletic style socks which can be placed in the basket on the platform in the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support. For their Thanksgiving baskets they will need: cereal, boxed potatoes, vegetables, fruit, coffee (especially instant.)



**COLLINGSWOOD FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING** needs boxed stuffing, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, canned corn, green beans, coffee and boxed cake and icing. Thank you for your continued help.



## November Sermons and Scriptures

- November 2<sup>nd</sup>     *“Making an Impact that Lasts”*     Matthew 5:13-16  
(Communion)
- November 9<sup>th</sup>     *“A Life Challenge that Lasts”*     Matthew 5:16-20
- November 16<sup>th</sup>    Reaching the World for Jesus Christ  
*“Are You the Missing Piece?”*  
Dave Bailey Jr. – Ranch Hope
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>    *“The Power of Thankfulness”*     Luke 17:11-19
- Thanksgiving Sunday  
Special praise, worship and thanksgiving services  
at 8:30 and 10:45 am.



This year we will once again decorate our Sanctuary with poinsettias placed by members and friends. Please fill out the envelopes placed around the church in honor or memory of your loved ones. The cost is \$5. Please return by Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

# November is Missions Month

**11/15 Breakfast** (open to everyone)--Frank Zeidler (Saints Prison Ministry) speaking

**11/16 Moderated Missionary Panel** during combined Discipleship Hour

Ranch Hope's Dave Bailey, Jr. preaching both services

**11/18 Taste of Alpha**

**11/22 Fellowship House Turkey Drop in Camden**

**11/25 Neighborhood Center Flash Grocery Store**

**11/27 Thanksgiving Day**

**Every Sunday:** Contribute to noisy offering to help keep our missionaries on the field.  
Collect food for Collingswood Food Pantry & Neighborhood Center

**Every Day:** Use your prayer calendar to pray for a missionary or two.



Hear the word of the LORD,  
O nations, and declare  
it in the coastlands  
far away ...

Jeremiah 31:10, NRSV

# MISSIONARY MESSAGES



**Curt and Carol Detwiler**

## **PANI Project Update**

Last week's report from our Project Leader of this Station:

*“In the last few days my colleagues and I were allowed to witness in a remarkable way the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus. He answered the fervent prayers for the contract negotiations with the representatives of the company, which owns and operates the transmitting site. By the grace of our Lord Jesus and through His intervention and guidance we were finally able to sign the new contract. To God be the glory, great things He has done!*



*By the way, the contract was signed 6 months after we started with the regular broadcasts on PANI with full power. We are thankful that the transmitter has been working stable since our last visit in August. There are some minor technical works still outstanding as well as some technical acceptance procedures, but we are confident that they will be completed within the next one or two month. Your prayers for those completion works are very much appreciated.*

*It is very moving to think back and reflect how our Lord Jesus has been blessing this project from its inception in 2007 to its completion in 2014. He opened doors, He moved the hearts of those in authority, He given the resources, He called and equipped the people involved this project. To Him alone be the glory. Much prayer, hard work, long hours and seemingly endless travels (our project leader for example traveled to the country, where PANI is located, 27 times since 2011) were required so that people in areas where missionary lives are at great risk – in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Northern India – are able to hear God's Word through a clear, medium wave signal. We are therefore greatly encouraged by the*

*amount of feedback which has been received as a result of the PANI broadcasts so far.*

*I want to thank you for supporting this PANI construction project faithfully in prayer. Your prayers were instrumental in getting this project off ground in spite of all the spiritual resistance which we have been experiencing along the way. Your commitment to regularly and fervently uplift this project in prayer was a great encouragement to those who were engaged on site. Now the project is in a new phase – the broadcast phase – where we also need your prayers for the airings and the spiritual impact of the programs. Your regular prayers for the production and follow-up teams as well as for the smooth operation of the transmitter are needed and highly appreciated.”*

In light of the recent developments in that part of the world, please continue to pray regularly that the gospel might continue to be available to those who are seeking in that part of the world!

