



October 27, 2016

## **A Time to Give Thanks: Special Offering of Thanksgiving is November 20**

This time of the year, with harvest underway, it is easy to get into the mood of thanksgiving. We are thankful for our families and friends, our homes, our jobs, and so much in our lives.

It is also a time to show thanks to God for our church building. **Our annual Special Offering of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2016.**

We have much to be thankful for: In 2016, our building loan balance is now \$465,847.75 as of October 13--down by \$84,997.54 from a year ago. Had we only made our scheduled payments, and not paid down our principle balance, we would still owe approximately \$850,000.

**In just 9 years, we reduced our debt by \$634,153 largely because of the Special Offering of Thanksgiving. We are praying that after this year's Special Offering of Thanksgiving, we can further reduce the balance to under \$400,000.**

How will the Special Offering of Thanksgiving be used? A full 10% of the total offering will go toward a missions partner's special project at the discretion of the Missions Team. Last year's missions portion went toward funding a new dorm at Deaf Missions. This year's missions portion will go toward a much-needed new septic system at the Pibel Bible Campgrounds.

We will collect the Special Offering of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 20, during the regular Worship Service. Please be in prayer for our finances and for what you can bring to this special offering. However you choose to give, please give thanks for all God has done in your lives and in the church.

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## Upcoming Events

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### SOUP/CHILI COOK-OFF



**12:00-2:00**

### TRUNK OR TREAT



**1:30-3:00**

October 30 is the Soup/Chili Cook-off from 12-2 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

A free-will donation will go to support the C4 Student Ministry. Then Trunk-or-Treat will be in the church parking lot from 1:30-3 pm, along with a bounce house and games and crafts inside the church.



C4 Student Ministry will not be meeting  
Sunday, October 30



Sr. High students are going to OCC in Joplin, MO on November 4-6 for The Event



Daylight Saving Time is ending  
Set your clocks back on Sunday, November 6



Don't forget to return your Operation Christmas Child filled box to the church by Sunday, November 13



The Pathways class will be held Sunday, November 13 following the Worship Service Lunch will be provided

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