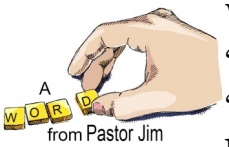
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The BRIDGEBUILDER

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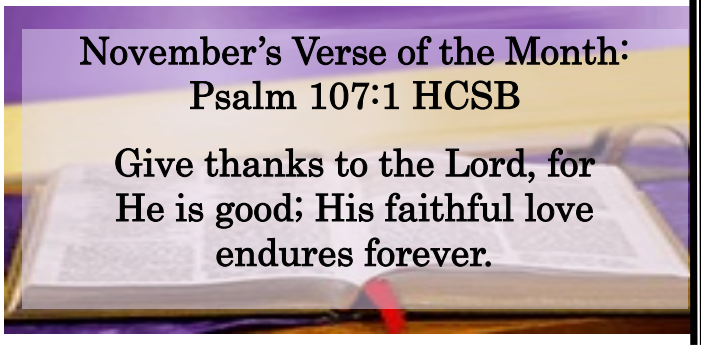
What does it mean to be "Thankful"? Is being "grateful" the same as being thankful? I would like for each of us to dwell on what it means to be thankful and grateful in the weeks before Thanksgiving.

Do not just think about what you are thankful or grateful for. Actually, think about what both of these words mean. Also, think about what situations in life that would cause you to lose your thankfulness. What would take thankfulness and gratefulness right out of your hearts?

While you are doing these things, think about our verse of the month. Do you give thanks to God? Is God good? If so, what makes Him good? Is God faithful to love His people? Does His love really endure forever?

If we do these things, maybe this Thanksgiving will take on a whole new meaning. Who knows, it might it make thankfulness and gratefulness come alive for us during the upcoming holiday season!

Pastor Jim





Sunday, November 29 is the First Sunday of Advent. We will be starting the Christmas season and therefore will not have a Fifth Sunday Sing that day. *Tammie*

Worship is an essential part of the Christian faith. Here are the final verses concerning worship:

Worship with reverence and awe - Hebrews 12:28 *"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."*

Worshipping God is not to be taken lightly or presumptuously. The Lord is holy, majestic, and powerful—we worship Him in the manner that He is worthy. There's a spiritual awareness of God's presence in those who've accepted Jesus Christ as Lord. As a result, we are careful to respond to the Lord in peace during times of worship so that all attention is directed towards Him and not ourselves.

Worship only God - Luke 4:8 *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."*

It's tempting for every person to worship someone or something other than the Lord. We worship our money, recreation, jobs, homes, and other material things. We may not bow down to them physically, but we can emotionally pay homage to earthly things over God. The Lord doesn't accept second rate worship—He desires all worship to be firmly directed towards Him and nothing else.



Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, November 22
in the Fellowship Hall
following Worship Service

Meat, Bread and Drinks provided.
Please bring a covered dish to share.

Come celebrate Thanksgiving with your Church Family!



ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Orders for poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary for his Christmas season need to be turned in by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6.** To place a order, fill out an envelope with all information—the cost will be $12.00 per poinsettia ordered. Special order envelopes will be on the Information Table in the back of the Sanctuary.



You are invited to the

SEJ Bag Gathering & Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 6

Get into the Christmas spirit by joining us after the worship service on Sunday, December 7. Following a yummy lunch, we will assemble 250 Christmas Gift Bags for the S. Ellen Jones School boys and girls!

Come join in the fun and receive a blessing for supporting the SEJ Ministry Project.

SEJ Bag Distribution Help Needed

Anyone willing to help give SEJ Christmas Bags out, please meet at the school at 1:00p on **Thursday, Dec. 10.** See Scheryil Collins if you can help.



Mitten Tree

We are collecting mittens, gloves, and hats for children ages 3 to 10 to give to S. Ellen Jones Elementary School in December. Place your donations on the Mitten Tree located in the Sanctuary vestibule. Deadline: Dec. 6.

Something to Make You Smile!

Giving a sermon one Sunday, I heard two teenage girls in the back giggling and disturbing people. I interrupted my sermon and announced sternly, "There are two of you here who have not heard a word I've said." That quieted them down. When the service was over, I went to greet people at the front door. Three adults apologized for going to sleep in church, promising it would never happen again.

A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers, "They're right behind you!"

A mom decided that she no longer wanted a home phone. She said her cell phone was all she needed. So, her son called the telephone company to get the home phone disconnected. The customer-service woman told him that since the phone was in his dad's name, the dad would need to call to disconnect. The son told her, "My father has been dead for 40 years! He can't call!" Then he said, "What if I just quit paying the bill?" The customer service woman replied, "But that would ruin his credit!" DUH!!!

The Judge said to the defendant, "I thought I told you I never wanted to see you in here again." "Your Honor," the criminal said, "that's what I tried to tell these police officers, but they just wouldn't listen."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *Communion* ***Service Times:*** *9:45 Sunday School* *10:55 Worship*	2	3	4 5:30p Bells 6:30p Adult Choir	5 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	6	7
8	9	10	11  5:30p Bells 6:30p Adult Choir	12 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	13	14
15  	16	17	18 5:30p Bells 6:30p Adult Choir	19 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	20	21
22 **12:00 Thanksgiving Luncheon**	13	24	25 5:30p Bells 6:30p Adult Choir	26 *Thanksgiving* *Office Closed*  	27	28
29 *First Sunday Of Advent*	30					



3 Pete Alles
5 Courtney Collins
9 Iris Thomas
16 Richard Emerson
17 Nancy Clark
20 Danae Emerson
21 Ceil Brummett



3 Bill & Janet Williamson

FBC Fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30. Here's how we ended the year financially and how much we gave to other agencies.

Income:	$ 101,322
Expenses:	$ 109,671
Balance:	$ 8,349

Missions & Outreach Giving:

American Baptist's United Missions (we give 1.5% of our receipts)	$1,595
America for Christ	$ 345
One Great Hour of Sharing	$ 485
Retired Ministers/Missionaries	$ 300
World Mission Offering	$ 350

Hope Food Pantry: We give $50 per month out of our budget ($600). Here's the break-down of our generous giving (not counting all the food folks bring in!):

Carryover from 2025-26	$ 31
Deposits	$ 1,298
Expenses	$ 1,026
Balance to carry to 2026-27	**$ 303**



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(fiscal information continued)

S. Ellen Jones Ministry	
Carryover from 2025-26	$ 755
Deposits	$ 3,011
Expenses	$ 1,849
Balance to carry to 2026-27	**$ 1,917**

Operation Christmas Shoebox	
Carryover from 2025-26	$ 1,578
Deposits	$ 2,679
Expenses	$ 2,382
Balance to carry to 2026-27	**$ 1,875**

WHAS Crusade	**$ 131**

Additional information: We are enrolled in the **Kroger Rewards** program. The money we receive goes into the Hope Food Pantry account. Last year, we received $58.

Total donations to Missions & Outreach: $ 10,794