### **David and Andrea Brunner Jr.**

Well, the summer has ended and we have gone through the times as a church. One family left the church and with a small church it really does make a difference. We did some work on the church parking lot recently and much work had to be done for preparation and recoating of the lot. We arrived at church on the last Sunday in September and found out that we had no heat in the main part of the building. The initial problem was worked on, but we found out we have some more work that needs to be repaired. We had a number of contacts during the last few weeks and that was a good reminder that we are in ministry because people need the Lord, not just because the area where the church is needed a good building.

We had our piano player for our morning services go to college and had someone else step up to the plate, so to speak. We are thankful for the help, but do miss that college student. We had a young man in our church who wanted to ask the Lord to be his Savior and it gave a wonderful opportunity for our people to see and hear of a soul that was saved through the ministry of Calvary Bible Church.

We are now in the study of the Gospel of John and it

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continues to capture my heart as I study it and share it at church and with others throughout the week. What a blessing to see a Gospel so filled with the person of Jesus Christ. The first chapter really starts everything so well by going back to the very beginning and showing that Jesus, the Word, the True Light, the Lamb of God, was God in the flesh who came to take away the sin of the world. What a wonderful start then, in chapter 2, of the miracles of Christ. He changes what is on the inside of earthen vessels and demonstrates His glory and causes His disciples to believe in Him. What a parallel and an example of what took place at our church just a couple of weeks earlier in the life of a young man. Jesus changed him on the inside and demonstrated His glory through the salvation of a soul.

Thank you for upholding us in prayer. We know that the Lord can do much and is not limited. So, we thank you for including us in your prayers so that we can be used of Him to bring many souls to Him for His glory.

### **Boxley & Joyce Boggs**

Some prayer requests...

- 1) Joyce and I are in the process of downsizing and moving from Texas to Florida. It is a daunting task. I will be renting a truck and driving it over in early November, Lord willing.
- 2) Pray for salvation for the following friends: Jeff V, Linda D, Scott M, Andrew J, Allison S, and Neil B
- 3) Pray for one of our Crossworld missionary families whose child was victimized by a criminal act causing them to have to return to the U.S., leaving behind a very effective ministry.
- 4) Pray for Pastor Bobby G in India, who, with his fellow pastors, is suffering persecution at the hands of Hindus. I visited him and several other pastors there in May.
- 5) Pray for a good delivery for my cousin in India who is expecting twin boys in about a month. Pray for her husband and their two young daughters, 8 and 5.
- 6) Pray for Joyce and me, that the Lord will give us the *Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know him better. Pray that the eyes of our heart may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which he has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Eph. 1)*

# er Calendar November 2014

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> ALASKA BIBLE COLLEGE ALAN & BARBARA BACHMANN
& JOYCE GGS BOODT	<b>6</b> JAMES & DIANE LARKIN WOODY & SUE LEWIS	<b>7</b> KEN & DONNA RUDY DAVID & PHYLLIS SCHMID	<b>8</b> WALTER & PAT STUART SCOTT & REBEKAH BECKER
KATHY ETZ & KEN YARD	<b>13</b> LARRY & FAY BUCKMAN LUIS & ELSIE CENTENO	<b>14</b> LOWELL & CLAUDIA WERTZ KCAM RADIO	<b>15</b> NEIGHBORHOOD CRUSADES NEIL & WANNEE THOMPSON
& SUE PP JULIA NTZ	<b>20</b> CORKY & GEORGIANNA EDDINS	<b>21</b> SAINTS PRISON MINISTRY ERIC VAN PELT	<b>22</b> CURT & CAROL DETWILER TOM & GLENDA LOWELL
LIE	<b>27 Thanksgiving</b> THANK GOD FOR ALL MISSIONARIES	<b>28</b> MARK & CAROL HEPNER ART & DOROTHY JACKSON	<b>29</b> DAVID & SUE LINTON HELEN

# NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>2</b> <b>Daylight Savings Ends</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Junior High Youth Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Election Day</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Smooth Stones Bible Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Follower's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Alpha	<b>5</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> WNL <b>6:15 PM</b> Seni Youth Group <b>6:45 PM</b> Mast <b>7:00 PM</b> Bible
<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Junior High Youth Group	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Discipleship Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Nurture Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Smooth Stones Bible Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Follower's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Alpha	<b>12</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> WNL <b>6:15 PM</b> Seni Youth Group <b>6:45 PM</b> Mast <b>7:00 PM</b> Bible
<b>16</b> <b>Missions Weekend</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Junior High Youth Group	<b>17</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> SPR <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Conference <b>7:00 PM</b> Missions - Evangelism <b>7:00 PM</b> Trustees	<b>18</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Smooth Stones Bible Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Follower's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Alpha	<b>19</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> WNL <b>6:15 PM</b> Seni Youth Group <b>6:45 PM</b> Mast <b>7:00 PM</b> Bible
<b>23</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Junior High Youth Group	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Neighborhood Center</b> <b>Grocery Store</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Smooth Stones Bible Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Follower's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Alpha	<b>26</b> <b>NO WNR</b>
<b>30</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Junior High Youth Group			

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	27 Church Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	28 Church Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	29 10:00 AM Collingswood Holiday Parade

# *Missions & Evangelism Pray*

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
<b>2</b>  JOHN & ALICE BARCUS  DICK & MARY ANN McCLOY	<b>3</b>  LORRAINE STIRNEMAN  DAVID & ANDREA BRUNNER	<b>4 Election Day</b>  ARMAND & JEAN LeBLANC  NEALE & BARBARA GOETSCH	<b>5</b>  BOXLEY & BOG  VERA B
<b>9</b>  LORRAINE ENRIGHT  FAMILY CHRISTIAN INSPIRATION	<b>10</b>  GREG & SUE STOWERS  DANA & DEBBIE CHERRY	<b>11 Veterans' Day</b>  RANCH HOPE  HANDI*VANGELISM	<b>12</b>  TIM & K SHE  JOAN & STEW
<b>16</b>  DON & ESTHER PARSONS  KEN & KAREN PREGIZER	<b>17</b>  CHUCK & BEV TRUXTON  KEN & JANET HIBBS	<b>18</b>  FELLOWSHIP HOUSE	<b>19</b>  NORM KAI  FRED & WEN
<b>23</b>  TIM & JACKI FAULKNER	<b>24</b>  TEAMWORK ASSOCIATES	<b>25</b>  BOB & BARB ALBER	<b>26</b>  ELI
<b>30</b>  DON & NORMA TOLAND  CHUCK & JANICE WALTON	<b>Notes:</b>		

# HOLIDAY EVENT SCHEDULE

- November 29<sup>th</sup> Collingswood Holiday Parade  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday School for all ages at 9:40 am.  
Family Christmas Presentation, “Bethlehem Bound,” at 10:45 am.
- December 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Family Worship  
8:30 & 10:45 am services
- December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service at 6:45 pm.
- December 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday School at 9:40 am.  
Special Youth Service at 10:45 am.

This Advent season, you are invited to join us as the adults come together to experience “*A Season of Change.*” There are events in history that changed the world – no one was quite the same afterwards. Let it change you this year!! The study will take place during the discipleship hour from 9:40 am – 10:30 am from November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 28<sup>th</sup>.



## “CHRISTMAS CHANGES EVERYTHING 2014”

- November 30<sup>th</sup> “*A Past That Must Be Understood*”
- December 7<sup>th</sup> “*A Present That Must Be Lived*”
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Family Christmas Presentation  
“*Bethlehem Bound*”
- December 21<sup>th</sup> “*A Future That Is Longed For*”

Keswick Hymn Sing, December 4, 2014, Cost: \$12  
Christmas Spectacular, Special Guest: Michael Faircloth

A limited amount of tickets will be available.

Look for more details in your bulletin.



Ladies, here's an opportunity to showcase your favorite

## ***Christmas Cookies!***



**What:** Cookie Exchange

**When:** Saturday, December 6, 2014  
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

**Where:** FUMC/ Enter at Stokes Dining Room

Refreshments will be served.  
A freewill offering will be taken.

