

Life Together

November 2022 Edition

FCCWC Newsletter

Nov.2	Midweek Meal & Worship/Rooted in Christ Youth 6pm
Nov.4	Men's Meeting 6:30pm
Nov.5	Daylight Savings Ends , turn clock back 1 hour tonight
Nov.6	Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Annual Business Meeting/Potluck 12p
Nov.8	Election Day
Nov.9	Midweek Meal & Worship/Rooted in Christ Youth 6pm
Nov.10	Ladies of Grace Thanksgiving Meal 6pm (Cracker Barrel)
Nov.11	Veterans Day
Nov.13	Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Leadership Meeting 4:00pm
Nov.16	Midweek Meal & Worship/Rooted in Christ Youth 6pm
Nov.20	Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 FaithBuilders 6pm—Decorate & Carry in Appetizers
Nov.23	No Service
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day
Nov.27	Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30
Nov.30	Midweek Meal & Worship/Rooted in Christ 6pm

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov. 11th-Jayce Lowe Nov.17th-Linny Desch

Nov. 11th-Ryan & Heather Reavill

Nov.23rd-Danny & Rachel Bailey





Along with the gathering of family and friends around a bountiful table of food and conversation, many take this opportunity to remember their blessings. This short Thanksgiving devotional with Bible verses and tips for giving thanks this day and the year through is a good place to start.

Thanksgiving in God's Presence

Thanksgiving is an invitation into God's presence. On Thanksgiving Day, we are reminded of God's presence through prayer and by recounting our blessings. My husband is usually the designated person to pray a hearty prayer before our meal. But the beautiful thing is that God invites us into His presence with thanksgiving all year long. Psalm 95:2 says "Come into His presence with thanksgiving." The Psalmist knew the importance of thanksgiving when entering the temple for worship. In Philippians 4:6, Paul encourages us "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." In this verse, thanksgiving is not just the attitude we are supposed to have when we ask God for our needs, but it is the answer to anxiety in every situation. Giving thanks in God's presence is a daily thing.

We can do this in a number of ways:

- Start each prayer with thanking God for what He has already done for us before we ask for what we need.
- Write down our thanks to God to keep us in the habit of it. I have some friends who have a thankfulness journal and they write down one thing they are thankful for every day.
- Pray a prayer of thanksgiving before you eat every meal. Many of us grew up with this habit, but if you have fallen out of the habit, restart today.

May this Thanksgiving Day remind you to bring thanksgiving into God's presence all year long.



Over the years, men and women of the United States Armed Forces have served and sacrificed much for our country. Patriotic and proud, members of the military have willingly laid down their lives to protect and defend, in wartime and peace, the Constitution of the United States of America and its freedoms.

In America you have religious freedom to attend a church of your choosing. You're permitted to own a Bible...or several. In this nation you may choose to marry...or not, to vote...or not. You have the right to free speech and the right to peacefully assemble. These freedoms have been defended and protected by the members of the military.

November 11 is Veterans Day. On this day we celebrate with great gratitude all who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces. We give honor to whom it's due—to all military veterans.

Take time to pause, reflect and pray for our veterans and their families. Thank God for those He's called to serve. Ask Him to cover them with His hand of protection.

If you are a veteran, wherever you are placed, whatever position you hold,
you are highly esteemed and valued. Thank you!

FCCWC Veterans 2022

Jerry Locey

Nick Greene

Danny Bailey

Jason Dailey

L.D. Locke

Paul Frazier

Stephen Buxton

* Please let Rachel Bailey know if you are a Veteran and need to be added on our list.

Serving with the Joy of Jesus

First Christian Church has an extensive list of Volunteers who serve willingly from Worship, Sunday School Teachers, Leaders, Midweek Meal, Coffee Shop, Children's Church, Nursery, Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, etc..... As Christian servants, volunteers know what it means to serve with the joy of Jesus. They don't rush through their tasks. Instead, they take time to show Jesus' loving care to those they serve. They aren't simply checking to-dos off a list. They are taking in God's wisdom and guidance, and then considering where their service is needed most. They aren't responding to a pastor nagging at them. They are serving out of a loving, grace-filled heart. And we are forever grateful for their joyful service in Jesus' name! We echo the words of Paul from 1 Thessalonians 1:2

-3 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.

(All of us, as believers, are called to serve with the joy of Jesus—because Jesus served us with joy. His joy was present from the very moment he entered our world. While it's nearly incomprehensible to us, Jesus joyfully died on the cross.

To serve us, sinners who deserve nothing but pain and death, Jesus joyfully offered himself up to be our sacrifice. He took all of our sins, all of our guilt, and all of our shame. He didn't do it because it was on his list of things to do or because the Father was nagging him. He went to the cross because he loves us! Hebrews 12:2 tells us that he joyfully suffered for our sins and rose again on the third day because it was all part of the Father's will—our God, who wouldn't leave his children without a Savior. Jesus' joy was on full display on Calvary's cross, a joy that came from the pure love, grace, and mercy of our heavenly Father.

Because Jesus served us with joy, we now serve him with joy. We don't need to worry about the obligation of Christian service, like we are building some sort of resume for heaven. We don't need to carry ministry like it's a burden, part of the Christian life that bogs us down. We don't need to worry that God's promises are too good to be true, approaching the gates of heaven with the worry that Jesus will say, "Oops, you didn't do enough. "No—we serve with the joy of Jesus! Throughout all of our days, God enables our joy and our service. We walk in his ways, remembering the call of the psalmist: Serve the LORD with gladness (Psalm 100:2 KJV)

Thank you again for all your countless hour of serving the Lord!
We love your servant hearts!



Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting/Potluck will be held Sunday Nov. 6th right after Worship Service. It is carry in, so please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Make sure you turn your clock back an hour when you go to bed on Saturday Nov. 5th!!

Rooted in Christ Youth

Youth Leader, Lacie Dailey is looking for Leader Volunteers that would be willing to help out with any upcoming activities with the youth. Please contact Lacie if you are interested in helping or for any questions you have.



Nov. 20
6 pm

Faith Builders Monthly Meeting

Faith Builders is meeting on Sunday Nov. 20th at 6pm. We will have a carry in Appetizer Meal and work as a team to decorate for Christmas. Don't miss it!

Sunday School Teacher Needed

We are in need of a Sunday School Teacher for the 3rd-5th grade class on Sunday Mornings. If interested contact Church Office.



Christmas Program

This year the children & youth will be presenting a Christmas Program on Dec. 18th starting at 10:30am. Invite your family and friends to attend! We know this will be a great way for God to remind us of how truly amazing Christmas and what is all about. If you have a child/youth that would like to participate please see Rachel.





Whole Heart

Sometimes I neglect seeing God's handiwork and creation the way He desires for me to see it. For me, the colors of fall bring joy and comfort. It's Thanksgiving Season!

When I think of the beautiful colors and harvest smells, I am reminded that He desires for me to see and give my whole heart in worship and praise for what He has done for me!

Psalm 86:12 says: *"I give thanks to you, O Lord my God with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever!"*

Psalm 95:2 says: *"Let us come into His presence with Thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!"*

Being **thankful** is our gift we can give back to God our Heavenly Father and to cherish this wonderful life He has given us!

Be in God's house each and every week. **Be** a cheerful and generous giver of your money. **Be** a committed learner for Jesus. **Be** a faithful servant to our church and community. **Be** thankful with your WHOLE HEART.

Count your blessings,

Pastor Steve

