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Please Join Us!

The Holiday Season Is Closer than You Might Think -
It Starts with Thanksgiving!

Reserve Sunday November 18th

Featuring Bible Study @ 9:30 am, Thanksgiving Worship @ 10:55 am,
Followed by Our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, @ 12:15 pm

This Year We Again Invite As Our Guests, the Leaders of Each of Our
Mission Groups Already Occupying Our
Mission Center

As We Give Thanks to Them and to God for Them and All the Many
Blessings from God Daily

We will be serving a catered traditional American Thanksgiving meal; with our gratitude, the ladies of the church will be contributing desserts.

UnRavelings...J. Wayne Yawn

On Veterans Day combat and combat-prepared veterans take stage front and center for all world citizens. I think veterans know that if one can't love others one can't love God. (1 John 4) They know that loyalty to their buddies (male or female) turns out to be stronger than even loyalty to their external mission (war). This is reflected in a willingness to die to save buddies. If not saving, then to assure buddies are "brought home".

Jesus' remarks to people in Mark 12:38ff suggest this reality as Divine existence. He warned that the academic oriented scribes insisted that people love God as scribes defined God. Ironically, this is the same as many Christians think the reason God required Jesus' death as the better-than-human sacrifice. But Jesus rejected this scribal thinking that persons could so serve God without treating humans as buddies. This is that which authentic military veterans often show as more loyalty to one another than even to their mission of war.

This is exactly the conclusion of members of the "X Company" series on Ovation television. The Company is a top secret British and American male and female intervention effort, prior to the USA entering World War II in Europe, to undermine Germany Nazi advance. The members mingle anonymously with the non-military "resistance" and Nazis using subterfuge and killing. In the third and final season, the Company members begin to think that there is little difference between their violence and that of the Nazis'. The real difference is the Company's loyalty to one another while the Nazis were loyal to Hitler's ideas over human loyalty. It was this loyalty to ideas that allowed Nazis to justify killing Jews and others whom they defined as not human. This same elevation of ideas over human compassion justified scribes killing Jesus for his unauthorized ideas. The 'X' Company struggled with their killing and loss of buddies as more important than their victory in war.

This loyalty to colleagues was Jesus' loyalty to serve his twelve apostles (as well as all humanity) like he knew God to be, even though doing so would cause his death. Jesus' loyalty was also Peter's, when he arrived in Rome when the Caesars had reduced persons to objects. Thus Mark wrote his gospel about Jesus' loyalty to persons over persons as objects. Indeed, without loving persons one cannot love God!

We mistakenly think God promised us endless Eden with ease and health. We forget God planted a Forbidden Tree! God really promised eternal quality existence when we agape-buddy one another, even under a crisis as soldiers face. Isn't this the reason we honor them on Veteran's Day. Why can't we be buddies to satisfy us? With that we experience God! Well?



Parish Nurse's "Touch"

... Debbie Caffrey

November Health Focus Part 3 of 3

Are you Ready?

Winter is just around the corner and as the temperatures drop, it can become more challenging to stay healthy and active. Below are easy ways to stay healthy during the winter months, and you may pick up missed bulletin inserts upstairs on the Gallery table.

Keep in touch

Seniors and caregivers often face an increasing sense of isolation; proactively fight the winter blues by keeping in touch with friends and family members during the colder months. Make appointments to meet for coffee, take a bundled-up walk, or set aside time for a longer phone call with friends on a regular basis.

Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday season, and represents food, family and moments of sharing and gratitude. Research has shown that focusing on gratitude, even for a very brief time, can increase feelings of happiness. However, the holidays may be a difficult time for some. Take special care of others you know who are primarily homebound, and may be feeling lonely or in need of help running errands. Do not hesitate to call your fellow United Baptist Church members!!! Helping others is an excellent way to feel connected.

With a little planning and determination, winter can be truly *enjoyed*, rather than simply endured. Prioritize your health and well-being, body and mind, and you can make the most of the cold season.

November 11, 2018 Financial Contributions

Budget Receipts:

Tithes and Offerings donations	1,035.00
Total Budget Receipts	1,035.00
Total Non-Budget Receipts	.00
Total Receipts	1,035.00
Budget Receipts YTD	382,153.07
Annual 2018 Budget Goal YTD (10,003.57)	430,154.51
Over (under) Budget Goal	(48,001.44)

SAVE THESE DATES!

