



OUT OF MY MIND

If the previous months are any indication of what is to come, the days of November will quickly fly by and, before we know it, it will be Thanksgiving Day. Hopefully we will all take time to pause from our busy schedules to be thankful for all we have: family, friends, food, clothes, shelter, transportation, health etc. Now, it is good and right to be thankful for all the good things that God sends our way. But, unless we're careful, that kind of thanksgiving can also be a trap. Thanks can come easily when everything is going well in our lives, but when our situation leaves us feeling anxious, and the times we find ourselves in are difficult, we may feel as though we have nothing for which to be thankful.

This kind of thinking blinds us to the fact that our greatest treasures are those that "moth and rust do not destroy, and ... thieves do not break in and steal." (Matthew 6: 20) Our greatest reasons to be thankful are spiritual ones. No matter what our present circumstances are like, we can always be thankful for who God is and for what he has done for us in the death and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ. We can always be thankful for all God is doing in our lives right now (even when we may not be able to see signs that he is at work) and for what he has promised to do for us in the future. No matter our situation we can be grateful that God generously gives us his gifts of love, forgiveness, grace and hope and that he promises to be with us, always. (Matthew 28: 20)

I like how Edward Farrell puts it in his poem, "The Gift and the Giver."

We ask for a piece of sand and he gives us a beach. We ask for a drop of water and he gives us an ocean. We ask for time and he gives us life eternal. And it is so easy for us to fall in love with the gift and forget the giver.

As much as we enjoy them, we don't need to have tables heaped high with food, large gatherings with family, or everything going right in our lives in order to be thankful. We can still be thankful when we remember and reflect upon who Jesus Christ is, as well as what he has done, is doing and one day will do, for us.

Your Pastor, Mike

Thank you for all the cards, gifts, expressions of support and other kindnesses you sent my way during Pastor Appreciation Month. Each one was deeply and sincerely appreciated. I especially enjoyed the expressions of appreciation from the Youth, Choir, Deacons and Children during the worship services!

Your Pastor, Mike



Sunday morning, November 5th, daylight savings time will end. Please remember to set you clocks back one hour before bedtime on Saturday night, November 4th.

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 7th, for the candidates of your choice!



The annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia will be held in Hampton this year on November 14th and 15th. If you would like to attend please contact Pastor Mike.

There will be a brief special business meeting held on Wednesday, November 15th, 6:15 pm to vote on the proposed 2018 Church Budget, and to consider the report of the Nominating Committee.



A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd, 7:00 pm, at Lexington Presbyterian Church.

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BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS

- November 5th—Loretta Ballard
- November 12th—Barbara Heckman
- November 19th—Carole Berger
- November 26th—Loretta Ballard

HALL WATCH

- November 5th—Justin Spears
- November 12th—John Wranek
- November 19th—Jimmy Crowder
- November 26th—Mike Bozeman

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- November 5th—Linda Hooks
- November 12th—Brian Kave
- November 19th—Alysan Raymond
- November 26th—Jan Meador

BIBLE STUDY NURSERY SCHEDULE

- November 5th—Carol Bozeman & Molly Kay Moore
- November 12th—Cathy Wranek & Bobbie Canfield
- November 19th—Beverly Shotwell & Debbie Fox
- November 26th—Barbara Cash & Robyn Sherman

WORSHIP SERVICE NURSERY SCHEDULE

- November 5th—Cathy Wranek & Deborah Caylor
- November 12th—Patsy Williamson & Maggie Moore
- November 19th—Sharon Martin & Carole Berger
- November 26th—Carole Judy & Kaden Sherman



- 7th Harry & Linda Carter
- 15th Michael & Doris Moorman

- 23rd Eddie & Julie Crowder

- 23rd Brian & Vickie Kave

Celebrating a birthday or anniversary? Share it with us!



