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**From the Pastor
Jeremy Tennery**

"Give Thanks—Psalm 100"



It's Thanksgiving time again, friends, and I know we all have many things to be thankful for this year. An answered prayer? A renewed spirit? A new and exciting job? God providing healing in your life or the life of a loved one? A new community of encouraging friends?

I hope Thanksgiving season has not become just another day on the calendar for you. It is so much more than just another day. Thanksgiving is a time to come together with family, near and far, catch up with good friends and eat a big delicious, savory, delightful, delectable meal. If you're like me, we eat more than anyone should be allowed and then continue eating leftovers for the next week. Besides all the juicy turkey and ham with an array of fixings to pile on the plate, Thanksgiving is a great time of year for many people to stop and think about what they are thankful for. Should we be thankful all year long? Absolutely. But Thanksgiving is a great day to remind us how blessed we are to have the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. I am truly thankful for that, and I know you are too!

The Word of God teaches us about thanksgiving in many places and lays out the importance of giving thanks. Did you know the word "thanksgiving" shows up all throughout Scripture? In fact, the word "thanksgiving" and words close to it appear over 140 times in the Bible.

One Psalm, in particular, gives us perspective on the importance of Thanksgiving. Psalm 100 says, "1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with Thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

The writer of Psalms 100 reminds us that we have plenty to be thankful for, as Christians. Plenty to raise a hallelujah for. Plenty to rejoice about. Plenty to find joy in.

So, as you gather with family and friends and give thanks, let me encourage you to remember Psalms 100 because The Lord is God! He Made Us! We are His! The Lord is Good! His Love Endures Forever! And His faithfulness Continues Through All Generations!

So shout to the Lord, all the earth, and worship Him with Gladness this Thanksgiving.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Prestonwood Baptist Church—Plano, TX presents "The Gift of Christmas" in early December. A church wide trip is planned to go to the event on Saturday, December 10th. and tickets are already sold out. Watch the church bulletin and announcements for more information.

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Bible Verse of the Month

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - NIV

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."



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AUDREY WILLETT

FALL MISSIONS UPDATE



Hola gente!

As you all know, I am currently in Atlanta getting my masters at Emory University and plan to graduate as a Nurse Practitioner in family care. This opportunity is an incredible blessing, but does present challenges as I miss my life and role working in the Dominican. While in school, I've been able to continue working, traveling back to the DR to fill medical needs whenever possible.

In August, I was able to spend 3 weeks in the Dominican, training 80+ of our staff members in CPR and First Aid. We also got to summit "Pico Duarte" with some of our residential kids where we got to walk alongside them not only physically but also spiritually. In October, I spent a week back in the country working on our heights/weights program to monitor growth and health in ministry kids.

While in the international office, I've continued to create educational and media related resources for the ministry, as well as fine tuning our design of our height/weights program.

Thank you Stone Creek Fellowship for your love and continual support. I miss you all dearly and hope to see y'all soon.

Dios te Bendiga!
Audrey Willett



HUMOR FOR THE SOUL

Multiple Fathers

A group of guys I know took a trip to France and decided to attend Mass in a small town, even though none of them understood French. They managed to stand, kneel, and sit when the rest of the congregation did, so it wouldn't be obvious they were tourists. At one point, the priest spoke and the man sitting next to them stood up, so they got up too. The entire congregation broke into hearty laughter.

After the service they approached the priest, who spoke English, and asked him what had been so funny. The priest said he had announced a birth in the parish and asked the father to stand up.

Awkward Wedding Colors

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

Dr. B.L. Worsham, Th.D.

Power of Prayer

"By Grace alone"

"Grow in Grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord"
(2 Peter 3:18)

When we believe in Jesus Christ, confess Him with our lips, and pray for salvation--He saves us at that moment! He writes our name in the "Lamb's Book of Life" --We will not be lost-- we are elected, for heaven, and Christ will receive us there when we leave this earth through death.

Now we are redeemed, by God's Grace and our faith in Jesus--the question arises--how faithful are we? We are commanded: "Grow in Grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18) How do we grow? By attending God's church regularly! By reading God's Bible each day! And by daily prayer!

