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A Word from the Transitional Pastor, Dr. Dan Garland

November is the month when we focus on being Thankful. This is a time to count our blessings and give thanks to God for the blessings of life. It's not hard for us to count our blessings, is it? Most of us could quickly and easily jot down a rather lengthy list, including thanks for family, for friends, for food, for clothing, for cars, for a home, for health, for freedom, for our church, for opportunities to serve, and so on.

Psalm 100 teaches us how and why to be thankful. In the Psalm we are encouraged to give thanks for who God is and what He has done for us as the ground and cause of our thanksgiving. This Psalm teaches us why and how to give thanks.

100:1 – Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth, the KJV says, ***Make a joyful noise unto the Lord – this is all about how to worship***, how to express our gratitude, how to be thankful and live thankful lives all year long not just one week out of the year.

The call to thankful living and giving thanks begins with focusing on who God is, on the invisible God who has made Himself visible in Jesus Christ and His Cross and Resurrection. We are not called to give thanks for stuff like, cars, computers and iPads. Why? Because these things are temporary and fleeting. We are called and instructed in how to express our thankfulness to God and that is in our worship, both personal and corporate.

How are we to do this? What should giving thanks look like? Psalm 100 is our guide.

Know that the Lord Himself is God - We shout to the Lord because we acknowledge He is God all by Himself. Who He is and what He has done

warrants our praise and those who come to know Him through His Son Jesus Christ are to praise Him for His goodness, grace and mercy.

He made us - He is our Creator – He is the Maker of heaven and earth. Genesis 1:1 – ***In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth***. It is our confession of worship that life begins with God. We are to worship Him as Creator and sustainer of life.

We did not create ourselves – However, when we acknowledge that God is our Creator then the next step is what does He expect of me? When we say we are thankful for the blessings of life, thankful to whom? To Mother Nature, to fate, to luck, to evolution, to reincarnation? The Psalm calls upon us to acknowledge that God is God and nothing else and no one else is. That is the beginning of being thankful.

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture – submission, reverence, relationship – we can know God because He knows us and has chosen to love us with the love of Christ.

This acknowledgement is the basis of our thanksgiving and is expressed in our joyful worship. We are to enter into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with Praise. Worship with thanksgiving and praise is expressed in the phrase “give thanks.” It is Hebrew word that means the extended hand, to raised hand, the open hand.

1 Thess. 5:18, “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

This is probably one of the hardest things to do - praise God in the midst of the difficulty. We might think, “I could be more thankful if things would go right in my life once in a while”.

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Dr. Dan Garland**

Thankfulness should not be dependent on how well my life is going. Being thankful is being able to recognize the good that can come from a situation. The thankful person realizes that things could be worse. They don't forget that God is still good even though life might stink right now. The thankful person knows that God is good all the time, His love and faithfulness endure forever.

I am thankful for the grace and mercy of God in Christ I am experiencing as I follow Jesus and His Way of living. I am thankful for His claim and call on my life. I am thankful for my family and friends. I am thankful for the measure of health I have been afforded. I am thankful to be able to serve the Lord at Horse Cave Baptist Church as we work and pray together to prepare for the Pastor God has coming.

Please take time this month to count your blessings and to express your thankfulness to God and those close to you.

Thankfully, Pastor Dan



The Sew Sistas have been very busy and this is just a fraction of what they have been doing.

For Samaritans Purse:
205 pair of shorts, 7 skirts,
252 Dresses, 392 backpacks

Private Worship

Scripture Reading one chapter a day
November 1 read Acts 5
November 25 read Numbers 1



Eliza Broadus Offering
Our church goal was \$500.00

Total Given: \$575.00

Benevolent Offering (Oct. 8) \$604.00

Donations for Trunk of Treats Candy - \$180.00



Thanksgiving Meal

**For shut-ins, motel residents &
George Wilson Manor Apartments
Wednesday, Nov. 22, @ 5:30 pm**

The Logos SS Class is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Meal for the local motel residents, shut-ins, and George Wilson Manor Apartment residents on Wed., Nov. 22, at 6pm in our church fellowship hall. The menu consists of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn casserole, cranberry sauce, rolls, and desserts.

For those caring to donate a dish, please sign up on the lists located in the main foyer or outside the church office.

We are in need of those willing to serve in the following areas: clean-up, mingle with our guests, deliver meals to shut-ins, bus driver, and helpers to transport our guests. Come mingle, fellowship with our guests to make them feel welcome, and be a part of this outreach mission.

Please contact Debbie Pennington if you can help with preparation during the day, assisting during the meal, and with clean-up.