- 1st Deborah Caylor
- 7th Barbara Heckman
- 10th Bill Anthony
- 11th Michael Moorman
- 13th Tyler Lemmer
- 14th Anita Cruze
- 15th Joel Snow
- 15th Elaine Mears
- 17th Vada Sanderson
- 19th David Moore
- 20th Priscilla Jamison
- 25th Bill Berger
- 27th Chris Fix
- Doug Wright
- 28th Sherry Miller
- Kaden Sherman
- 30th Patsy Paxton



Our October project is in full swing. Lib has been putting out shoeboxes for Samaritans Purse Christmas shoe boxes so we hope they will all be returned full of goodies for the children who receive them. Shoeboxes are due back on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered to the pick-up location that week. If you have not gotten a shoebox to fill, please pick up one or more and return them by the 12<sup>th</sup>. Instructions are included in each box. Questions should be directed to Lib Bowyer or Priscilla Jamison, project coordinators.

The project for November will be hygiene bags for Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Each gallon zip lock bag needs to contain one individually wrapped toothbrush, one 6 oz. tube of toothpaste, one 2.6 oz. deodorant stick (no spray or roll-on), one 15 oz. bottle of shampoo and one 15 oz. bottle lotion. Also all types of greeting cards including Christmas and Hanukkah cards, stationary items (writing paper and 6 1/2" and 9 1/2:" envelopes Forever postage stamps and unsharpened wooden pencils. These items need to be brought in no later than Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> for delivery before Thanksgiving. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Grose, project coordinator.

Our first meeting under our new quarterly format will be **Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm.** We will meet in the Choir room and our guest speaker will be Mrs. Lynn Leech for Habitat for Humanity. She has some new items to share about Habitat and we would like to invite everyone to attend. Our speaker will be first on the agenda so any men who are interested won't have to stay for the business portion of the meeting. Members, if you have not paid your dues, you can bring them to this meeting. We will discuss plans for the next quarter, which will include Women's Day in February. We look forward to a good year with WMU! Won't you join us!



Several members attended the play "Opal" in Fincastle Theater on October 7<sup>th</sup>. On October, 19<sup>th</sup> we had 13 people attend the brown bag lunch. Our next get together is Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am at Pink Cadillac Restaurant. Come join us for lunch and fellowship! Other events coming up..... W&L's Holiday Pop Concert and Thomas Road's Christmas Spectacular. Contact Patsy or Roger Williamson (910-214-1106) for more information!

**November 1<sup>st</sup> - Effie Wallace**  
(Fried chicken, mac & cheese, beets, bread and dessert)

**November 8<sup>th</sup> - Patsy Paxton & Friends**  
(Turkey, dressing, gravy, potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert)

**November 15<sup>th</sup> - Effie Wallace**  
(Baked ham with pineapple, sweet potatoes, broccoli, bread and dessert)

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> - No Meal**

**November 29<sup>th</sup> - Brian Kave & Friends**  
(Chili, Cornbread & Dessert)



For more than 20 years, we will be serving meals on Thanksgiving to Windermere and Lexington House. A list requesting contributions of prepared food or grocery items will soon be circulated. The list will also include a request for volunteers that are needed as servers on Thanksgiving Day. Your prayerful consideration for any of these ways to serve would be appreciated. Please contact Patsy Paxton or Deborah Caylor for more info.

**Sunday, November 19 at 4 pm**  
Practice in choir room (narrators/actors will also meet at this time) This is one hour earlier because the children and youth of Manly will be having their advent wreath making activity and dinner beginning at 5 pm.



**Sunday, November 26 at 5 pm**  
Practice in sanctuary with narrators/actors.

**Sunday, December 3 at 5 pm**  
Practice in sanctuary with narrators/actors.

**Saturday, December 9 at 10:30 am**  
Final dress rehearsal in sanctuary with narrators/actors. Ms. Beverly is planning something for the children after rehearsal.

**Sunday, December 10**  
**10 am** – run-through in sanctuary. **11 am** – sing during worship.

The children's choir needs your help! We are looking for the following props to use in our Christmas Musical:

- 3 - 4' artificial Christmas tree
- String of Blue and White lights
- Homemade ornaments approx. 10 - 12
- Decorated wreath (20" to hang)
- Gold Angel Tree Topper
- 2 Ugly Christmas Sweaters
- Small Table or stand to put tree on
- Fake snowballs (or we can pantomime)



Please contact Lee Higgins (540-464-1531) or Debbie Fox (540-529-7695) if you can donate any of these items.



