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## Monthly Newsletter of First Christian Church of Wayne City November 2017

### Upcoming Events

- 11.3 6:30pm Men's Meeting
- 11.5 Annual Business Meeting  
after Noon Meal
- 11.10 Gabrielle Barnard's  
Wedding Rehearsal
- 11.11 2pm Gabrielle Barnard  
Wedding
- 11.12 3pm Leadership Meeting
- 11.16 Ladies of Grace  
Thanksgiving Dinner@  
Cracker Barrel
- 11.18 6pm Faith Builders  
Thanksgiving
- 11.22 No Service
- 11.23 Thanksgiving
- 11.26 5pm Dinner & Decorate  
for Christmas

It's November already! Time sure does fly when you get busy! The end of the year is approaching so we've already begun plans for the upcoming year with the October meeting of the Ladies of Grace and the Annual Business Meeting scheduled on the 5<sup>th</sup>. God has many exciting things in store for us! I personally would like to slow this season down, so I could savor and enjoy it much longer than I currently get too.

It's the season of giving thanks. The Ladies of Grace and Faith builders will be celebrating Thanksgiving this month. We will not have Bible Study on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The Sunday after Thanksgiving will be the day we come together for a Potluck supper and to decorate and prepare for Christmas.

Gabrielle Barnard and Tyler Hackworth will be joining together in marriage here at FCCWC on November 11<sup>th</sup> of this month. I'm looking forward to attending their wedding!!



**November finds us remembering and honoring our Veterans!**

**Veterans Day falls on November 11<sup>th</sup> this year. FCCWC is blessed to have several veterans in our church. Thank you for your sacrifice & service!**

**Our Veterans are: Jerry Locey, Nick Greene, Paul Frazier, Tom Sager, Danny Bailey, and Heath Boyd.**



**I'm so grateful to live in a land where we're free to worship the Lord and preach His Gospel message. Freedom is never free. It always comes at a cost. The freedom we enjoy today came at a tremendous price—it was bought and paid for by our veterans, both past and present, making the ultimate sacrifice for their country and fellow citizens.**

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**November  
Birthday's &  
Anniversaries**

**11.9 - Gunner Ash**

**11.16 - Erma Barlow**

**11.23 - Danny & Rachel  
Bailey**

**Nursery Schedule for  
November**

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>- Jayla P & Austin S**

**Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>- Barb G & Joyanna P.**

**Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>- Shawntell**

**Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>- Laura M & Bailey M**



GRATEFUL  
thankful  
BLESSED



A grateful heart sees each day as a gift. Thankful people focus less on what they don't have and more on what they do. Jesus is building a house for us (John 14:2) and our deed of ownership is a certainty. Jesus cured our leprosy. Sin cankered our souls and numbed our senses. Yet, Jesus told us we were healed, and we were!

The grateful heart is like a magnet sweeping over the day, collecting reasons for gratitude. A zillion diamonds sparkle against the velvet of your sky every night. Thank you, God. A miracle of muscles enables your eyes to read these words and your brain to process them. Thank you, God. Your lungs inhale and exhale eleven thousand liters of air every day. Your heart will beat about 3 billion times in your lifetime. Thank you, God.

For the jam on our toast and the milk on our cereal. For the blanket that calms us and the joke that delights us and the warm sun that reminds us of God's love. For the thousands of planes that didn't crash today. For the men who didn't cheat on their wives, and the wives who didn't turn from their men, and the children who, despite unspeakable pressure to dishonor their parents, decided not to do so. Thank you, Lord.

Gratitude gets us through the hard stuff. To reflect on your blessings is to rehearse God's accomplishment's. To rehearse God's accomplishments is to discover His heart. To discover His heart is to discover not just good gifts but the Good Giver. Gratitude always leaves us looking at God and away from dread. It does to anxiety what the morning sun does to valley mist. It burns it up.

"Give Thanks for everything to God the Father  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"

Ephesians 5:20

By Max Lucado

# from the desk of the pastor

November has always been a favorite month of mine to set aside time to be thankful and to appreciate family and friends. I look forward to my first Annual Meeting this month and the opportunity to share the vision God has given for the new year.

Events continue to get planned and on the calendar, but I challenge each of us to set aside time to be thankful and to express thanks to those we love and cherish. Years ago, I heard and began to use the term "Thanksgiving" as a reminder that every day we can show our thanks!

Psalm 9:1 "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

The events will happen, and the meals will be prepared, and the days will continue to unfold as we move through this holiday season. Allow yourself to feel the season of Thanksgiving and be sincerely thankful for every single blessing! Count them... Name them...Share them!

Breathe in the aroma of the holiday and the aroma of God's generous love and care for His children! We are truly blessed and loved! May we find real peace in knowing Jesus and knowing God is in complete control of our world!

I'm so deeply thankful for each of you,  
Love,  
Bro. Steve & Rhonda

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