

THE LIGHTHOUSE

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From the Pastor Jeremy Tennery

Hello Friends!

It is officially fall, which is hard to believe, but I'm excited because it is my favorite time of the year. Where has the year gone? So many things happen during the fall season, and many changes occur. The weather turns cooler (praise the Lord), and it begins to rain again (praise the Lord). Everywhere you look, trees are losing their leaves, flowers are losing their pedals, and the grass is turning brown. It's a time when things that were living fade away, meaning another year has come and gone.

Things change in our lives, not just during the fall season.

But as Christians who have put their faith in the Savior of the World, we know those things are temporal. We know that there is one thing that will never change! That will never fade away! That will never be destroyed! That will never be found in error! That will never be laid to waste! And that is the Word of God. The Word of God is forever! Isaiah 40, verse 8 says, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

There was a skeptic who died in 1778. Before he died, he said that within 100 years from his time, Christianity would be swept from existence and passed into history and that the Bible would be a forgotten book. Many years after this skeptic's death, the Geneva Bible Society used HIS press and HIS house to produce stacks of Bibles.

A man may fight the word of God, and man may try to destroy and stop the word of God. But man will not succeed. The word of God will last. It was in the beginning, and it will be in the end. Praise God! He has given us His Word that does not change with the seasons.

Take that hope into this season and know you can turn to the never-changing Word of God in every situation.

In His Name!
Pastor Jeremy

Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child 2023

Our church is participating in Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child". The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication. Every Sunday in October is collection Sunday and our church will collect items to fill the Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes which will be sent to children in various areas of the world. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Samaritan's Purse ships these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.

To learn more about this amazing annual process, you can visit the following website:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Birthdays & Anniversaries in November

Marcus Payne Nov 12th Susan Carroll Nov 13th
Ruth Myers Nov 18th Jennifer Goobe Nov 29th

Wedding Anniversary Ritch & Susan Carroll Nov 11th

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Bible Verse of the Month

So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.
Romans 10:17 (CSB)

True or False

1. Samson killed 1000 Philistines with a camel jawbone.
2. John was exiled to the island of Crete.
3. Righteousness is based on the law keeping and not faith.
4. Tiberius was stamped on the silver denarius used by Jesus's teaching of taxation.
5. Paul's ministry in Rome took place under emperor Claudius.
6. Rosh is the name of Benjamin's 7th son.

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Daylight Savings Time Sunday, November 5th



The modern idea of changing the clocks with the seasons can be traced back to at least the late 19th century when New Zealand entomologist

George Hudson proposed it to conserve energy and extend summer daylight hours, something which would have benefited his own hobby of collecting insects after work.

The idea was slow to gain traction until World War One when European states sought any strategies to conserve fuel. Germany was the first country to adopt daylight saving time in 1916 and the U.S. followed in 1918.

The practice went through many variations before the U.S. standardized it in 1966 in the Uniform Time Act, which allows states to opt out of it but not to stay on daylight saving time permanently.

Thoughts to Ponder

- "We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations." - **Chuck Swindoll**
- "The will of God will not take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us." - **Billy Graham**



Adult Couples Sunday School

Adult couples Sunday school starts on November 5th in the sanctuary at 9:30 am. Suzie and Ritchie Carol will be the leaders of this new class.

Adult couples of any age are invited to participate in this new class. Study materials will be provided.

The History of Thanksgiving

Although the American concept of Thanksgiving developed in the colonies of New England, its roots can be traced both to Native Americans, as well as back to the other side of the Atlantic.

Both the Separatists who came over on the Mayflower and the Puritans who arrived soon after brought with them a tradition of providential holidays—days of fasting during difficult or pivotal moments and days of feasting and celebration to thank God in times of plenty.

As an annual celebration of the harvest and its bounty, moreover, Thanksgiving falls under a category of festivals that spans cultures, continents and millennia. In ancient times, the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans feasted and paid tribute to their gods after the fall harvest. Thanksgiving also bears a resemblance to the ancient Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot.

Finally, historians have noted that Native Americans had a rich tradition of commemorating the fall harvest with feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on America's shores.

