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Annual Thanksgiving dinner

Our annual congregational dinner will be held November 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Be sure to sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.

A second sheet is available for those who want to prepare and bring food for the meal.



**Invite your
family and friends.**

Seniors Ministry

The senior luncheon will be held November 29 at noon in the fellowship hall. The entree will be ham. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We will have our Christmas white elephant gift exchange. Bring a new or lightly used wrapped gift with no name.

We will discuss the December date for our luncheon and the menu. We usually have soup and sandwiches, but I would like your input. We'll play bingo if time allows.

If you have questions, contact Bill or Betty Lewis.



In the name of the Father, the Son, and ... the Holy Spirit.

We are baptized into and pray in the name of all three, but how often do we live with an awareness of only the first two?

As Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit—the Helper—so that we could be true and living witnesses for Christ. Unfortunately, today's church has admired the gift but neglected to open it.

Join us as we learn about, grow closer to, and examine the ways in which we can grow through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*In Christ,
Glenn*

Make life-long connections in life groups

Coming to a family room near you—life groups! FCC is starting Life Groups in homes or at church. They will include regular Bible study, prayer time, service activities and other connection-building opportunities, and fun with your group and will meet on a regular basis.

It will be a chance to do life together with a small group of people wanting deeper connections and relationships with others. If you haven't yet filled out an interest card for our Life Group Initiative, please contact me at glenn.pastor@outlook.com, 513-290-3909, or fill out a card, found in the Sunday bulletin, to express your interest. Don't miss out!



Glenn

TNT Teacher Training

November 3, 6:30 PM

The Way—Youth Group

November 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30 PM

Elders' Meeting

November 8 & 22, 7:00 PM

Men of Issachar

November 12, 26, 8:00 AM

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 12, 6:00 PM

Kids' Day In

November 20, After worship

Seniors' Luncheon

November 29, Noon

A good contagion

Thanksgiving is key in Christian prayer, but often our requests outweigh our thanks. By contrast, 85% of prayers in the Jewish prayerbook are blessings of thanks, according to Rabbi Evan Moffic. Noting that the Hebrew word for a Jewish person — *Yehudah* — means “one who is grateful,” he states, “Gratitude is at the core of how Jews pray.”

Someone once asked Moffic if he might know about a blessing he’d overheard at a restaurant. After a man proposed to his girlfriend and she said yes, he walked quietly to a corner, put on a yarmulke (a sacred Jewish head covering worn in prayer) and spoke a blessing. His fiancé teared up. The rabbi said the prayer was surely this: “Blessed are you, O God, sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling us to reach this joy-filled moment.”

Why was this person so interested? “I am planning to propose to my girlfriend,” he shared with Moffic, “and I want to say this prayer with her.”

Unbeknown to the newly engaged pair, their gratitude transformed another couple’s life. When we give thanks to God, not only is our faith strengthened but our thanksgiving may inspire others. Gratitude is contagious!

—Heidi Hyland Mann



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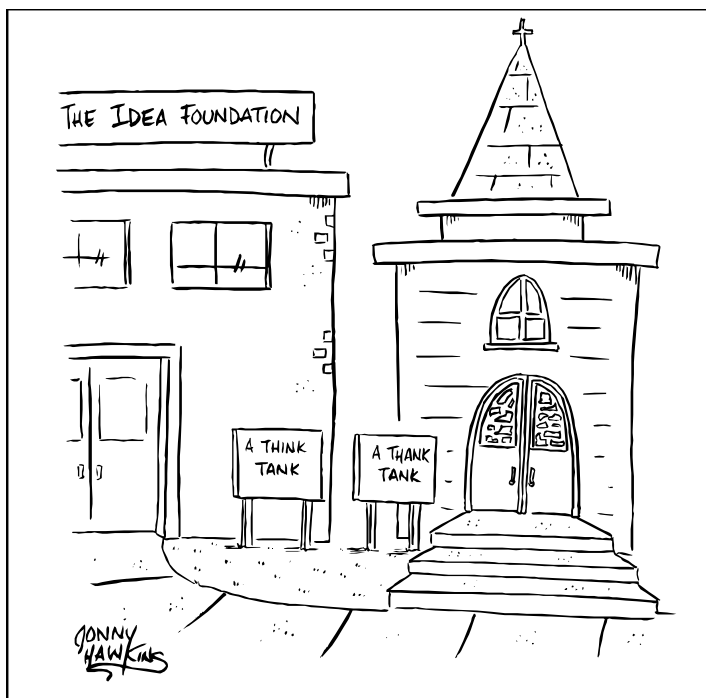
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Teacher and Aide Training in November

The Children's ministry will present a teacher and aide training session on November 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

See Melanie Brownsberger for more information.