December 1st, at 9 am will be our annual "Deck the Worship Hall" activity. Students and Congregants work together every year to prepare our Mission Center facility for Advent and Christmastide. Won't you join us? We will need your help!

December 16th, during Worship, our Choir will present a Christmas Cantata, a special "sermon" from our choir! Choir and friends will present the newly published, "*Come Now to Bethlehem*" with music by Dale Wood, adapted and arranged by Douglas Wagner. Please watch for David Evan's article about this upcoming event, or come sing with us on Thursdays 8:15 pm in the Choir Room!

Student Ministries & News...Twyla Turner

Regular Fall Weekly Youth Activities

All Students

- Sundays:

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:55 a.m.

- Fridays:

Friday Night @ the Movies 7 p.m.

- Third Saturdays:

Craft Saturdays 1 p.m.

Senior High Students

Second & Fourth Saturday Missions 11 a.m.

First & Third Sunday Girls Dinner and
& Discussion 5 p.m.

Special events will be announced on a weekly basis in this space. Lock-in coming on Nov. 30th! Put it on your calendar. Watch this spot for details.

This week--

Friday Night @ the Movies

Our next FN@TM will be Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. We will enjoy a movie and a small snack.

Sunday Morning, Nov. 19

Sunday, Nov. 19, and begins with Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m. We are now studying the book of Job—a book about a guy that is experiencing a really tough time in his life. He loses his family, his friends, his home and his money (and he was real rich!!). See how he copes with this as we study Job's story and get some hints on how to deal with the tough times in your life. Worship begins at 10:55 a.m. Be here to be a part of this special time together. Don't forget we will have Thanksgiving Lunch following our morning worship service. Come to celebrate and enjoy some good food!!

Girls Night Out

We will have our Girls Night Out-high school girls dinner and discussion on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m. We will also talk about the Power Pac 3 program. Please be present. You are needed.

MISSIONS-

It's not too early to think about Christmas

Our students are currently making Christmas gifts for residents of the Sleepy Hollow Nursing Home. If you would like to help contact Twyla with when you are available and we will schedule a time to meet.

Power Pac 3 Program

It's right around the corner. Beginning the first week of January, we will have the opportunity to pack weekend meals for students at Braddock Elementary School. Without these meals, the children will not eat from Friday afternoon until they arrive back at school on Monday morning. If you are interested in helping with this project, please see Twyla before January 1. Thank you for considering this opportunity to meet the needs of the food insecure children in our community.

Mission Center Calendar of Events

Every Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 am
Every Sunday Liturgy of Worship, 10:55 am

November

14	9:15 am	Sandwich Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)
	7:00 pm	<u>O</u> vereaters <u>A</u> nonymous (Room 126)
	7:30 pm	ANCO Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
15	7:00 pm	Royal Homeowners Assoc. Mtg. (Conf. Rm)
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
		ANCO Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
16	7:00 pm	Student Fri. Nite @ the Movies (Youth Lng)
17	7:00 am	Gideons Weekly Meeting (Conference Rm)
	8:00 am	Toastmasters Public Speaking (Fell. Hall)
	9:00 am	Tai Chi Exercise (Gym)
	1:00 pm	Student Craft Saturday (Youth Lounge)
18	12:15 pm	Agape Fellowship (Fell. Hall)
	12:30 pm	Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon (Fell. Hall)
	5:00 pm	Student Girls' Dinner & Disc. (Offsite)
19	11:30 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
20	7:15 pm	Wakefield Chorale (Choir Room)
21	9:15 am	Sandwich Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
		NO Women's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	<u>O</u> vereaters <u>A</u> nonymous (Room 126)

Time to Donate Poinsettias to the Church To Deck the Worship Hall for Christmas

Please help make this wonderful addition to our worship experience possible, by clipping and using this form to honor and memorialize persons. These, as are all church gifts, deeply appreciated and are thus tax deductible donations. But you can help the church by being good stewards of them for other uses, only after their worship use on Dec. 30th. The donation for each plant is only \$10.00, including delivery. You may mail in your check with this completed form or if attending worship use a Pew Envelope and the Bulletin Insert provided for the same information. In either case, please clearly mark both the envelope and check memo line with "**Poinsettias**" to record proper credit on your annual mailed giving record. Thank you!

Name of Person Ordering: _____

Number Poinsettias x \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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