Debbie Pennington:

Home: 270-773-5511 or Cell 270-834-9763

Praise the Lord! 3 people being baptized!

Welcome
New Members:

Landon Higbee
William Keen
Bea Nunn



Happy THANKSGIVING

I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart...



From the church staff:
Pastor Dan, Bro. Sam,
Maronda, & Sue

November 2023

SUNDAY Sunday Schedule	MONDAY Monday Schedule	TUESDAY Tuesday Schedule	WEDNESDAY Wednesday Schedule	THURSDAY Thursday Schedule	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	6:00 pm Men's Bible Study	9:00 am Sew Sistas	9:00 am Ladies Bible Study 4:00 pm Discipleship with Pastor Dan-YouTube 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study			 Birthdays are In red
Horse Cave Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, Nov. 19, at 6pm Host: HC United Methodist Church Speaker: Phillip Trent, Pastor Immanuel Ministries Pray about what to give toward the Transient/Benevolent Love Offering			1	2 Ruth Hodges Odell Martin	3 Garrett Dunaagan	4
5 Christmas Choir Rehearsal 5pm Jeff Caudel	6 Arianna Baird	7 DON'T FORGET TO VOTE Cheyenne Heberly	8 6 PM Trustees Meeting	9 Prime Timers Potluck Luncheon 11:30am	10	11
12 Christmas Choir Rehearsal 5pm	13 KBC Pastors Conf. FBC Somerset Sandra Sue Brauchle	14 KBC Annual Mtg FBC Somerset	15 CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING 6 PM Jackson Mutter Jerry Rogers	16	17 Melissa Harper	18
19 Christmas Choir Rehearsal 5pm 6pm HC Community Thanksgiving Service (see above) Gilbert Garrett	20	21 Duwana Rogers	22 Thanksgiving meal in fellowship hall for shut-ins, motel & George Wilson Manor apartment residents @ 5:30pm	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25 Elsa Palnau
26 Jason Scott	27	28 Nathan Branstetter	29	30 Debbie Harlan Sierra Martinez		

Church Offices will be Closed
for the Thanksgiving Holiday
November 22 - 24, 2023

2023 Finance Report

Actual for September Month End

Budget Offering Received:	\$ 18,401.89
Budget Spending:	\$ 19,840.68
Month Deficit:	\$ 1,438.79
Year to date Budget Rec'd:	\$213,160.05
Year to date Spending:	\$248,135.25
Year to date Deficit:	\$ 9,356.80

Disciple-Making at a Glance

September 2023 (Weekly Averages)

Come through Worship:	98
Connect through Sunday School:	69
Grow through Grow Groups:	31
Serve through Ministry Teams:	72
Go through Evangelism:	25



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Celebrators 2023



Save the Date

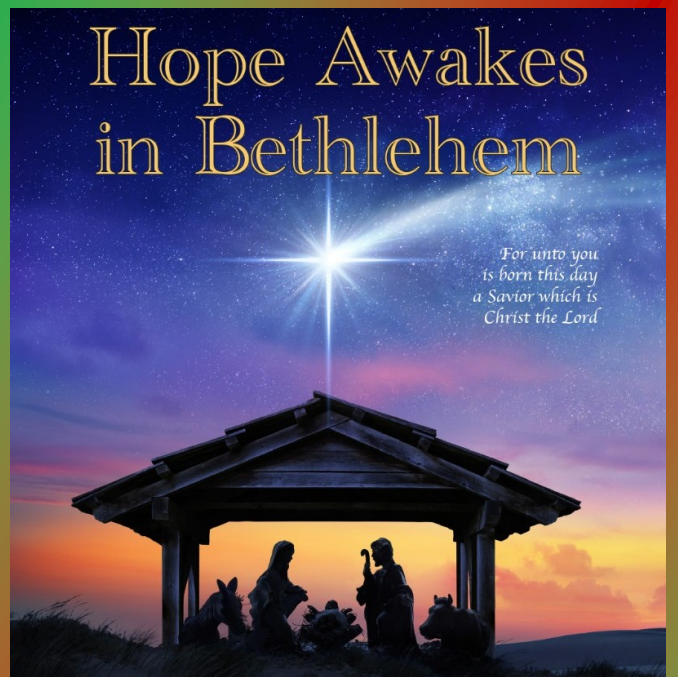
**Celebrators
Conference
2024**

October 14 - 17

Christmas Program

Hope Awakes
in Bethlehem

*For unto you
is born this day
a Savior which is
Christ the Lord*



**December 10, 2023
6 pm**

**Horse Cave Baptist Church
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Light refreshments served after the program.