At church we hear the Pastor and the Bible school teacher explain God's word. Reading the Bible, we experience God speaking to our heart and mind. In prayer we find ourselves talking directly to our heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, and during these activities, we will, "Grow in Grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)

These things may seem strange to us, if they are new to our lifestyle--but Christ does not require of us the thing we cannot do! Soon we are accustomed and have found our favorite seat in the preaching service. Soon, we have cleared the dust from the family Bible, and enjoy the "words of life" that it contains. And sooner than you think, you are pouring out your heart, your life, your successes, your failure--even your sins--to God in prayer!

If praying is new to you, you may run out of "what to say" at first. But you will grow and find more and more to thank God for, to praise Him for, to ask Him for, and to receive from Him! That is because you are growing in your personal relationship with the Lord who loves you, and He is blessing your life!

God Bless You,



Doctor B.L. Worsham, Th.D. served as Pastor of Second Baptist Church of La Porte, TX for 32 years. Now serving as Prayer Coordinator of San Jacinto Baptist Association, Baytown, TX. Education includes Texas University, Austin, TX, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX. Additional studies at Baylor University, Waco, TX and International Seminary, Plymouth, FL.

This Month's Recipes

Sylvia's Chocolate Pie

- 2 1/2 c. milk
 - 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 - 1 1/2 c. sugar
 - 1/4 c. unsweetened cocoa
 - 1 tbs butter or margarine
 - 7 tbs cornstarch
 - 3 ex-large egg yolks
 - 1 c. miniature marshmallows
 - 1 baked 9" pie shell
 - Sweetened whipped cream
1. In a medium saucepan, combine 2 cups milk, sugar, cocoa and butter. Bring to just a boil over medium heat.
 2. In a medium bowl, mix together corn starch and remaining 1/2 cup of milk until cornstarch is completely dissolved.
 3. Then whisk egg yolks and vanilla extract until well blended. Whisking constantly, gradually add egg and milk mixture to saucepan. Cook stirring constantly for about 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows until melted.
 4. Pour mixture into pie shell. Press Saran Wrap directly onto filling and refrigerate for at least 4 hours.
 5. To serve, remove plastic wrap, top pie with whipped cream and garnish with chocolate curls or shavings.

Scalloped Potatoes w/Bacon, Cheese & Chives

- Cheese – 4 cups Sharp Cheddar, Jack or your favorite cheese
- Butter – 1 stick
- Half-and-half cream – 1 Quart
- Smoked Bacon – ½ lb
- Russet Potatoes – 3 to 4 lbs
- Green Onions (Chives)
- Parsley
- Onion – 1 large
- Salt
- Ground Black Pepper
- 12 Inch Black Iron Skillet
- Tin Foil

DIRECTIONS GETTING READY

1. Chop up your Bacon, Onions, Parsley and Chives
2. Slice your potatoes thin on a slicer or mandolin
3. Set up your grill for indirect heat (hot coals on one side of the grill and no coals on the other side of the grill) – You're looking for a grill temperature of 350 degrees Fahrenheit. (Can also be cooked in a traditional oven)

COOKING

1. Place your skillet on the side of the grill with no coals
2. Grease the bottom and sides of the skillet with about 1 to 2 Tbs of butter
3. Build the first layer in the skillet
4. Place a layer of the thin sliced potatoes in the bottom of the skillet
5. Add Salt and pepper to the potatoes
6. Add about 1/3 of the onions to the skillet
7. Add some parsley and chives
8. Add smoked bacon pieces
9. Build the second layer in the skillet – just like the first layer putting down a layer of potatoes, salt, pepper, onions, chives, parsley and smoked bacon
10. Build a third layer in the skillet – just like the first 2 layers
11. Add a top layer of the sliced potatoes
12. Put 3 cups of shredded cheese on top of the potatoes
13. Pour 1 quart of Half and Half into the skillet
14. Add more smoked bacon
15. Cut up the remaining butter into pats and place over the cheese
16. Cover the skillet with foil this will allow the potatoes to cook
17. Place cover on grill – cook time will be about 1 ½ hours
18. After 45 minutes Rotate the skillet 180 degrees so everything cooks evenly
19. After 1 hour Remove the tin foil from the skillet – this will allow the remaining half and half to steam off Add 1 cup of shredded cheese to the top of the potatoes Rotate pan 180 degrees
20. At 1 ½ hours remove skillet from grill

BIBLE TRIVIA

(Answers on page 4)

1. Question: What did God send to feed the Israelites in the desert?
2. Question: After they took over the Promised Land and Joshua died, who ruled Israel?
3. True or False: Jesus would sometimes "spit" as part of his healing miracles.
4. Question: How many lepers did Jesus heal?
5. Question: What was most likely the first of Paul's letters written?
6. True or False: Paul had a vision of a man calling him to come over to Carthage.

