

Wildwood Church of Christ

Theme for 2021

Step By Step: Grow With Jesus

November 21, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Song #475 Thank You Lord
Song #644 Thank You Lord
Song #47 Doxology
Prayer - Charles Wright
Song #322 By Christ Redeemed
The Lord's Supper

Song #3 Praise The Lord
Sermon: Abounding In Praise & Thanksgiving
Song #860 Who At The Door Is Standing
Song #5 Step By Step
Closing Prayer – Darrel Ponsford

“The Fine Art of Appreciation”

In the book, Barbara Cartland's Book of Useless Information, Cartland wrote that when the Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre in Paris in 1911 and was missing for two years, more people went to stare at the blank space on the wall in the museum than had gone to look at the great masterpiece in the twelve previous years.

There's a message somewhere – sometimes we fail to appreciate precious things while we have them.

Helen Keller wrote, “I have often thought it would be a blessing if each human being were stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his early adult life. Darkness would make him more appreciative of sight; silence would teach him the joys of sound.”

Jesus told a story in Luke 17 of ten leprous men crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” The Lord cleansed those ten men, but only one returned to say thank you. And Jesus asked a poignant question, “Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine – where are they?”

Learning to appreciate and be thankful for what we have is foundational for the child of God. We may take for granted the gift of the church, purchased by the blood of Christ, giving us a power to live on, a people to live with, a purpose to live for, a profession to live out. What about the gift of the Bible? To be able to hear it, read it, study it, meditate on it, memorize it. May we never take the gift of God's word for granted.

Homer and Emmy Lou were courting on the front porch swing. Homer was very much in love with his beautiful Emmy Lou. However, he was shy and often had difficulty mustering up the courage to express his love. Aware of this inability, he tried to express his affection with flowery words: “Emmy Lou, if I had a thousand eyes, they would all be looking at you.” “Emmy Lou, if I had a thousand arms, they would all be hugging you.” “Emmy Lou, if I had a thousand lips, they would all be kissing you.”

Emmy Lou looked at Homer and replied, “Homer, stop complaining about what you don't have and start using what you do have.”

Let's be thankful for what we have and not dwell on what we do not.

~Alan Eldridge

{Let us all be thankful for what we have and use it to the glory of God!}

Prayer List

~ Our hearts are saddened by the loss of **Kevin Lane**. He passed away last week after battling Covid and other medical issues that complicated his recovery. Please keep Rosa, Kevin's wife, and the family in your prayers. Her address is: 5677 Henry Loop, The Villages, FL 32163

~ **Jamie McCartney** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. They are waiting on test results to see what course of treatment he needs.

~ What a blessing to see **John & Leigh Workman** with us for worship last week! Continue to keep them in your prayers as they both still have recovery ahead of them.

~ **Lois Hutsenpiller** was taken to the ER in Orlando last week. Her condition was more serious than they thought and they removed her gall bladder this past Thursday.

~ **Don Albert** is very weak & is still waiting to have the procedure scheduled for the blockage in his heart.

~ **Alma Young** is doing a little better after having surgery on her broken arm.

~ **Judy Kyle** will be having back surgery on November 29th.

~ **Martha Rushmore** finally got insurance approval for a long-awaited implant for her back on Dec. 21st. Her son, **Bobby Noland**, had some kind of episode & passed out last week. He is having tests run.

~ **Mollie Holley**, Libbie Summers' daughter, is trying to get insurance approval to go to the Cleveland Clinic to get more advanced care for her kidney.

~ **Pat Ponsford** – continue to pray for Pat as she tries to keep gaining strength and some weight.

~ **Nancy Menninger** continues to have a lot of pain in her leg and now also her back. She will be having an injection that will hopefully help.

~ **Mandie Lake**, a dear friend of Alex Fort's, was in a bad car accident and was seriously injured. She is on a ventilator. Mandie is a 34 year-old single mother with 3 children.

Remember: Linda Grove; Marlin Kilpatrick; Martha Pope; Jeanette Harris; Barbara Barden; Myrna Human; Taylor Williams & family; Sheila Bernstein & family; Joyce Yarborough; Edra Nell Courtney; Millie Tudor; Charlotte Martin; Ken Scott; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Joyce Freeman; George Barrett; Libbie Summers; Alba Cherena; Justin Scott; Teresa Broyles, Fred Casteel

Announcements

Men: There is a new "Order of Worship" on the table in the foyer for the month of December.

Ladies: We will not meet this Tuesday, Nov.23rd to sign cards. However, we need more ladies to come at 9:30 every Tuesday in the fellowship hall for a devo then sign cards for encouragement and send to the sick.

Lads to Leaders: December 5th will be our Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes kickoff after our morning worship service. If you have a young person who will be in the program or you wish to help by being a mentor, please attend. Please let Mike know if you will be attending by December 1st. Lunch will be provided.

December 10th: Our young adults and families will be attending 'Night of a Million Lights'. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids under age 12. We are looking at the 7-9p.m. time slot. Please let Mike know if you are going by **this** Wednesday, November 17th.

English Tea: Change of Date - Friday, December 10th all Ladies are invited to lunch at Miz Kathi's Cotillion in Wildwood. Parking is limited, so we will meet at the building at 11:30 and ride the bus, Mike will drop us off. The cost is \$20 per person and includes homemade scones, chicken salad sandwiches, quiche, desserts and drinks....**and a great time being with your sisters in Christ!** You can give your money to Sherry Scott, Sarah Myers or Carol McCartney and it is needed by December 5th. Please sign the list in the foyer for this fun time together! (**P.S.** You do not have to drink tea...they also have soft drinks, water and coffee.)

Diaper Baby Shower: "Ten more fingers and ten more toes, diapers and wipes are needed, as their family grows!" Ladies, you are invited to a drop-by Diaper Baby Shower for Kaydee Blankenship and baby Brisyn Kay, **today**, from 2:00-4:00p.m. at Britny & Lynzi Jones' house. Kaydee is also registered at baby list.com. Hope you can stop by but if you can't, there is a basket in the foyer if you would like to bring some diapers and wipes.

Pantry: Cornbread Mix Evaporated Milk Green Beans Corn

November Birthdays: Martha Pope-15; Lexy McKay-17; Chuck Stambough-18; Ron Rollins-23; Guy Grove-28; Patricia Webber-28

November Anniversaries: Keith & Tracy Jones-16; Darrel & Pat Ponsford-23

Greeters: Nov.21-Judy Glenn & Tina Glenn Nov.28-Howard & Sarah Alls Dec.5-David & Sarah Myers

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