Thanksgiving officially became a national holiday in the United States in 1863 by proclamation made by Abraham Lincoln.

Bible Trivia



1. Did the Jews have a IRA?
2. Was Isaac the only son of Abraham and Sarah?
3. Who said believers that "you too, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise".
4. Mosaic law prohibited the charging of interest to fellow Israelites.
5. Jesus had mention of the bronze serpent to Nicodemus in his conversation to him.
6. Eating bitter herbs at Passover reminded the Israelites of what?

(Answers on page 4)

"What is Thanksgiving?" By Dr. B.L. Worsham

Thank You Jesus

What is Thanksgiving? It is Joe's thankful testimony! Joe lived in Atlanta Georgia. It was Thanksgiving season, and he was extremely depressed—he was also, unsaved!

He told his friends "Goodbye" at work and headed home to kill himself! His gun was loaded—his suicide note written. As he sped around the Atlanta loop, there was a traffic jam, and the loop was shut down. No exit, he was blocked in! Very nervous, he turned on the radio. A religious song was playing!

Joe tried to switch stations, but the dial came off in his hand, fell to the floor and rolled under the seat! Frustrated, he began to weep, and heard the final chorus of the song despite his confusion!

"Thank God for the lighthouse, I owe my life to Him,
Jesus is the lighthouse and from the rocks of sin
He has shown a light around me that I could clearly see,
If it wasn't for the lighthouse, tell me where this ship would be?"

Joe got out of his car on the roadside, in the traffic jam, knelt and ask Jesus if he could be saved! And he was then and there!

Months later, Joe attended a musical concert in his church! Afterward he went up to Ronnie Henson, writer of that song and testified I don't know you, and you don't know me, but I've met the "Keeper of the lighthouse"! And I'm alive, saved, and serving Him!

Beloved, that's Grace! God's "Prayer Grace"! Grace that reaches thru a song, thru a radio, thru a traffic jam and leads a suicide to salvation! So, remember, this thanksgiving season, to pray for all the "Joe's" you know!

God Bless you,



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Cast Your Burden On The Lord

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Psalm 55:22 ESV

May Recipes & Kitchen Tips

Fall Simmer Pot Recipes

Place ingredients into water and simmer on stove in small pot for amazing smells

- **Cinnamon Apples:** 1/2 apple sliced, 2 whole cloves, 2 cinnamon sticks
- **Pumpkin Patch:** 1/2 tsp pumpkin pie spice, 2 whole anise, 1/2 apple sliced
- **Spicy Harvest:** 1/2 tsp nutmeg, 2 cinnamon sticks, 2 whole anise, 1 apple, sliced
- **Autumn Apple Pie:** 1 apple, sliced, 2 cinnamon sticks, 2 whole cloves, 1/2 tsp vanilla
- **Spicy Citrus:** Peel from 1 orange, Peel from 1/2 lemon, 1/2 tsp vanilla, 2 whole cloves
- **Pumpkin Spice:** 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice, 1/2 tsp nutmeg, 1 tsp vanilla
- **Cinnamon Citrus:** Peel from 1 orange, 3 cinnamon sticks, 1/2 tsp vanilla
- **Apple Cider:** 1 apple, sliced, 1/2 tsp lemon juice, 3 whole cloves, 2 cinnamon sticks
- **Cozy Autumn Evening:** 1/2 cup cranberries, Peel from 1 orange, 4 whole cloves, 1 tsp vanilla

Crock Pot Brown Sugar Pineapple Ham

Ingredients:

- 1 Ham, pre-cooked, spiral cut (bone-in or boneless)
- 3 1/2 Cups Brown Sugar
- 1/2 Cup Raw Natural Honey
- 1 20 oz Can Pineapple Tidbits or Chunks (do not drain)



Directions:

- In a large crock pot, over 6-quarts or larger, cover the bottom with only 2 cups of the brown sugar.
- Place ham on top of the brown sugar, open the slices slightly with your hands.
- Pour the Honey over the ham, evenly.
- Add the pineapple around the sides (with the juice) and some on top.
- Top with the remaining 1 1/2 cups of brown sugar, making sure it is evenly distributed over the entire top of the ham.
- Cover and cook on low for 3 1/2 – 4 hours. ENJOY!

