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The Herald

Give thanks to the

Good HEAVEN,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:26, ESV

From the Pastor's Desk

Wise Building

The Wednesday evening Bible Study has been studying through 1 Corinthians. Recently we read in 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 about how we are God's building and each should be careful how we build by building with gold, silver, precious stones rather than wood, hay or straw.

Many of you have read this passage before, but perhaps it would be useful to read again. I believe we often read this in terms of our individual work of growing our life as a follower of Jesus. A portion of v. 13 gives support to this when it says "fire will test the quality of each man's work". But in the context of the book, Paul is writing so much about the whole church body in Corinth and how they have divisions and should be working to promote unity in Christ. Perhaps the stronger emphasis of this image is that we are building the body of the church rather than my personal spiritual life. Obviously if I am growing my personal life that should help the body, but what if we turned this around and believed that in building and serving the body of LWC we would in fact be benefiting our personal spiritual growth.

As we build the body by encouragement and support we have a stronger witness to our community of the presence of Jesus among us. As we support one another we are also strengthened by the support of others. When we pray for sustaining faith in a sister or brother we find our faith sustained as well.

Do you find yourself more often doing actions which encourage and build up or sharing hurtful words about fellow followers of Jesus. Just like there is a great difference between the value of gold or silver as compared to hay and straw so Paul says is the difference between building up or tearing down others in our body.

Keep Building,

Pastor Dennis

FACING DARKNESS

*So do not fear for I am with you;
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
Isaiah 41:10*

In the spring of 2014 the Ebola pandemic was sweeping across West Africa. One organization stepped up with people and resources to provide compassion and care in the Name of Jesus. But when the deadly virus infected its own medical personnel, including Dr. Kent Brantly, the epic crisis truly hit home for Samaritan's Purse and its leader, Franklin Graham. **FACING DARKNESS** tells an incredible true story of faith, determination and prayer ... and of how God performed a miracle.

DEAR FRIENDS,

I will never forget the day when my phone rang and I heard the awful news from Liberia: "Dr. Kent Brantly has Ebola."

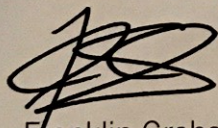
Ebola was the most dangerous virus in the world, and Kent and our Samaritan's Purse team in Liberia had been working around the clock to try to save lives and stop an international epidemic. Now, his own life was on the line. We had no cure and no way to get him home for advanced medical care.

We needed a miracle.

"Facing Darkness" is the true story of how God answered our prayers and performed a death-defying miracle that became worldwide news. It is also an inspiring reminder of the parable of the Good Samaritan, where Jesus calls us to go out of our way to help those who are suffering and hopeless.

I hope this film will help you find hope in the face of darkness and inspire you to boldly follow Christ's command to "*Go and do likewise*" (Luke 10:37). May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,



Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse





Chronicles of Narnia Prince Caspian by Walt Disney (replacement)

Come Follow Me

Courageous Love

Facing Darkness

Freedom

God's Country

Am Potential

Indivisible

Investigator

The List

Live Refreshed by Dennis Swanberg

Love Note

Laughing on Purpose by Michael Jr

The Miracle of the Cards

Patterns of Evidence – The Moses Controversy

Secrets in the Snow

Uncaged by Bob Smiley

Virtuous

Some *Adventures in Odyssey* CDs have been added to the youth area.

November Librarians: Millie Holle & Georgie Neff

Focus on Missions– Operation Christmas Child



Once again, this November the Little White Church and our AWANA program are sponsoring a Christmas shoebox drive on behalf of Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled

with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. They ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

Last year we packed a record number of boxes and I, John Stam, received a pie in my face for your efforts. This year both Pastor Ben and Becki are due to receive pies in the face if we surpass last year's numbers. Pick up your boxes and other supplies at the Operation Christmas Child table in the Fellowship Hall.

The first three Sundays of November we will watch short videos of God's work through the shoebox ministry. In addition, the AWANA program will also pack boxes. Through the Little White Church, we ask for complete boxes; however, AWANA is receiving individual items to pack in their boxes.

Collection will take place the week of November 18-24. Bring your filled box and your \$9 donation for shipping and handling to the church during that week. I will take all the boxes down to the Dove Christian Center on Sunday, November 24 after our service.

Thanks for your participation and in helping bring the love of Jesus to lots of kids.

John Stam

From My Files: Echoes of God's Glory

Roseanne Hilton

All cultures have some sort of bread that sustains them. Jesus gave a word picture of Himself as the Bread of Life that demonstrates His ability to sustain us now and eternally. To the people who followed Him because He miraculously fed them He said, "Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that I, the Son of Man, can give you. For God the Father has sent Me for that very purpose." When they wanted another sign—be like Moses, who gave our ancestors bread from heaven—He replied, "Moses didn't give them bread from heaven. My Father did. And now He offers you the true Bread from heaven. The true Bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.....I assure you, anyone who believes in Me already has eternal life. Yes, I am the Bread of Life."

Jesus, You are the Bread of Life!

All who eat this Bread will never die.

Thank You for being the satisfaction of our deepest needs.

