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THE VISION

November 2021

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”
Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

Nov. 2021 THANKSGIVING IN TURBULENT TIMES

How can we be thankful in the middle of life’s turbulence? Let’s be reflective, historically. **October 1621**, 53 Pilgrims gathered in Plymouth, MA to celebrate the successful Fall harvest along with 90 Native Americans who had helped them survive a very difficult year. They viewed the harvest as a life-giving bounty from God that would sustain them through the long winter. This time of “Thanksgiving” was a tradition the Pilgrims brought with them from England and shared with their new Indian friends.

In **1789**, President Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving to be celebrated each November. From that time on, the observation of Thanksgiving varied by state until President Lincoln on **October 3rd 1863**, declared the last Thursday of November (later the 4th Thursday of November) as a national “day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.”

Did we notice the year of President Lincoln’s proclamation? **1863!** Our nation was in the middle of the Civil War. The union was divided and families experienced brothers fighting against one another. Our nation was experiencing our most turbulent time.

In our Civil War, President Lincoln drew our nation’s attention to “*the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.*” He knew that

focusing on the goodness of God changes our perspective. President Lincoln understood that the greatest weapon against national or personal turbulence is *thanksgiving!*

In **2021**, we still experience COVID-19’s devastation upon our families and now consumer pricing is increasing at an alarming rate. Also, this November, mid-term elections are shaping up again to be contentious. With all of this and more, what is our attitude to be on the 4th Thursday of November this year?

As believers, we can find God’s hand leading, providing, and protecting us in everything. God has brought us through our difficulties and He will always be, according to the psalmist, “our Strong Tower.” Let us celebrate the truth of God’s Words as recorded by the Apostle Paul:

God has “*delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have received redemption, the forgiveness of sins,*”
(Col. 1:13-14).

We have been “*raised up with him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*” **(Eph. 2:6).**

“*Our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself,*”
(Eph. 3:20-21).

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Deacon's Devotional

While I was still with James City Police Department, our first chaplain was Rev. Randy Garner. Chappy 1 as he is affectionately called, would hold Bible study for the officers. The following was one of those Bible studies which I have kept in my bible all these years.

Romans 13:1-7

GOPS

ON A MISSION

The 7 ups for Encouragement

- 1.. Wake Up - Decide to have a good day.
"Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice & be glad in it" Psalms 118:24
2. Dress Up - The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart" 1 Sam 16:7
3. Shut Up - Say nice things & learn to listen. God gave us 2 ears and 1 mouth so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking.
"He who guards his lips guards his soul" Proverbs 13:3
"Gossip betrays confidence avoid men who talk too much" Proverbs 20:19
"Listen to advice, accept instruction and in the end, you will be wise" Proverbs 19:20
4. Stand Up - For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.
"Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..." Galatians 6:9-10
5. Look Up - To the Lord.
"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" Philippians 4:13
6. Reach Up - For something higher.
As Jiminy Cricket sings "High Hopes". Always try to better yourself.
7. Lift Up - Your Prayers. Philippians 4:6
Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING

Thank you Chappy 1 for allowing me to share this.
With love and blessings, Sonya

Deacon of the Week

11/7—Seth Gandee
11/14—Buddy Hogge
11/21—Sandy McElfresh
11/28—Gus Saunders

Nursery Workers

11/7—Howard Warren
11/14—L. Walton/B. DeRosa
11/21—Jamie/Bailey Moore
11/28—Howard Warren

November Ushers

Leslie Belvin
Chris Hutson
Barbara Mangrum
Howard Warren

November Tellers

Bill Breeden
Helen Spence

Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren



CHURCH WORKERS

Younger Children's Church

11/7—Connie Stewart
11/14—S. Anthony/N. Dyson
11/21—D. Goude/J. Marshall
11/28—M. Wagner/R. Wells

Older Children's Church

11/7—Connie Stewart
11/14—J. Hall/S. McElfresh
11/21—M. McNeil/D. Gandee
11/28—Emma Crawford



Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are available in the Narthex. Boxes, with your \$9 (plastic or cardboard) donation, should be returned to the church no later than **Sunday, November 21.**

Please do not pack candy, gum, toothpaste, scary or war related items, breakable items, aerosol cans or anything liquid as they are not allowed.