**Please bring:**



**100 delicious home-baked cookies!**  
(That's about 8-9 dozen cookies.)



Yes – you read that right! Everyone will bring 100 cookies and there will be an exchange, so that everyone leaves with a large assortment of cookies to bring home. Additionally, of those 100 cookies you bring, 1 dozen cookies will be donated and brought to local shut-ins as a way to share the love of Jesus. Hint: Bring cookies that transport well.

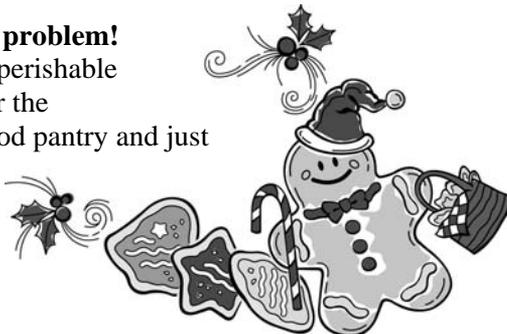


**A large platter or a large box or bag(s) to take your cookies home.**

Sign-ups will be handed out during both services and you may return your entry in the offering plate. R.S.V.P. between now and Sunday, November 16, 2014.

**Don't bake? No problem!**

Just bring a non-perishable food donation for the Collingswood food pantry and just join us for the fellowship, food, and fun!





Join our cast of stars as we celebrate Jesus' birth with family, fun, and faith!

**Who:** Anyone!!! (kids, adults, the whole family)

**What:** A Christmas play that tells the birth of Christ in a memorable, family fun way!

**When:** **Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:30 PM**  
Cast members will learn the song, make the props for your scene, and celebrate with a cast party.

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 10:45 AM** Performance of this unique story!

**Where:** First United Methodist Church  
201 Dayton Ave.  
Collingswood, NJ 08108

More info at: [FUMCCollingswood.org](http://FUMCCollingswood.org)



... loving God,  
loving people,  
connecting with  
our neighbors

This is a youth ministry for people in grades 6-12, and everyone is welcome! There are a few regular times we meet each week (as follows), as well as other extra special events throughout the month (see below.) But one thing is certain – we are never stagnant, because God is always moving!!

**the ryver (Grades 6-8 meet Sunday; Grades 9-12 meet Wednesday – both 6:00 - 8:00 pm)**

The perfect place to get started! Designed to help people connect with God and each other through games, music, and conversations about God, the Bible, and life.

**the ryver deep (Sunday morning, 9:30 - 10:30 am)**

Essential for those who really want to grow in their faith! Grades 6-12 are together as we dig deeper in the Bible and learn how to live it.

Don't forget to check us out on **facebook:**  
"The Ryver Youth Ministry"

## COMING EVENTS

### College Tour – November 6-8

If you are in grades 9-12 and interested in going to college after high school, this trip is for you. During these 3 days we'll travel to Geneva College, Cedarville University and Lancaster Bible College where you'll have the chance to sit in on chapels and classes, eat meals, and tour the campuses as you search out where God may be leading you. We have room for 9 people (upperclassmen will have first priority) and you must sign up by Wednesday, 10/22.





### **LeCrae Concert – Sunday 11/9**

Don't miss Christian rapper, LeCrae – his album "Anomoly" just hit #1 in sales and he's coming to Philly tonight! We'll be traveling over to the Tower Theatre with all who want to go. Tickets are only \$35 and a limited amount is available – first come, first serve. Talk to Shawn & get your money in ASAP!

### **MWA (Mid Winter Advance) Registration Due (SH) Wednesday 11/12 and (JH) – Sunday 11/16**

Make sure you get your registration and deposits in – you DO NOT want to miss this awesome week away with God and each other!

### **Missions Weekend – November 15-16**

Did you know there are almost 7,000 languages in use in the world today?! Did you know that almost 4,000 of those DO NOT have a Bible in their own language?! This weekend we're celebrating how God is using people to take the gospel (and Bibles) to languages and people all over the world! Stay tuned for more in about specific activities.



