

Gran's Creek Baptist Messenger

Preaching Christ and Building His Church

Where There's A Place For You!

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The Pastor's Pen



Dearest Ones in Christ,

Today is Wednesday, November 25th, Thanksgiving Eve. By the time many of you read these lines Thanksgiving Day will have come and gone. But, recognizing that there is nothing new under the sun (Ecc. 1:9) I'd like to share just a few thoughts about what Thanksgiving is about none-the-less.

The apostle Paul writes, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thess. 5:18). Beloved, this is one sure sign of a mature Christian. In the first place, the mature believer understands that "But by the grace of God I am what I am...." (1 Cor. 15:10). His parentage, physical body, intellect, personality - everything about him is a gracious gift from God. And the mature Christian also understands that "By the grace of God I have what I have", for "Every good and perfect gift comes from above" (James 1:17). Health, family, material possessions, job, even the desire to work and not be a sluggard - they are all His gracious gifts. And most importantly the mature believer understands that "By the grace of God I am saved". Paul writes that we were predestined to be God's adopted sons by Jesus Christ...."to the praise of the glory of His grace..." (Eph. 1:5-6).

Do you see the sum total of all of these? Without God's grace upon us we would be no more than an amoeba swimming around in a mud puddle. But with His grace, we are joint heirs with Jesus to all the glories of Heaven!

Beloved, may we never presume upon God's grace. May we never sin with such a high hand by our ingratitude for what God has done for us, and continues to do for us every day. May we be people of passionate thanksgiving every day, for the glory of the One Who is our very life, the one true God and His Son Jesus Christ. But even this is by His grace. "Dear Lord, we are children of dust. We can't even pray aright without your grace. Please, accept our prayer and make us worthy of being Your ambassadors in a perishing world. And from the bottom of our hearts, we do thank You, our Great God, Savior, and King. Amen."

In His Love,
Bro. Mike

Musical Notes



FOR
unto us a
Child
is given,
unto us a
Son,
His name will be called
Wonderful
MIGHTY *Counselor*,
Everlasting *Father*
PRINCE OF PEACE
ISAIAH
9:6

Grant's Creek Baptist Church Staff

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Service Opportunities

SUNDAY ~
Sunday School—9:45 am
Worship—11:00 am
TeamKID—5:30 pm
Evening Worship—5:30 pm
Discipleship Training—6:30 pm

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING EVERY TUESDAY ~
9:00 am CLC BLDG.

WEDNESDAY ~
Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm
Youth/Children's Activities—6:30 pm
Adult Choir Practice—7:30 pm

For the Record

November 1 - November 25
Weekly Budget Requirement— \$ 5,705.49
Average weekly offering — \$ 5,056.81
Year-to-Date receipts — \$263,332.60
Avg. Sunday School Attendance — 125
Discipleship Training Att. — 0

Website



Audio files from the Sunday morning sermons are now available online.

www.grantscreekbaptist.org

Activities and Events Calendar

Dec 01	Women Alone Ministry
Dec 09	B.A.L.L.
Dec 16	Business Meeting
Dec 20	No Evening Service - "A Time To Love & Serve"
Dec 24	Office Closed
Dec 25	Christmas Day Service 10:00 a.m. - Office Closed

Up Coming Events / Announcements

Women Alone Ministry



11:00 a.m.
In the
CLC Bldg

B.A.L.L.

December 9, 2015
11:30 a.m.
Cypress Inn
Bus/Van will leave
The Church at
11:00 a.m.

No Evening Service On December 20th It Will Be A Time To



Love.

&



Serve.

Someone In Your Community

Lottie
Moon
CHRISTMAS
Offering Begins
December 6, 2014
GOAL \$16,000.00



*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year*

*Church Office Closed
December 24, 25, 31
And January 1*

The Children's Corner

Children's Activities Schedule

Wednesday Nights

6:30 - 7:15 p.m.— TeamKID for 1st-6th grade

6:30-7:15 p.m. — Preschool class