*What's Happening
In The WMU*



Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

You are invited to share in a special event.
Parkview Baptist Church, 604 Hilton Blvd, Newport
News will hold a Prayer Service on
Monday, November 1, 2021 at 2:00pm

Please join us as we pray for our nation and other
Baptist concerns



**GIVE
THANKS**



The WMU appreciates your contributions to Missions.

*We met our goal of \$1,200.00 for
Alma Hunt Virginia Missions
and*

*We baked 63 loaves of bread and
collected \$747.00 for World Hunger*



YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

by
MAX LUCADO

BOOK REVIEW by ANN HOGGE

5 THUMBS UP!



**When life feels depleted does God care?
When life grows dark and stormy, does God notice?
I'm facing an onslaught of challenges, will God help?**

**The answer in the life-giving miracles in the Gospel of John
is a resounding "YES"!**

In this book, Max Lucado will help you:

- **Realize that Jesus is walking with you and lifting you out of your storms**
- **Dwell in the grace of the cross, the miracle of the empty tomb, and the assurance of restoration power.**
- **Recognize that you are never without hope or strength because you are never, ever, alone!**

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"God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance in every good thing," (II Cor. 9:8).

As Christ followers, we have infinite reasons to be thankful. Let me encourage us to shift our eyes away from the turbulence of 2021 and focus on the truths that we are saved, sanctified, and sustained by the blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of our Heavenly Father. When we focus on Jesus, no matter what happens, thanksgiving will flow naturally and freely, not just on the 4th Thursday in November, but all day every day!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Pastor Bud Goude



Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages)- 9:40am
Worship Service— 11:00am
C.A.R.E. Ministry—2:00pm

November 2021

Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm: Youth Bible Study
6:00pm: Children's Choir & Bible Study
6:30pm: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
7:30pm: Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AHG & Trail Life 6:30pm Building & Grounds Meeting 7:00pm NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED-ELECTIONS	2 Community Morning Out 9:30am NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED-ELECTIONS	3	4	5	6
7 Lord's Supper & Veteran's Recognition <u>11:00am</u> Youth Council Meeting <u>12:00n</u> Deacon's Meeting 2:00pm	8	9 Community Morning Out 9:30am BGAV Annual Meeting 5:00pm	10 Children & Youth Christmas Cards for OCC	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14 Children's Council Meeting 12:00n	15 American Heritage Girls & Trail Life Meeting 6:30 pm	16 Community Morning Out 9:30am Armstrong Circle Meeting 6:30 pm	17 Children, Youth, AHG, Trail Life OCC Packing Party	18 Acree Circle 10:00 am	19	20 Emma Crawford Quilting 9a-4p New Fellowship Hall Reserved
21 Deacon Ordination Service-11:00am Thanksgiving Meal (after service) NO CARE	22	23 Community Morning Out 9:30am	24 NO ACTIVITIES	25 Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)	26 Office Closed	27
28 1st Advent Wreath Lighting—11:00 am Doves Begin Lottie Moon Begins	29 American Heritage Girls & Trail Life Meeting 6:30 pm	30 Community Morning Out 9:30am				

November Birthdays:

Angie Crummett	11/4
Madison McNeal	11/4
Barbara Fryer	11/7
Virginia Dawson	11/8
Robert Wray	11/8
Melissa Ashe	11/10
Elizabeth Bynum	11/12
Margaret Sarratori	11/19
Harry Wang	11/20
Donna Phillips	11/21
Autumn Eifes	11/23
Jimmy Diggs	11/27
Brittany DeRosa	11/28
Debra Martin	11/29



Anniversaries:

Bill & Judy Cahoon	11/3
Jim & Robbie English	11/15
Charlie & Queenie Holt	11/21
James & Brittany DeRosa	11/25
Julia & Russell Dawson	11/29
Gene & Ann Smith	11/30