The Spirit of  
the Lord

is on me, because  
he has anointed me  
to proclaim good  
news to the poor.

Luke 4:18, NIV



# *Wings of Prayer*

## THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

by Jill Tribulas

“Gratitude.” Sounds like the combination of the words “great” and “attitude”, doesn’t it? Gratitude can lead to a great attitude and a great attitude surely can leave one feeling quite grateful. I suspect the antithesis of gratitude would be regret. Regret is the worst sort of malady as there is no cure and like any infection, it tends to spread.

For a society that demands instant and immediate gratification we spend an awful lot of time worrying about the future and resuscitating the past. We pay so much attention to what was or what could be that we can’t see what’s around us right now. I am afraid that I am going to wake up one day and realize I missed it. One day the kids will be grown, the house will be empty and the future won’t seem so far away anymore.

Two of the saddest words I can imagine are “if only.” “If only” I paid more attention, more time, more mind to my spouse, my kids, my friends. “If only” I had called in sick instead of calling home from the office. “If only” I had expanded our horizons instead of just our bank accounts. “If only” I could do it all over again—I would appreciate them more. There is nothing quite as sad as memories not made and love not shared. The realization that the choices we made, way back when; choices that appeared to be good ones at the time, set us on a collision course with the words, “if only,” can knock the wind out of you.

But I have good news! Even though regret may not have a cure, it can be prevented. Immediately stop what you're doing. Hang up the phone; put down the tablet or iPod; stop texting. Take a deep breath and think about something that makes you smile and then say "thank you." It can be said to no one or someone. It doesn't matter. Just say the words. Then think of something else and say "thank you" again. Repeat. Once you are comfortable saying the words out loud find someone and try them out. Thank an employee for showing up. Thank a spouse for not giving up. Thank your client for hiring you. Thank your boss for not firing you. Thank someone for something; just be sure the person you're thanking is not yourself. That doesn't count.

When you take your mind off the things you can't change and can't predict and focus on what you have right now, your chances of "missing it" will reduce dramatically. Your regret prognosis will greatly improve and once you sign that DNR on your past and finally bury it, you can move forward with the assurance that the words "if only" are no longer part of your vocabulary.



Being thankful for what we have causes us to stop looking at our trials and troubles and pay attention to the good things in our lives. And that, my friends, is the Attitude of Gratitude. As we thank God for all of the blessings in our lives, please remember those who are sick or hurting in any way and lift them up to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please pray for: *Rose Hamilton, Lisa Mountain, Bill Kozak, Nancy Creely, Joan Steward, Kathy McGaurn, Nancy Mariano, Matt Robb, Lew & Mildred Smith, Florence Keller, Jim & Ruth Doherty, Connie Zabel, Tom Costello, Virginia Armitage, Tom Christensen, Rich Snyder.*



If you have not already done so, please give your dates (birth dates and anniversary dates) to the church office in writing or by e-mail: [maria@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:maria@fumccollingswood.org).

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| November 3  | Kathy Warwick                   |
| November 16 | Patricia Sheaffer               |
| November 17 | Mark McGaurn<br>Lew Smith       |
| November 19 | Logan Hoover                    |
| November 20 | Donna Lee Junglaus              |
| November 21 | Bill Wertz                      |
| November 23 | Michael Molloy                  |
| November 28 | Bruce Boswell<br>Steve Hemphill |



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| November 4 | Lew and Mildred Smith |
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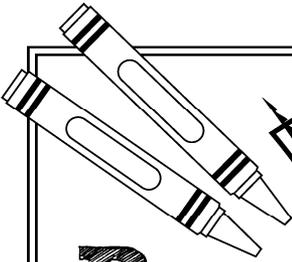
Shawn, Maria and Bill would like to thank our church family for your thoughtful gestures of kindness by showering us with cards, gifts and well wishes to help us celebrate our staff milestones. We appreciate all of you so much!