DID YOU KNOW

- John was the only apostle who witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus.
- Dogs are mentioned 14 times in the Bible, and lions 55 times, but domestic cats are not mentioned at all.
- The word "Christian" appears only three times in the Bible: Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16.
- About 50 Bibles are sold every minute. It is the world's best-selling book. Some 1 billion copies of Bibles have been sold.
- There are about 34,000 Christian denominations in the world.
- The Bible is the world's most shoplifted book.
- Job is the oldest book written in the Bible – it was written by an unknown Israelite around 1500 BC.

*Beware of no man
more than of yourself;
we carry our worst
enemies within us.
- Charles Spurgeon*

**** NOTICE ****

If you would like to submit a recipe, suggestion or idea for an article you would like to see in our newsletter, please email Bill Parker or Emmett Williams at one of the email addresses below:

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MEN'S MINISTRY HAPPENINGS



'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' -



The SCF Men's Sunday school group has joined our Christian brother, Paul Drake, in a special ministry to support The Hospitality House, in Huntsville. The Hospitality House is a non-profit ministry located in Huntsville, Texas.

Hospitality House stands tall as the only overnight inmate family facility within Texas that operates seven days a week. Since opening its doors in 1986, the House has become a vital link between Huntsville's Texas Department of Criminal Justice inmates and their loved ones. Currently, the House welcomes families for inmate visitations in addition to releases, marriage seminars, hospice visits, and funerals. In recent years, the current Executive Director, Debra McCammon, has been able to extend the House to new heights through innovative methods, and the facility has been updated to meet the present day needs of our families. Debra has held the Executive Director position since November, 2009.

The House was built by volunteers to meet the needs of the increasing number of families arriving in Huntsville without funds for lodging and food. It was the first overnight lodging ministry of its kind in Texas. As a whole, they offer a warm, friendly, and peaceful environment where families can relax and rest while visiting their loved ones. Paul has been volunteering at the house sharing his gift of gardening to improve the plant life around the property and help maintain a peaceful, Christian, comfortable atmosphere for visitors and guests.



The men's Sunday school group was looking for ways to minister and share the good news of the gift of salvation and decided to join Paul in his support of the Hospitality House ministry. Paul's volunteer work at the house includes working on the outside gardens and landscaping. We will be working to support the organization in other ways that will demonstrate God's love, compassion and comfort for the families of inmates.

To find out more about volunteer opportunities, visit their website at www.thehospitalityhouse.org or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HospitalityHouseHuntsville.

Our Organization

Our Motto is:

KNOW - GROW - SERVE

Our Purpose Is:

To tell the Good News that Christ has come, Christ has died, Christ has risen from the dead, and that Christ offers eternal life to everyone who will repent of sin and believe in Him.

Our Mission:

To reach every people and nation with the plan of salvation. We are attempting this through the outgoing evangelic ministry of our church to the local community, and through our commitment to The Great Commission

Our Beliefs:

A family of baptized believers who have trusted Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. We believe that the Bible is God's Holy Word without error. We believe that salvation is attained only by believing in Jesus Christ, who is God's Son, as Savior. We believe in the security of the believer, and we believe in the literal return of Christ to planet earth.

Stone Creek Fellowship is God's House where his believers worship in music, song, word, and fellowship. Everyone who walks through the doors of Stone Creek is welcomed to our family. Our pastor, Jeremy Tenny and his wife, Amanda, bring God's Word to us with passion and a faithful spirit.

We are a growing church located in the country west of Huntsville, TX. If you are drawn to messages of love, faith, salvation and worship, we invite you to join us and experience uplifting celebrations of praise and worship to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Children's Church 11:00 AM

Tuesday

Praise Team Practice 5:30 PM

Trivia Answers:

1. Quail & Manna
2. Judges
3. True—The Bible describes him spitting three times
4. 10
5. 1 Thessalonians
6. False. The man was from Macedonia