

TEEN MINISTRY

Good Morning!

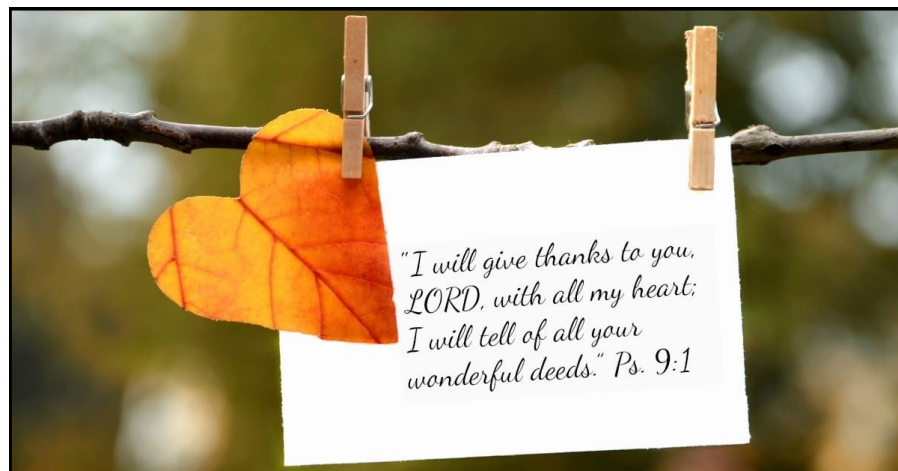
Thank you to everyone who helped yesterday at the food giveaway. You are very appreciated! Our members were able to serve over 300 families! Your generous donation of your time and effort blessed many families and showed the love of Jesus to our community. We were able to give out extra produce and dry goods to help with the Thanksgiving season. Our December Food Giveaway will be coming quickly! We are preparing to have an abundance of food available to hand out just days before Christmas! We will need plenty of hands for this special operation. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 23rd, and plan to be here doing the Lord's work with a big smile! The food in December will be delivered on Thursday, December 21st, at 11 am.

Get ready for our Teen / Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16th, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Teens, please bring a small gift for our gift exchange game. Of course, the teens will be dining on Pizza and fruit trays.

Our Sunday morning bible class in the Outreach Center has finished our study through the book of Romans. What a journey we had reading what Paul wrote to the early Christians. For the next couple of weeks, we will use those same lessons as a map to lead people to Christ. We will challenge our teens to introduce others to the gospel and invite them to join us for worship. This will be a big step for some, and I ask you to help encourage them in this endeavor. Then, on Wednesday nights, our bible classes are focused on the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Mathew. We have been reading through the lessons and looking for ways to apply them to our lives. Jesus has a lot to say about what is in our hearts. We will work through this sermon and then focus on the Beatitudes for context. Join us for this discussion. I am sure you will enjoy it!

Finally, Since I wrote the last time, there have been a couple of Birthdays sneaked by us, and I want to announce them properly:
Happy Birthday to Giana Howard on Thursday, November 9th, and Happy Birthday to Jersey Baker on Wednesday, November 15th!

-Josh Ball



A GRATEFUL HEART

Luke 17:11-19

WHY GRATITUDE IS _____?

Gratitude _____.

- Hebrews 12:28
- Romans 6:17-18
- Romans 7:24-25
- I Corinthians 15:55-57
- 2 Corinthians 2:14
- 2 Corinthians 9:16
- I Timothy 1:14-15

Gratitude is _____ to _____.

_____ of gratitude.

- Luke 17:13, 14, 15, 16, 17

WHY DO WE _____ UNGRATEFUL?

We have an _____ of _____.

- Deuteronomy 6:11-12

Negative _____.

- Proverbs 13:20

We _____ being _____ is our _____.

HOW CAN WE BE A _____ GRATEFUL _____?

_____ that _____ you _____ is _____, not _____.

- Psalm 24:1
- I Timothy 6:7
- James 1:17

Avoid _____ and _____.