You are God's love revealed-
You were broken that we might be healed.

There is none like You-
No one else can touch our hearts like You do-
There is none like You.



Scripture quotation: John 6:27b, 32, 33, 47, 48 New Living Translation

Lines from songs:

I Am the Bread of Life, John Michael Talbot
There is None Like You, Lenny LeBlanc

Announcements & Upcoming Events

HELP!! If you can help make calls, to find volunteers to bring food for Awana Supper Nights, please see Bonnie Prince!

If you know of someone that will be having a baby soon, please take a pair of booties, in a tub on the coat rack shelf. These are made with love from “Grandma” Mary Jewett.

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Upcoming Events



The Hill City Celebrate Recovery Group will be thanking the local community for their devoted service to others.

Please join us at The Little White Church on Saturday, November 23rd at 6:30 pm for a “Grateful Gathering,” a dessert buffet, and live entertainment.

All are welcome!



November 12th from 11:30 am—1 pm at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (520 Cathedral Dr., RC). Please register at www.familyheritagealliance.org. Pastor Dennis & Ben will be attending, so if you would like to carpool, please let them know!

Newsletter Newsletter

Present tense

After “turkey day” came and went last year, a pastor challenged church members to ask one another not “How *was* your Thanksgiving?” but “How *is* your Thanksgiving?” After all, giving thanks should be an ongoing act.

That doesn’t always need to be profoundly deep, either. A.J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philosophy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply? “Sometimes I’m just grateful I have arms.” That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being “thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice.”

So ... how *is* your Thanksgiving?

“Thanks to God”

Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered,
Thanks for what thou dost deny.
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all thou dost supply.
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure.
Thanks for comfort in despair.
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare.

Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain.
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heav’nly peace with thee.
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity!

—August Storm, 1891



SPRINT TO THE FINISH



**We have met the match, thanks to your generous giving!!
Praise the Lord!!**

Numbers for your information:

\$30,000 Goal to be Raised

(covers heat wells, payback savings, interior/exterior finish work, pave entrance of parking lot)

-\$15,428 from Donations Received

-\$15,000 for Matching Funds

\$0 left to be raised

Thank you all for your support of the Building Project! You are still welcome to give to the Building Fund if you feel led. Make checks to the LWC and “building fund” in the memo line.

We ask for your prayers for the LWC and the ministries happening!

November Volunteers

Ushers: Alan Case, Keith Hayes, Larry Heddles, Jack Jewett, Mike Verchio

Sound System: Joey Fowler, Mary Jo Anderson, Mike Blount

Nursery Attendants:

11-3: Tanya Siebert & Ginger Olson

11-10: Carol Wiederhold & Bonnie McCaskell

11-17: John & Mary Stam

11-24: Roger & Kathy Eckert

Children's Church:

11-3: Jackie Isakson

11-10: Buzz Grover & Nate

11-17: Jacque Pennel & Sara

11-24: Jacque Pennel

Librarians:

Social Hour: (Treats)

11-3: Joelle Flick, Millie Holle, Bonnie McCaskell

11-10: *Volunteers Needed*

11-17: Larsen Family

11-24: *Volunteers Needed*

Cornerstone Rescue Mission: 11-2: Youth Group



GRATITUDE game

Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

Red: a need God has provided for

Orange: a gift you've received

Yellow: something you've recently learned

Green: something in nature

Blue: a special memory

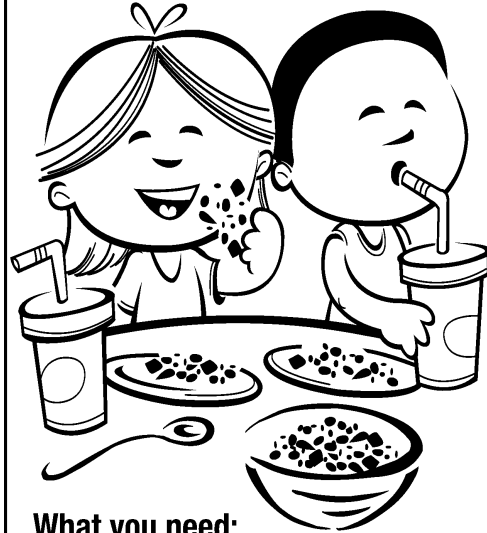
Brown: someone you love

What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!

HARVEST * Trail Mix *

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.



A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

"I thank my God every time
I remember you." Philippians 1:3

Hannah

"My soul glorifies the Lord and
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."
Luke 1:46-47

David

"He is my God, and I will praise
him, my father's God, and I will
exalt him." Exodus 15:2

Mary

"My heart rejoices in the LORD."
1 Samuel 2:1

Paul

"I will praise God's name in song
and glorify him with thanksgiving."
Psalm 69:30

Moses

November

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"Why did they let the turkey join the band?" "Because he had his own drumsticks."

"Why didn't the cook season the Thanksgiving turkey?" "There was no thyme!"

"If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?" "Pilgrims."

"What's a turkey's favorite Thanksgiving food?" "Nothing—it's already stuffed."



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