With the Thanksgiving season approaching, I thought I would share with you the background to one of my favorite hymns of the season – *Now Thank We All Our God*, by Martin Rinkart, #639 in our hymnal. It always reminds me that we don't have to be thankful *for* the difficult things that happen in our lives, but we can be thankful to God *in* all circumstances. (1 Thess. 5:18).

"Martin Rinkart (1586-1649 A.D.) was born in Eilenburg, Germany – a small city near Leipzig, which in the 20th century ended up behind the Iron Curtain in East Germany for several decades.

Rinkart studied for the Lutheran ministry, and was called to serve as pastor of the church at Eilenburg, his home town. He arrived there just before the beginning of the Thirty Years War, a war that devastated Germany in general and Eilenburg in particular. Being a walled city, Eilenburg became a place of refuge and soon became badly overcrowded, rendering it susceptible to disease. The plague of 1637 decimated the town, killing 8,000 people, including Rinkart's wife. Rinkart often conducted forty or fifty funerals a day for plague victims.

It seems incongruous that a hymn like "Now Thank We All Our God" should come out of such circumstances. However, Rinkart wrote the first two stanzas, not as a hymn for public worship, but as a table grace for his family. At the end of the war, his hymn was sung to celebrate the signing of the Peace of Westphalia – the treaty that ended the war.

But we would know nothing of this hymn except for the good work of Catherine Winkworth, an English woman who translated many German hymns into English – this hymn and "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" being the most well-known." – Copyright 2006, [Richard Niell Donovan](#) (corrections by Lucy Wilkins) Sermonwriter.com

On a personal note, both *Now Thank We All Our God* and *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* were part of our wedding ceremony.

As you sing the songs of Thanksgiving this month, may you give praise to our God for his marvelous work in our lives in both bad times and good times. -Lucy Wilkins



**ANNUAL ADVENT WREATH DINNER**

We will have our annual Advent Wreath making dinner on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. All children, youth, and their families are invited. The festivities will begin with a covered dish dinner in the fellowship hall. Chicken, bread and drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish to share. After dinner, each family will make a fresh Advent Wreath to take home for the holidays. Supplies for the wreaths will also be provided. To be sure there is enough food and wreath supplies for everyone, **please RSVP with Ms. Beverly (460-0409) by Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.**



**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 AM**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> "Suck" with Jacob Thayer**  
**"Ask God to change your mind in the moment!"**

A bad habit or negative pattern of behavior can impact your life in ways you might not even realize. But how do we break free from the habits we're stuck in? This week we'll discover that changing our behavior and breaking bad habits starts by asking God to change our minds.

**November 12<sup>th</sup> "Best Seller" with Molly Kay Moore**  
**"Context makes things clearer!"**

The Bible is the number one bestseller of all-time, but the idea of reading it isn't always that appealing. Maybe that's because for a lot of us, we're just not sure that what's written in the pages is all actually true. This week, we'll take a look at a few reasons we can trust that the Bible is not only true, but also something we can read and understand with clarity as well.

**November 19<sup>th</sup> "Best Seller" with Thomas Smals**  
**"The Bible brings things to light!"**

If you've ever found yourself stumbling around in a dark room looking for a light, then you know what life without the help of the Bible looks like. Instead of waiting until the dark moments to turn to it, God wants us to see the Bible as a tool that can help you light up your whole path. This week, we'll look at a few simple steps you can take to begin using the Bible to light your way.

**November 26<sup>th</sup> "Best Seller" with Laura Jones**  
**"Memorizing Scripture makes you stronger!"**

For most of us, the idea of memorizing the Bible feels more like a chore or obligation than anything else. But the Bible actually has a lot of important, powerful things to say to help us handle life a little better. As we look back at Psalm 119 this week, we'll see that when we capture God's Word not only in our minds but in our hearts as well, we'll be stronger because of it.

**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30 pm**  
Youth Group Meeting (Dinner provided)  
Packing Christmas Shoeboxes

**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
NO YOUTH GROUP

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**  
Dinner & Ice Hockey (Roanoke)  
(Cost is \$15 and due by 11/5)

**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
NO YOUTH GROUP

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**12 pm** - Lunch & Christmas Decorating  
**5 pm** - Advent Wreath Dinner

**Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
NO YOUTH GROUP

**Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm**  
Youth Group Meeting (Dinner provided)