- I Corinthians 10:7-10
- Philippians 2:14

_____ to _____ every day.

- Psalm 118:24
- I Thessalonians 5:18

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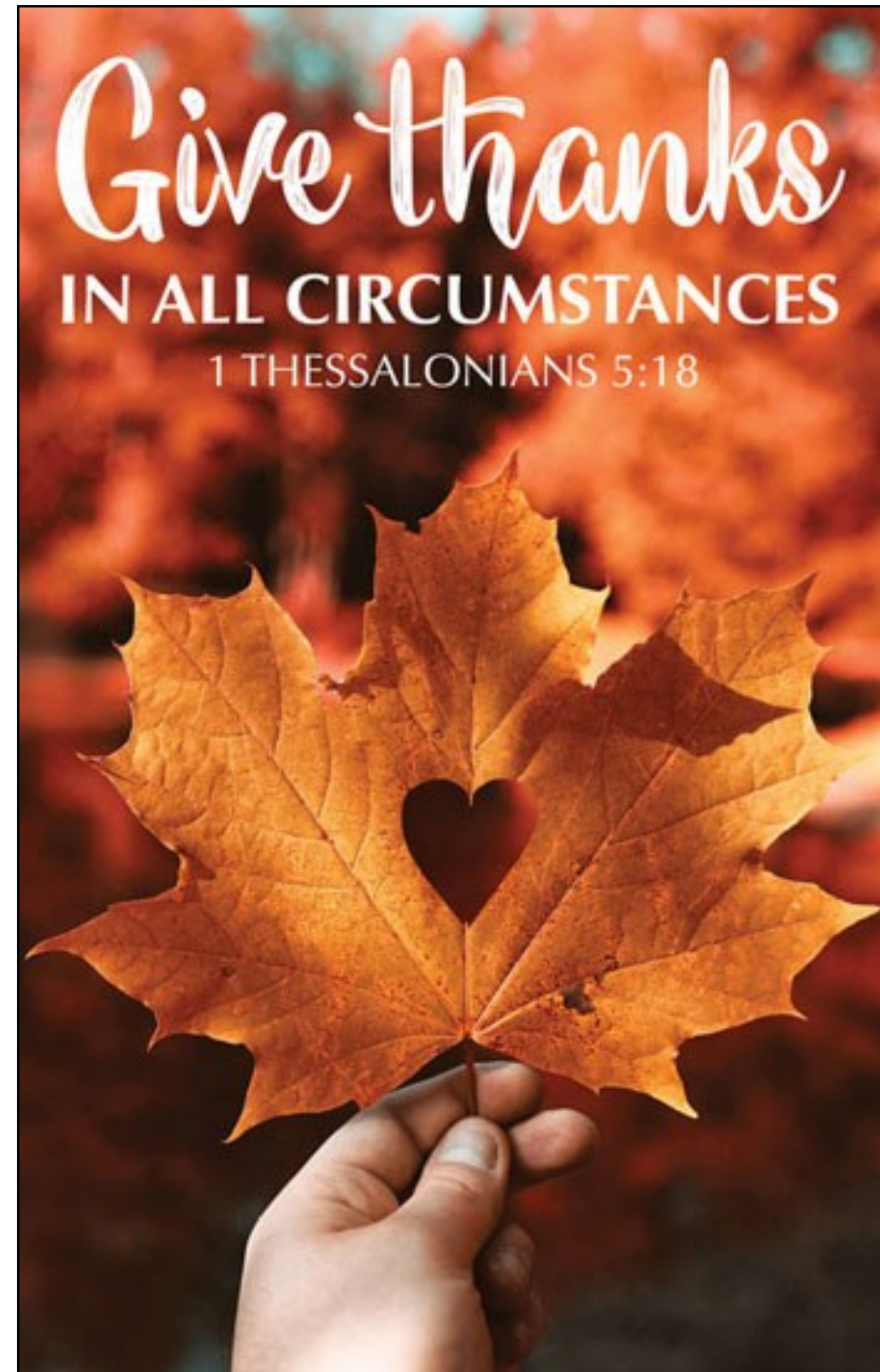
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Just Between Us

THE AUDITORIUM REFRESH HAS BEGUN! As you look around in the Auditorium this morning, you will notice the lower part of the side walls have been painted a shade of gray. In the coming days, the walls on the stage will also be painted the same color. The new chairs for the auditorium have been ordered (not to arrive until late February). In December, new lights will be installed, making it much brighter. In January, the carpet will be ordered, and in the last part of February, the old pews will be removed, the carpet will be installed, and the chairs will have arrived – Lord Willing!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF FOOD TO FEED THE HUNGRY. As always, you responded in a magnificent way by bringing several bags of food for "Bring-A-Sack Sunday." We appreciate all those who moved the sacks to the outreach center, as well as Rosemary and Kevin Jones, for stocking the food pantry. Thank you again and again for caring about those less fortunate. May the Richland Road congregation be known far and wide as a congregation that helps the helpless, befriends the friendless, and always seeks to reach out to meet the needs of others.