Harvest of Hope

We are still collecting the following snack items for area school children. You can place your contributions on the table in the fellowship hall.

- ♦ Raisins (small boxes – 1.33 oz.)
- ♦ Granola bars (individually wrapped)
- ♦ Sandwich crackers (peanut butter/cheese) – individually wrapped
- ♦ Fruit snacks (individually packaged – not fruit cups)
- ♦ Pudding (individually packaged)
- ♦ Pretzels (individually packaged – 1 oz.)
- ♦ Crackers (individually packaged – 1 oz.)
- ♦ Nuts ((individually packaged .5 to 1 oz.)
- ♦ Teddy Grahams
- ♦ Nuts to Go (1 oz.)
- ♦ Goldfish snacks (1.5 oz.)

The company you keep

At a concert, a Christian musician talked about growing up in the South, saying his accent was a giveaway. Then he described his relationship with Jesus, noting that he spends lots of time in God's Word. By "hanging out with Jesus," he said, he has "picked up Jesus' accent." Just as people know he's from the South because of how his voice sounds, they know he follows Christ through his actions and words.

Proverbs 13:20 emphasizes that the company you keep can greatly influence you, for better or worse. Imagine the impact we can have on other people by hanging out with Jesus more!

—Julie Lee

First Christian Kids Corner


Hello Friends,

November 6 ends daylight savings time. I always say that it is hardest on families. I will try to make it easier for you parents and make that a Pop-Tarts® and Pajama Day! Kids can come to church dressed in their PJs and enjoy some Pop Tarts®!

November 20, immediately after church, will be Kids' Day In! This will be a fun day filled with Christmas activities such as baking cookies, listening to Christmas music and watching *The Star*. Lunch will be provided. This is a day for parents to take advantage of free childcare so you can go Christmas shopping. Please sign up in the lobby.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8.

*Many blessings,
Melanie*

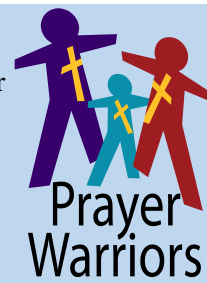
Ralph Eiswerth	11/10	
Helen Way	11/16	
Chris Diefenderfer	11/26	
Betty & Bill Lewis	38 years	11/3
Kelly & Jim Reid	23 years	11/13
Cindy & Gary Stahl	14 years	11/22
Is your birthday or anniversary incorrect or missing from the list? Contact the office so we can correct our records.		

Prayer Warriors

Prayer warriors, don't forget to pray for your families. For the month of November please pray for...

1. Peace-Loving — "Father, let my children make every effort to do what leads to peace." (Rom. 14:19)
2. Gratitude — "Help my children to live lives that are always overflowing with thankfulness and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 5:20; Col. 2:7)
3. A Servant's Heart — "God, please help my children develop a servant's hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly, as if they were serving the Lord, not men." (Eph. 6:7)

Suggested activity—Ask them what their superpower would be. Share yours.



Pardon me!

The annual turkey pardon has been called America's "most absurd holiday tradition." Every November, the president oversees a tongue-in-cheek ceremony, pardoning bird pairs with yummy names such as Biscuits and Gravy, Tater and Tot, and Drumstick and Wishbone.

Theologically, pardon is synonymous with divine forgiveness, an action only God may take (see Psalm 130:3-4). Every sin, at its deepest level, is directed against God and his call to holy living. We can *forgive* someone for a personal offense, but only God can set aside the penalty for sin.

Pardon is also related to atonement, which refers to God reconciling sinners to himself, making us "at one" with him. The Hebrew verb usually translated into English as *pardon* involves the idea of restoration to full favor.

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



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Gratitude galore

If you've ever kept a gratitude journal, you know they're fairly easy to fill. Edward King, an English bishop known for working with the poor, may not have had a fancy journal. But these words evoke such a list: "I will thank God ... for the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children. ... for the awe of the sunset, the beauty of flowers, the smile of friendship and the look of love ... for the leaves on the trees in spring and autumn, for the witness of the leafless trees through the winter, teaching us that death is sleep and not destruction, for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, oh Lord, the earth is full of thy riches!"

King concludes: "And yet how much more I will thank and praise God for the strength of my body enabling me to work, for the refreshment of sleep, for my daily bread, for the days of painless health, for the gift of my mind and the gift of my conscience, for his loving guidance of my mind ever since it first began to think, and of my heart ever since it first began to love."