Ms. Joann Cole's Famous Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients:

- 2 Cups Flour
- 1 1/2 Cups Cake Flour
- 1 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1 1/2 tsp Baking Soda
- 1 1/4 Cup Packed Brown Sugar
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 3 Sticks Softened Butter (no salt)
- 4 Eggs
- 1 tbsp Vanilla
- 4 Cups Chocolate Chips
- 1 1/2 Cups Pecans (optional)
- 1 1/2 Cups Walnuts



Directions:

- Mix dry ingredient flour, salt, and soda and set aside.
- Mix on low speed softened butter, brown sugar, granulated sugar, eggs, and vanilla.
- Slowly add the dry ingredients.
- Stir in the chocolate chips, pecans, and walnuts.
- Line pans with parchment paper and bake in preheated oven 375 for approximately.
- 11 minutes till edge brown. - DON'T BURN
- **Makes 7 dozen cookies**

Pioneer Woman Sausage Gravy

Ingredients:

- 1lb breakfast sausage
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- Salt & pepper to taste



Directions:

- Brown the sausage in large pan on medium heat. Do not drain grease.
- Mix in 1/4 cup flour. Stir well until you cannot see white anymore.
- Then add 2 cups milk. Stir well again.
- Add salt & pepper and continue cooking on medium heat until bubbles appear. Then turn stove down to low and gravy will thicken. Then remove from heat.

Cinnamon Sugar Pecans

Ingredients:

- 1 lb Pecans (and/or almonds)
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 tbsp Ground Cinnamon
- 2 tsp Vanilla Extract
- 1 Egg White
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 2 tsp Water



Directions:

- Preheat oven to 250 degrees.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or non-stick foil.
- Mix the sugar, cinnamon and salt in a large Ziploc bag.
- Whisk the egg white, vanilla and water with a fork in a large bowl until frothy.
- Add the pecans (or almonds) to the egg white mixture and stir until they are well coated.
- Pour the pecans into the Ziploc bag, seal and shake until well coated with your cinnamon/sugar mixture.
- Spread them out on your prepared baking sheet into a single layer.
- Bake for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Enjoy!

Old Fashioned Cornbread Dressing

Ingredients:

- 9-10 Cups Cornbread, Crumbled
- 2 Cups Chopped Celery
- 3 Cups Chopped Onions
- 1 Tsp Sage
- 2 1/2 Tbsp Poultry Seasoning
- 1 Tsp Salt
- 1/2 Cup Butter
- 3-4 Cups Chicken Broth
- 3 Eggs, Lightly Beaten
- 1 Cup Cooked Chicken (mostly dark meat)



Directions:

- Placed the crumbled cornbread in a large mixing bowl
- Add chopped celery and onions and mix
- Pour the melted butter over all the ingredients along with 3 cups of the broth (only add 3 cups then more till you get a thick consistency)
- Add the seasons gradually
- Test to your taste
- Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes covered
- Take cover off and bake an additional 30 minutes

Mom's Old Fashioned Cinnamon Toast

Ingredients:

- Sliced White Bread
- Sugar & Butter
- Cinnamon Powder



Directions:

- Butter bread slices, sprinkle generous sugar and cinnamon
- Place under the broiler until the toast is brown and cinnamon and sugar has caramelized

We Really Do Want Your Recipes
We invite you to send your favorite recipes to Emmett Williams or Bill Parker. We are collecting them for newsletters and hoping to publish a church cookbook.

EVENTS, NEWS & GENERAL NOTICES

Trivia Answers:

1. The appearance of John the Baptist and Jesus the Messiah has prophesied in this verse.
2. Obadiah one chapter with 21 verses.
3. God tells Hosea to marry the prostitute. It shows God's warnings for disobedience but also his promises of blessings for the repentance.
4. Joel unlike the other prophets who condemn idolatry, injustice and other specific sins of the Jewish people only call for repentance.
5. Daniel, the last six chapters in this minor prophet's book.
6. Zechariah's prophecy is found in Zechariah 9:9.

