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How Can I Count My Blessings While Also Blessing Others?

As Thanksgiving approaches, many of us naturally turn our hearts toward gratitude, taking time to reflect on all the blessings in our lives. For us as Christians, this time holds even deeper meaning as we give thanks not just for material provisions, but also for the spiritual riches we've received through Christ. Every blessing we experience is a reflection of God's grace and goodness, a reason to worship and glorify Him.

However, our gratitude should never stop counting our own blessings. Scripture teaches us that the gifts we receive from the Lord are not meant to be hoarded but shared. As Paul reminds us, *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich"* (2 Corinthians 8:9). In other words, one of the most profound ways we can give thanks is by giving to others.

Here are a few ways we can offer thanks to God while extending His love and grace to others in need:

1. Provide a Thanksgiving Dinner for Those in Need

Many of us take for granted the simple blessing of a warm meal. Yet, for some, a holiday feast is out of reach. When we extend the gift of food to those in need, we not only meet a physical need but also reflect Christ's compassion. Jesus reminds us, *"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"* (Matthew 25:35, 40). Feeding the hungry is a way to shine God's light into a world that often feels dark and lonely: *"Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness"* (Isaiah 58:10, NLT).

2. Invite Lonely Neighbors, Coworkers, or Friends to Dinner

Think about those around you who may be facing Thanksgiving alone—a neighbor, a coworker, a friend. This season offers a beautiful opportunity to open our homes and hearts, inviting them into fellowship. In doing so, we model the love of Christ, who *"sets the lonely in families"* (Psalm 68:6). By offering a seat at our table, we might not only fill an empty stomach but also touch a weary heart, allowing them to experience God's love in a tangible way.

3. Consider Giving on #GivingTuesday

In a world often consumed by the hustle of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday offers a moment to pause and focus on generosity. After Thanksgiving, many people around the world take part in this movement to give to charities, ministries, and organizations that serve those in need. This year, you could spend time in prayer with your family and friends, asking God to lead you in supporting a ministry or cause that reflects His heart for the vulnerable and broken.

As Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). What a powerful way to extend our

thanksgiving by giving from the abundance God has entrusted to us!

Why Does This Matter?

As we gather with loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving, our hearts naturally overflow with gratitude for the countless ways God has blessed us—especially through the gift of salvation. Jesus, in His love and mercy, laid down His life to offer us eternal life, forgiveness, and a relationship with Him. This is the greatest blessing of all.

But true thanksgiving doesn't stop at the words we speak; it must pour out into the lives we live. When we bless others, we mirror the generosity of our Savior. Through our acts of kindness and service, we have the chance to share the love of Christ with those who may be struggling or alone. Whether it's through sharing a meal, offering hospitality, or giving to those in need, our gratitude to God is made complete when it overflows into blessings for others.

This Thanksgiving let's not only count our blessings, but let's also be a blessing. In doing so, we reflect the heart of Jesus, who gave Himself so fully for us. Our celebration will be richer, our hearts fuller, as we live out His love in service to others.

Blessings to you and your loved ones this season,
Rev. Kerry Foote

All Saints Day

November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what Methodists call the tradition of the church.



November 3 is all Saints Sunday, and we will be celebrating by hanging remembrance bells on our outdoor cross and there will be a special time during the service in which we will be able to proclaim the name of the saints that made a difference in our lives and pay them respect.

If you want to participate in hanging remembrance bells on the cross, please show up a little bit early to the Sunday morning service so you will have time to write the name of your loved one on the ribbon of the prayer bell.

If you would like Pastor Kerry to call or visit, please let Susan, the secretary, or Pastor Kerry know.



Chicken Pilau

Nov. 14th (4-7 PM)

We are planning to feed 750 folks this year. No tickets will be sold.

Here's how you can help:

- Sign up to bring dessert
- Sign up to help on a team
- We are not asking for donations of beans and cole slaw ingredients.
- If you would like to contribute to the supplies, write "pilau" in the memo line of your check for Chaires MC or place cash in an envelope and write "pilau" on the outside.

Grab a few posters to put up in your workplace, bank, etc.

Choir News

Choir practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Now is the time to join if you would like to be a part of the music during Advent and Christmastide. For more info, contact: Gerry Nielson (321-652-5361; gerry Niel@gmail.com)

Movies Under the Oaks

Bring your field blankets and folding chairs. There is a complete schedule through April 11th on the information table. This event will be free to the community and food and refreshments will be provided: Hotdogs, soft pretzels, popcorn, lemonade, tea and hot chocolate on chilly nights. Movies will be projected on our 14 ft outdoor screen unless weather conditions do not allow for this and in that case, movies will be shown in multi-purpose sanctuary.



There is an UPDATED schedule of the movie dates and times on the information table.



This year Chaires will again be sponsoring a vehicle at the annual **Texas Roadhouse Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 29th**. We will stuff 400 special gift bags with candy and various "Christian themed" Halloween trinkets and prizes today following the worship service

Giving Through Our Website

Go to <https://chairesmethodist.church> and just click the blue GIVE button and you will be taken to the church REALM site. The church secretary can help you set up your account.

Monster Gospels

On October 30, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose sanctuary, Chaires will be providing this presentation FREE to the community a NOT-SCARY spooktacular titled: **The Monster Gospels**. This will be an interactive presentation in which Jason Korsiak will provide spiritual reflections on some of the greatest horror classics of all time. It is a perfect spiritual presentation leading up to Halloween. THIS EVENT IS FOR ALL AGES. If you would like to find out more about Jason Korsiak, you can visit his web site at: WWW.KORSIAK.NET.



Nov. 2nd from 8 am-noonish

We need YOU to help spruce up the grounds for the pilau! Bring tools and we'll enjoy the reward of a special lunch.

Humble House wants your plants and pots!

If you don't like dealing with a lot of plants during the cold months, have I got a deal for you! Humble House is in the plant business and it's a success! You can donate plants and also your unused pots. See Susan Capelouto.



Church Conference / Love Feast

November 3, 2024

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



We will not only be affirming the business of the church, but we will be celebrating all our accomplishments over the past year and turning our attention to what the future holds for Chaires Methodist. We will kick off this event with a Love Feast / Potluck meal in which Chaires will provide BBQ that is prepared on our open pit grill, and we are asking members of the congregation to bring a side dish to share. This Love Feast will start in the multi-purpose sanctuary and after the meal, we will head over to the historic sanctuary for a time of conference and celebration.



Members

Gail & Don Dampier

Friends and Family

- Dirk Flachsmeier (friend of Ed Fannin)
- Connie and Doug Katz (Tiffany Foote's parents)
- Gerry Mingledorff (Martha Fletcher)
- Wayne Benton (Marion Lollie)
- Vickie Matthews
- Nancy Mills (friend of pastor Kerry)
- Mike Butler (brother of Maggie Hall)
- Bill & Julie Morton (Maggie Hall's aunt & uncle)
- Family of Donnie Dampier (son of Gail & Don Dampier)
- Todd Hair (cousin of Marty Holland)
- Deana McCorvey (David & Diane Matthews)
- Ginny R.
- Family of Roy Lollie (brother-in-law of Marion Lollie)
- Robbie Brunger (Friend of Mary Alice & Michael Linzy)
- Lakewood Park GMC in Ft. Pierce damaged by tornadoes and residents and families who are members of Spanish Lakes Village in Ft. Pierce damaged by tornadoes (Renee Grubb)

November Birthdays

Mary Alice Linzy 4
Charlene Walker 19
Janet Cayson 27

November Anniversaries

Lynne Peters & Ed Fannin 29