Harold Shallcross “retired” from his position as head of the “Monday Morning Counters” concurrent with his move from Collingswood to Wiley. Harold is a faithful saint who worked “behind the scenes” carefully counting and accounting for all giving to the church for many years. One can never adequately thank a person for decades of Christian service but a luncheon was held in his honor to express our appreciation.

**WE  
APPRECIATE  
YOU**



**“Even if friends did always call you a saint, I still have to look it up.”**



# PUZZLE

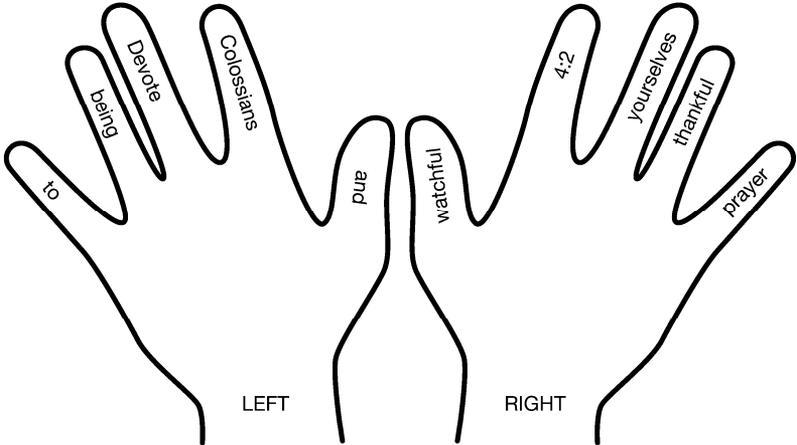
## Praying hands



One way to show our thankfulness is to bow our heads, fold our hands and pray to God.



*Directions: Complete Colossians 4:2 (NIV) by selecting one word on the left hand, then one on the right and so on. Go back and forth, using the word blanks as a guide.*



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Answer: Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2, NIV

# Thankful TREE

Make this Thanksgiving decoration and keepsake as a reminder of God's many blessings.

## What you need:

- Acrylic paints
- Paint brush
- White cardstock (8" x 11")
- Baby wipes or wet paper towels
- 8" x 11" frame (available at dollar stores)
- Black permanent marker
- Bowls or paper plates

## What you do:

1. Paint your palm, fingers, wrist and a portion of your arm with brown paint.
2. With the white cardstock placed vertically, press down your painted hand and arm. The print should resemble a tree trunk and branches.
3. Clean your hand and arm with baby wipes or wet paper towels.
4. Dip your fingertips into different-colored paints and press them onto the paper to make leaves. (It's autumn, so leaves can be falling!)
5. When paint is dry, write "thankful" down the trunk with permanent marker. Also write your name and the year in the corner.
6. Frame and display your decoration.

# Bible Quiz

What was the source of Samson's strength?

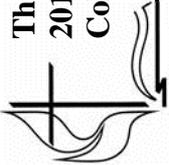


- A. His huge muscles
- B. The Spirit of God
- C. His uncut hair
- D. He inherited it from his father

## THE CIRCLE

The circle is a symbol for God, as well as for eternity, due to its lack of a beginning or an end. It also reminds us of how the church year (not unlike the secular calendar) flows from season to season and moves smoothly from Christ the King Sunday (the culmination of the liturgical calendar) to the First Sunday of Advent (a new beginning). Indeed, the One who rules all is the same One whose first and final comings we anticipate anew during Advent.

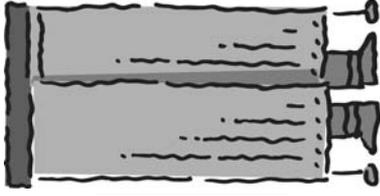
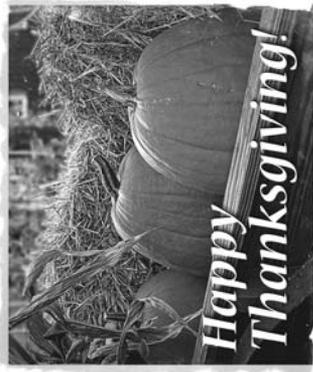
Answer: B (See Judges 14:19.)



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