True/False Answers:

1. Yes, a priest under David. 2 Samuel 20:26
2. Correct the only son of Abraham and Sarah.
3. Paul in Gal 4:28
4. True interest could be charged to foreigners. Deuteronomy 23:20
5. Jesus compared his own purpose with that of the bronze serpent. John 3:14
6. Reminded them of the slavery in Egypt.

Free Cybersecurity Awareness Training

We live in a world where everyone is online and uses the Internet on a daily basis for email, surfing the web, managed our prescriptions, bank accounts, order products online and much more. We are now offering [FREE Cybersecurity Awareness Training](#) to all SCF members. The training includes videos, newsletters and other features designed to improve your awareness and knowledge of cybersecurity threats. Contact Bill Parker by email at bparker@stonecreekfellowship.org or call 802-602-3551 for more information.

Events In November & December

- [Huntsville Holiday Market](#) - Saturday, November 11th - Walker County Fairgrounds
- [SCF Thanksgiving Luncheon](#) - Sunday, November 19th - 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- [Advent Season Starts](#) - Sunday, November 26th
- [SCF Youth Polar Express](#) - Friday, December 8th - 6:00 pm until Saturday, December 9th - 9:00 am (Overnight Event)
- [Widow's Dinner](#) Hosted By Men's Sunday School Class - Sunday, December 10th - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Olive Garden
- [SCF Candle Light Service](#) - Sunday, December 17th - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. A time of fellowship will follow immediately after the service
- [SCF Christmas Eve Service](#) - Sunday, December 24th - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Santa's Christmas Wonderland](#) - College Station, TX - November 10th thru December 30th, 2023 - *NOT A CHURCH EVENT - SUGGESTED AS A FAMILY EVENT*

Interesting Facts About Thanksgiving

- The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for plumbers.
- According to the National Turkey Federation, around 44 million turkeys were served at Thanksgiving in the United States in 2017. That's compared to 22 million pounds at Christmas and 19 million at Easter. The average weight of each, meanwhile, was 16 pounds, which means we're gobbling up 704 million pounds of turkey across the country.
- The Butterball hotline answers 100,000 turkey-related questions every year.
- Female turkeys don't gobble, but only male turkeys actually emit that call.
- Tofu is the most hated Thanksgiving dish.
- "Jingle Bells," the classic Christmas song written by James Lord Pierpont in 1857, wasn't meant to be about Christmas. Originally titled "One Horse Open Sleigh," the ditty was meant to be sung on Thanksgiving. When it was reprinted in 1859, however, the name was changed to "Jingle Bells, or the One Horse Open Sleigh," and was prescribed for Christmas.
- The woman who got Thanksgiving reinstated as a national holiday also wrote "Mary Had a Little Lamb."
- The event commonly referred to as the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in October 1621. It was organized by Governor William Bradford of Plymouth, Massachusetts, to celebrate the recent immigrants' first successful corn harvest in the New World. While the meal lacked much of what is now common Thanksgiving fare—there's no record of turkey being served, for example—there were at least five deer carcasses present, and the event lasted a full three days. .

HUMOR FOR THE SOUL



Hope Words

"There is not a single thing that Jesus cannot change, control, and conquer because he is the living Lord."
Franklin Graham

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Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Children's Church 11:00 AM

Thursday

Praise Team Practice 5:30 PM

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The second way to access the site is to open up your smartphone's camera and point it at the QR code shown to the left.

Your login name will be your email address. Click the "Forgot Your Password" to set your password. Contact Emmett Williams or Bill Parker for assistance

The Lord's Supper



The men's Sunday school class is now preparing the Lord's Supper which occurs on the first Sunday of each quarter. The group prepares unleavened bread and pure grape juice.

Dates for upcoming Lord's Supper events are shown below:

October 1, 2023

January 7, 2024

April 7, 2024

July 7, 2024

October 6, 2024