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NOVEMBER, 2022

MESSAGE FROM CHRIS...

Happy Thanksgiving

Enjoy a couple of Thanksgiving History facts:

Governor Bradford of Massachusetts made this first Thanksgiving Proclamation three years after the Pilgrims settled at Plymouth: "Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. Now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings." —William Bradford, Ye Governor of Ye Colony

Thanksgiving might not be celebrated in the United States today were it not for a patient, persistent woman named Sarah Hale. It is well-known that the first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated by the Pilgrim Fathers in 1621 to give thanks for their winter in the New World. In 1789, President George Washington issued a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation to commemorate the first Pilgrim celebration. But Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, discontinued it, calling Thanksgiving "a kingly practice." After this, Thanksgiving was observed by some individual states, and on whatever date suited their fancy. Then in 1828, Mrs. Hale, the editor of the magazine *Godey's Lady's Book* and author of the poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb," began campaigning for the restoration of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. She wrote letters and sought appointments with national leaders from the President down. Time after time she was politely rebuffed, sometimes being told it was "impossible" and "impractical," and sometimes being dismissed with a this-is-none-of-your-business scolding. Finally, in 1863, President Lincoln listened seriously to her plea that North and South "lay aside enmities and strife on Thanksgiving Day." He proclaimed the fourth Thursday of November to be the official "National Thanksgiving Day." This day was finally ratified by the U. S. Congress in 1941.

For the believer, giving thanks is not just for a holiday, but it should be a way of life. Read the following verses:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV) - "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Psalms 107:1 (NIV) - "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Ephesians 5:20 (NIV) - "Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Colossians 3:15 (NIV) - "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

Psalms 50:14 (NIV) - "Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High."

I am thankful for each and every one of you; God has indeed blessed me greatly. What are you thankful for?

Pastor Chris

Each year, we combine the December and January newsletters.

If you have any information that you would like to put in the newsletter for December, 2022, or January, 2023, Carolyn will need it by Sunday, November 13, 2022.

ABCCM is in need of many things along with food. Please consider the following: toothbrushes, bath soap, laundry detergent, deodorant and female hygiene products.

They also need volunteers. If you can give just a little of your time, please call Christy Shortridge (828) 259-5301. Our normal Sunday to collect for ABCCM is the third Sunday of the month.



DST ENDS—SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR.

MISSIONS PROJECT FOR NOVEMBER

We will focus more on ABCCM. Please remember that at this time of year, they also can use winter items (coats, hats, sweaters, gloves—slightly used but clean), as well as food.

Please note that Family Night is being changed from November 20 to November 13, at 6:00 P.M.



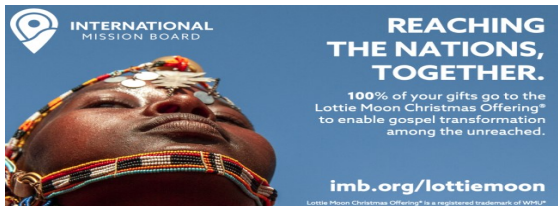
Congratulations to

Ginny Reese and Matthew Higgins

who were married Saturday, October 29, 2022. Ginny is the daughter of Mrs. Michele Maynor and Reverend & Mrs. Chris Reese. She is also the granddaughter of Christine Reese.

Enka Baptist Virtual Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, 8:00 A.M. — 8:00 P.M. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for you to indicate what time you will be willing to stop and pray.

WMU Mission Study for Lottie Moon Offering Sunday, November 13, 2022, 7:00 P.M.



WE WISH A WONDERFUL DAY TO ALL WHO HAVE BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER!

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Bible Study, Before Amen: The Power of Simple Prayer. In this study, Max Lucado joins readers on a journey to the heart of Biblical prayer, offering hope for doubts and confidence even for prayer wimps. Max reminds readers that prayer is not a privilege for the pious nor the art of a chosen few. It is simply a heartfelt conversation between God and His child.

NOTE: THE BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, NOR ON NOVEMBER 8. ALL ARE URGED TO GET OUT AND VOTE. ALSO, PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS AND OUR COUNTRY.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER, 2022

Every Sunday - (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

9:30 A.M. - Small Group Classes

4:45 P.M. - Choir Practice

- 11-01 The Tuesday 10:30 A.M. Bible Study will not be held - no prayer meeting at 11:30 A.M.
- 11-06 6:00 P.M., There will not be an evening service. Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11-08 The Tuesday 10:30 A.M. Bible Study will not be held - no prayer meeting at 11:30 A.M.
- 11-13 6:00 P.M., Family Night
7:00 P.M., Mission Study for Lottie Moon, C.I.A., Youth
- 11-17 8:00 A.M. through 8:00 P.M. —
Enka Baptist Virtual Day of Prayer
- 11-20 6:00 P.M., Bible Study,
C.I.A., Youth
ABCCM Sunday (Our Regular 3rd Sunday)
- 11-22 The Tuesday 10:30 A.M. Bible Study will not be held - no prayer meeting at 11:30 A.M.
- 11-24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 11-27 6:00 P.M., Bible Study,
C.I.A., Youth
- 11-29 10:30 A.M., Bible Study
11:30 A.M., Prayer Meeting
