Edgewood Christian Church Novembe<mark>r</mark> 2022 Newsletter

COSMA CORNER

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Rom 1:21

Do you remember the 10%? The 10% of the lepers who thanked Jesus for healing them. You remember that 1 guy out of 10 who took time to come back and thank Jesus for delivering him from a world of hurt and pain and from a life of isolation as he was ostracized from society and cut off from the fellowship of family and friends.

This is when you know things are getting bad when you forget to thank God. I mean I guess the other 9 out of 10 had so much to be thankful for when it comes to thanking God that they just didn't know where to start, so they just didn't. Do you find yourself among the 10% or the 90%?

You know God ... I mean you see him standing right there in front of you in the physical and spiritual form of Jesus and you see the amazing things he does for you, and he never asks you to thank him because he loves you and is going to do it for you whether you deserve it or not. You get too busy to take the one commodity that he gives you every day... time ...and give it back to him.

Go ahead and read the verses that precede and follow verse 21 and you are going to get a picture of lives filled with Kucky Kuck (just a way I used to hear a friend describe a dirty diaper, check me on the spelling). And all of this Kuckiness started with a ungrateful attitude. You know the God of fulfillment and light and you trade Him in for emptiness and darkness.

To recognize the goodness of God and to be thankful is to recognize the goodness he places in you, in everyone around you, and in everything around you (yes, even in your work). To be grateful for the good is to be grateful for our God who brings the good. For Goodness sakes, be grateful for He is full of greatness.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! From One Overwhelmed, Never Just Whelmed, by God



And Speaking of Thankful ... My family and I are very thankful for all the cards and gifts given us during the "pastor" appreciation month in October! It was awesome! However, if it is just me being appreciated at ECC this month, it should be termed "evangelist" appreciation month or "preacher" appreciation month because that is how I see God's calling on my life and what I was set aside by a group of pastors/elders from Lake Mount Church of Christ to be. If it is pastor (shepherd/ teacher) appreciation month, then please do not forget the true pastors and shepherds that we have in: Carey Custer; Scott Harlow; and Tim Lilley. It is truly a blessing to be part

of the leadership team with these great shepherds of the sheep! Please take time, as often as you can, to thank them for their continued work in the kingdom and pray to the Lord of the Harvest to raise up other men like them to go into the fields that are white unto harvest!

Of Course the best thank you that you can supply your leaders in the faith is living out a life of faith for Christ! "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:7 NIV

Ladies Night Ornament Exchange Wednesday, November 9th at 7pm

Bring an ornament to exchange, plus a baby item to donate to the Blue Ridge Women's Center, invite a friend and come join us for cookies, hot tea, coffee, fun and fellowship. Kim Cosma will be our special speaker.

> Christmas Cantata Choir Practice Sundays at 2:00pm

Congratulations

We are happy to announce that Oma & Edna Spencer became great-great-grandparents to Logan Thomas Koshuta on September 20th 2022. Congratulations to parents Jeffrey and Kaylie Bowen Koshuta. Praying God will bless this little one and his family.

> CHRISTMAS CANTATA Good News from Home Sunday, December 11



ECC Kids & Student News

Friendsgiving For 6th - 8th Grade Sunday November 20th During Sunday School Bring a dish or snack to share with others (no tree nuts)

Fun Friday Kids Night For Kindergarten - 5th Grade Friday November 11th 6 - 8:00pm Dinner, Fun, Games and a Movie

Friendsgiving For K - 5th Grade Sunday November 20th During Service Bring a dish or snack to share with others (no tree nuts)

For questions about any of these events or any other information you may have about the ECC Kids & Student Ministry, please see Kayla Leighton.

Parents and Grandparents, please visit our website to register your child for the year. This will streamline our event sign-up process as well as give us all the information we need on your child.

Young at Heart Wed November 16 @ 1:00pm Famous Anthony's Salem

Thanks giving

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Anna Leighton
- 2 Phyllis Huffman Jennifer Witt
- 4 Arnold & Nancy Montgomery*
- 5 Nancy Clark Gigi Dooley
- 7 Addison Simpson
- 8 Perry Bailey
- 9 Ruth Combs
- 12 Janice Herndon Brett Matthews
- 15 Elizabeth Harrison Janet Price
- 16 Sylvia Bailey Jaidyn Howard-Gray Kadence Howard-Gray
- 17 Tim Dowdy Vinson Gray Sam & Hope Smithwick*
- 18 Lane Mabry
- 19 Tanya Berbert Owen Matthews
- 25 Rebekah Logan
- 26 Melinda Lephew Johnny & Linda Early Brian & Billie Orahood*
- 27 Ben & Christina Davis*
- 28 Tommy & Lisa Hahn*
- 30 Nasser Abdelhadi Carey & Betty Custer*

Sunday School 10:00am each Sun Adult Connect Group 3:00pm Sundays

Nursery available For 3 years and under

During Worship Service

November Van Driver Brad Custer (540) 871-6574

Leadership Team Meetings

Wednesday November 9th Elders & Ministers- 6:00pm Elders, Deacons & Minsters 7:pm

ECC's Elders

Carey Custer Scott Harlow Tim Lilley

ECC's Deacons

Brett Matthews Curtis Witt David Akers Rodney Lawrence Tim Dowdy

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