Phillipsburg First Christian Church

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

From The Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor LeRoy Herder

Give Thanks or Worry?

November is thanksgiving month. While we have every reason to be thankful all year long, it is good to have a time when we zero in on giving thanks to God for all His blessings. Psalm 136 begins with "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." Then for 26 times it declares, "HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER." Let's determine to believe that scripture all through November and then forever.

But let's be honest. Do we find it easier to give thanks to God – no matter what happens – or do we find it easier to worry? The antidote for worry is genuinely giving thanks to God and resting in the glorious promises he has given us in his Word.

To worry is to "give way to anxiety or unease; to allow one's mind to dwell on difficulty or troubles." The word basically means to strangle or to seize by the throat. That's a helpful image because we've all felt the pressure squeezing us. One man shared this about going through a crisis regarding

Church Events

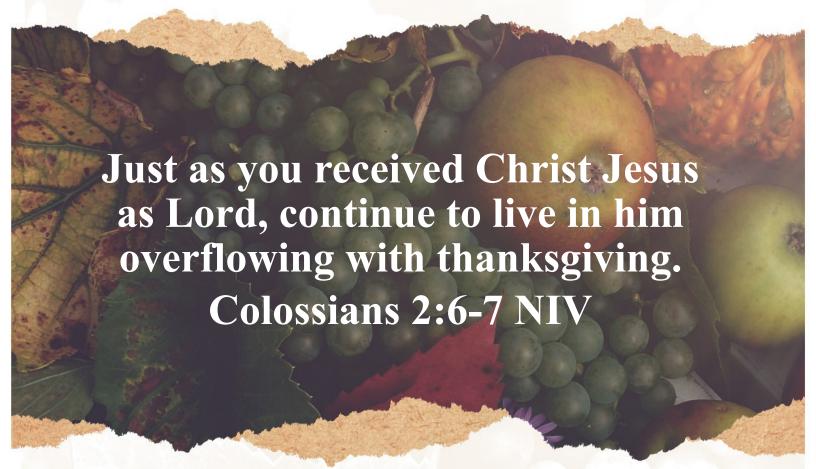
- Nov 2 Pancake Supper
- Nov 7 Christian Men's Fellowship
- Nov 7 Elders Meeting
- Nov 8 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Nov 9 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Nov 14 Board Meeting
- Nov 21 Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner
- Nov 21 Nursing Home Service
- Nov 22 Missions Meeting
- Nov 25 Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
- Nov 28 Hanging of the Christmas Greens
- Nov 3, 10, 17, Youth Groups

Continued on page 2

The Pastor's Pen Continued

his newborn grandchildren with serious medical issues. He spoke of being on a roller coaster of emotions as the doctors first gave bad news, then good news, then confusing news. He added this telling phrase: "I felt like it was squeezing my mind."

Worry is excessive concern over the affairs of life. The key is the word "excessive." Worry happens when you are so concerned about the problems of life that you can't think of anything else. It is an all-consuming feeling of uncertainty and fear. Worry displaces God in your life. It is like living as though God did not exist and as though you alone can solve your problems. Worry distracts you from the things that really matter in life. You become strangled by worry. We have all been there, now is the time to "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever."



Psalm 136 gives 26 things which God has done which show that his love indeed endures forever. This year I would like to challenge you to write out at least 26 things which the Lord has done for you. Have fun with it. Share with family and friends

Indeed we live in days which are often stressful and troubling. It is extremely easy to worry. But instead let's rest assured that God's love endures forever, and let's give thanks to him every day.

Know that YOU are incredible and that God loves you!

And I thank God for each one of you!

Pastor LeRoy

International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians

Did you know that Christians are persecuted for their faith in Christ in more than 70 hostile or restricted nations around the world? More than 4 million persecuted Christians receive help from Voice of the Martyrs each year. Through this help, our brothers and sisters are reminded that they are part of the wider body of Christ. This encourages them to remain steadfast in their faith as they live for Christ in very difficult circumstances.

These Christians are always thankful for help with food, clean water, Bibles, rebuilding homes and churches, but over and over they say that the thing they need the most is PRAYER! When they know that Christians around the world are praying for them, they are greatly strengthened.

Sunday, November 7, is designated as "International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians." Join us as we learn more about world-wide persecution and as we pray for our Christian family members throughout the world. Find out more at persecution.com.



Operation Christmas Child



It's time to share our GOOD NEWS! GREAT JOY!

Packing shoeboxes gives you an opportunity to bring the good news and great joy of Jesus to children all over the world. Pack a box of love, pray over it, drop it by the local Drop-off location at the TFC Office November 15-22nd and see what God can do! Brochures of information are on display.

For more information stop by TFC Connection 662 7th St. or call 785-543-5294. More information can be found at www.samartianspures.org/occ







The Christian Men's Fellowship will be holding their annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, November 2nd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. *Free Will Donation*

Congregational Meeting

The congregational meeting will be held December 5th in the sanctuary following worship service. During this meeting members of the church will vote on the slate of individuals who were nominated for various positions.

October Attendance

03 - **85** 24 - **82** 10 - **103** 31 - **TBA**

17 - **78**



Christian Church Thanksgiving Dinner

The all church Thanksgiving Dinner will be Sunday, November 21st following church service. There will be turkey and trimmings with lots of desserts! Put the date on your calendar and plan to join us. The turkey will be furnished. There will be a sheet in the foyer to sign up to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. See you then!

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for Sunday, November 21st at the Heartland Worship Center in Agra. The service starts at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Art will be the speaker. There will be refreshments after the service.

Hanging Of The Greens

Join us in decorating the Church for the Christmas Season on Sunday, November 28th, following Church Service.

November Birthdays

03 Tomlyn Brandon

03 Ryann Moffatt

04 Neil Hopson

04 Heah Hopson

06 Thomas Colson

07 Isabelle Epley

10 Erin Kenney

13 Ellen McCartee

15 Ivan Heersink

16 Brantlee Minkler

17 Shayn Lyons

19 Jayne Jarvis

21 Anthony Imm

22 Debbie Stormont

22 Terry McConnell

26 Jayden Minkler

29 Kandi Coomes

October Offering

03 \$4,296.00

10 \$3,676.04

17 \$2,721.00

24 \$2,380.00

31 TBA

Each Sunday we need to collect

\$2,596.15 to meet our budget.

Please pray about your giving.

Remember, you cannot out-give God.

Cook Mission

\$93.54





First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ

150 South 7th Street, P.O. Box 552

Phillipsburg, KS 67661

Chair of the Board: Camie Schneider

Chair of the Elder: Clark Hopson

Church Phone: 785-543-5069

Church Toll Free: 877-543-3120

Church Email: fcco@ruraltel.net

Pastor Email: fccp@ruraltel.net

ELDERS

07 Clark Hopson

14 Tony Imm

21 Duane Harris

28 Stuart Jarvis

Shut-in Communion: TBA

DEACONS

Becky Lanier

Jordan Imel

Terry Babcock

Bailey Imm

Denis Miller

DEACONESS

Camie Schneider

WEBSITE

phillipsburgchristianchurch.com

FACEBOOK

Phillipsburg Christian Church