COME BEFORE THE LORD WITH A JOYFUL SONG! Plan on joining us this Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a period of singing praises of thanksgiving to God. We have so much to thank and praise God for. The Psalmist said, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise." (Psalm 100:5)

MY THANKSGIVING LIST. As we approach another Thanksgiving this Thursday, there are a number of things that I am thankful for. My wife and family, as each of yours, are irreplaceable. They are the bright light that brings me joy! I am grateful that God loves me and forgives me of my sins. I'm thankful for the Spirit, which is continuously doing work in my heart and on my mind. I fail often, and he reminds me of my identity and my purpose. Speaking of purpose, I'm so thankful for Christ, in whom we live, move, and have our very being. I am thankful for the many years I have had the privilege to serve this congregation and work with our elders and staff! They are a true blessing to me. They greatly care about each one of you. I'm thankful for the people who continue to show up, time and time again, as a resilient spiritual family. You are always ready to give a hand to help someone in need. As someone told me years ago, this congregation is Marion's greatest secret. I am grateful for the growing number of children and teens that we have. So many churches have none, but we are blessed with an overflowing number. I am thankful for the number of wonderful friends that I have far and wide. I am thankful for those in our Life Groups, as we share not only our joys but our sorrows as well. My list could easily go on. Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." As I consider 1 Thessalonians, I notice it says to be thankful IN all things, not FOR all things. So, I'm not thankful FOR the bad things that happen, but I can still be thankful in the middle of it. William Barclay said, "There is always something for which to give thanks; even on the darkest day, there are blessings to count. We must remember that if we face the sun, the shadows will fall behind us, but if we turn our backs on the sun, all the shadows will be in front." As we are thankful, we are reminded that despite our circumstances, there is a God who still rules and cares for us. It takes our eyes off our circumstances and focuses them on Him. So, while giving God thanks in hard circumstances doesn't always change the circumstance, it always changes us in the circumstance. – Russell

Happy Thanksgiving!

TIMES OF SERVICE : Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

INFORMATION & EVENTS

LIFEGROUPS

MEET TODAY



OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Jo Ann Patrick & Melissa Ruhe and their families at the passing of their uncle, Rufus Haney. The Funeral was held Thursday.



THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW FOR CARPET CLEANING.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY—This Tuesday @ 6 PM, the Women's Ministry will be getting together in the Fellowship Hall to make Thanksgiving Meals for our shut-ins. See Meagan White for details.



TIME OF GIVING THANKS—This Wednesday, join us in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM for a time of songs and scripture.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.



THE WOMEN OF PURPOSE will be meet on Wednesday, November 29. Please see Terry Fawley for details.

AUDITORIUM REFRESH—The Generations to Come Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, November 29, in Room 11, after Bible Class.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—On Thursday, November 30, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM. See Matt Dahm for details.

Bible Hour and Junior Worship will be offered at the 2nd service.

FOR THE RECORD - November 12, 2023

BIBLE CLASS.....85	WEDNESDAY.....91
SUNDAY AM.....386	CONTRIBUTION.....\$7,644.07
SUNDAY PM.....76	BUDGET.....\$6,788.00



SERVERS—Starting Sunday, December 3, those men on the Servers List will meet 15 minutes before service in Room 10 for a time of prayer.



WINTER QUARTER BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS—The Winter Bible Class Quarter begins on Sunday, December 3. We are in need of a teacher for the Ages 2-5 class. See Ryan Hoggatt if you are willing to teach.



LEADERSHIP CLASS—The Elders & Deacons Leadership Training class will meet Sunday, December 3 at 3:30 PM in Room 11.



ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING—On Wednesday, December 6, the Elders and Ministers will meet in the Fellowship Hall @ 9 AM. If you want to address anything with the Elders, all are welcome to attend! This meeting will also include the yearly meeting of the trustees.



AMAZING GRAYS—The seniors will meet on Tuesday, December 12 for a Christmas Potluck here in the Fellowship Hall. Come prepared to participate in a White Elephant Gift Exchange.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—This years Congregational Meeting/Year in Review will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. The Elders are planning to present a recap of the last year and share the upcoming plans of 2024.



CHILDREN & TEEN HOLIDAY PARTIES—On Saturday, December 16 the Children's Ministry will be having their Holiday Parties from 3:00—4:30 PM. The Children will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall, and the Teens will meet in the Outreach Center. Please see Ryan Hoggatt or Josh Ball for details.



HELP UNLOAD MID-OHIO FOOD Thursday, December 21 @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

FOOD GIVEAWAY Saturday, December 23 @ 9 AM. (Be here @ 8:00 AM to help.) Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help.

Sunday Morning Bible Classes —9:45 AM Sunday Life Groups: 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—7:00 PM