



# BERKSHIRE COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

## BULLETIN

10/22/2023

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### Without this day...

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).* Thanksgiving Day is Thursday. Many people here in the USA will gather with family and friends and spend time together watching sport, playing games or just enjoying each other’s company. At mealtime, we will give thanks for the many blessings in our lives before partaking in a hearty meal (a great blessing itself). Of course, there are many things to be thankful for, but how many people spend any time thanking God for all the blessings in their lives. It is not that we should not be grateful for all other good things in our lives – we absolutely should, but we should not forget the source of every single one of them. **James 1:17** puts it this way, *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”* Nothing that is good comes from anywhere else. It might come to us by the hands of man, but it originated in one place only. It comes from God, who gave His Son to die on the cross for us while we were yet sinners, and Jesus, who willingly endured the agony of that cross to guarantee salvation to the obedient.

No matter where we live, no matter our circumstances, our victory over the devil has already been secured and we should be grateful for that every single day of our lives. Is there any greater blessing than that? So, enjoy your day with those you love. Remember those who cooked the food and will clean the dishes, be thankful for those who have gone before us, who gave their lives in the defense of the gospel, and those who did so to ensure our freedoms.

Take a moment to be grateful to those serving in the military, the police force, firefighters, and medical field whose lives are on the line every day to ensure our safety. Don't forget those who keep our streets clean; those who pick up the garbage so that we can have clean, disease-free neighborhoods; those who do all the other "forgotten" jobs that we would not or could never do, and those who are working while we are resting. Take a moment to be thankful for teachers who train our children in the knowledge of the world and the church for training them in the wisdom of the Lord. Be grateful to those whose lives are at risk every day as they take the gospel to people in need in places where preaching it is life-threatening. Take a moment and give thanks for your measure of health and wealth, for friends and family who love you.

Give thanks for whatever has made your life what it is today, but above all, thank God for today, because *"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"* (Ps. 118:24). Remember without this day, you would not be able to be thankful for anything.

<u>AM ORDER OF WORSHIP</u>	<u>PM ORDER OF WORSHIP</u>
<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> - Cleve Stafford	<u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u> - Cleve Stafford
<u>SONG</u> - 824 - I'll Fly Away	<u>SONG</u> - 843 - As a Deer Panteth for the Water
<u>PRAYER</u> - Benjamin Twumasi	<u>PRAYER</u> - Douglas Roy
<u>SONG</u> - 859 - He Paid a Debt	<u>SONG</u> - 851 - Blue Skies and Rainbows
<u>COMMUNION</u> - John 6:53-58 Douglas Roy	<u>SERMON</u> - "The Wideness of God's Mercy: Lessons from Ruth the Moabite"
<u>SONG</u> - 829 - Mansion Over the Hilltop	<u>SONG</u> - 842 - A Common Love x2
<u>SERMON</u> - "The Beatitudes 1&2 : The Poor Mourn"	<u>COMMUNION</u> - Douglas Roy
<u>INV SONG</u> - 841 - Sing and Be Happy	<u>INV SONG</u> - 865 - I've Got Peace Like a River
<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u> - Emmanuel Twumasi	<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u> - Jeffery Tarmey



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS**



Please silence your phone by placing it in airport mode.

We ask all visitors to please pick up a visitors card and fill it in.

- Bulletins are on the fireplace table and sermon notes are inside when available.
- Please put your offering in the provided envelope (don't write anything on it)..
- If you look on the back of the visitors card you will see space to right a prayer request if you have one - feel free to do that and hand it in to us so we can pray about it.
- Potluck Luncheon today after morning service.
- Ladies breakfast will be on 11 November at 10:30 am here at the church building. invite a friend and bring a dish to share.
- Cleve and Melinda will leave to Dallas form 10/26 - 11/2.
- Matt Brinckerhoff will preach on Sunday morning 10/29.
- There will be no evening service on Sunday 10/29 and no Bible class on Wednesday 11/1



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**



- Continued Prayers for Melinda's mom Isabel du Toit who is still undergoing Chemotherapy.
- Prayers for all our service people wherever in the world they have been deployed to.
- Prayers for all the people who are caught up in the conflict in the wars across the globe

## **PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

- Praise God for our sponsors.
- Praise God for the privilege to worship in safety
- Praise God for Matt and Maria's safe return from galavanting overseas.

## **BIRTHDAYS / SPECIAL OCCASIONS**



Sunday morning Bible Class - 9:00AM  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00PM  
 Personal Bible Study (Convenient time)



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### Word Search



#### Word List

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|------------|---------|----------|----------|
| AFFLICTION | BLESSED | COMFORT  | CONTRITE |
| EVILS      | EXALT   | GARMENTS | GOD      |
| HEART      | HUMBLE  | JACOB    | MOURN    |
| POOR       | PRAYER  | PURIFY   | SHEOL    |
| SIN        | SPIRIT  | SUN      | WEEP     |