



"WALKING A LIFE OF PASSION AND PURPOSE FOR JESUS CHRIST"

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Friends and **F**amily of **C**ross**W**alk,

We are currently in the midst of the playoffs for professional baseball as teams vie for a spot in the World Series. By the time you read this, the Series will be underway.

The Chicago Cubs are one of the teams in the mix, though they are struggling at the moment. One of their best players and one of the best in the game is Ben Zobrist. Zobrist had some very interesting things to say regarding the connection between gratitude to God and success or failure in athletics: *"It's funny, I listen to those interviews after people win the Super Bowl or World Series and stuff and sometimes I'm like, we're missing it. If we are believers and we're telling people, look you work hard and do it as unto the Lord he's going to bless you and you're going to be successful, that's not what this life is about...I hear people use Philippians 4:13, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' as like their pump-up verse that's gonna allow them to do things on the field that they've never done before...When you really look at that passage, the Apostle Paul is saying, 'I can do jail, and misery, and weakness through Christ who strengthens me.' For me, I have to realize if that's the truth, when I fail I need to give God glory just as much as when I succeed. If through that people can see that my hope is not in my success or failure, it's in Him, then so be it. Let that be for God's glory."*

In success or failure, to God be the glory! May we not let circumstances dictate our gratitude and thanksgiving to God, but rather use every opportunity to proclaim that we trust in Him who is our life. Thank you Lord for your steadfast love that never changes.

*Thanking God for you and His truly
amazing grace,*

Kirk



Messages for the Month

NOVEMBER 05, 2017 – **1 John 3:1 - 3** “Pure Love” – celebrating **All Saints & Communion**

NOVEMBER 12, 2017 – **Amos 5:18 - 24** – “Unacceptable Worship” – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

NOVEMBER 19, 2017 – **2 Corinthians 9:6 - 15** – “Growing in Grace and Generosity” – celebrating Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 26, 2017 – **Ephesians 1:15 - 23** – “Know Hope” – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Staff

Pastor: Kirk Werner

Child Care Director: Linda Odle

Music Director: Joshua Jordan

Director of Children's Ministries:
Anna Baker

Class of 2017:

Maurice Briere, Greg Davis & Lindsay Rosa.

Class of 2018:

Donna Carter, Matt Peterson & Greg Waldrop

Class of 2019:

John Carson, Dale Lutton & Courtney Scollard



BIRTHDAYS



Kayla Miller – 3rd

Laura Spargo – 3rd

Rusty Spargo - 7th

Sandy May - 10th

Gwen Davis - 11th

Benjamin Davis – 16th

Marin Olafson - 20th

Matt Scollard 20th

Hayden Carter 28th

Steve Clabo 29th

Lindsay Rosa 29th



ANNIVERSARIES



Ben & Becky Baker - 18th



NURSERY SCHEDULE



Kids Crossing with Jim Odle

November 05: Carol Jordan
November 12: Susan Fletcher
November 19: Jeanne Cecil
November 26: Brenda Clabo



Preschool Room with Linda Odle:

November 05: Anna Baker
November 12: Wanda Wayman
November 19: Jeremy Cecil
November 26: Gwen Davis

If you **cannot** work *your scheduled time*, please swap with someone and if you *cannot find a substitute*, call Linda Odle at 690-9358 or 207-2623. **When you know you can't work in the nursery, please e-mail the date(s) to ilodle@comcast.net or put them in writing and give them to Linda Odle in the nursery. Thanks!**

BABIES/TODDLERS/PRESCHOOL & KIDS CROSSING CHILDREN

When you help in the children's departments you won't miss anything, because you can pick-up a complete **FREE CD** of the service right after

church. You will have no preparation or teaching. Just come help. You can choose to help with the babies/toddler/preschool room or with Kids Crossing. You can pick-up a **FREE CD** of the complete service before you leave. To help please contact Ms. Linda in the nursery or call 690-9358 for more information.



Your Prayers are Needed for The Good News Club at New Hopewell Elementary

We really need more helpers. *If you think, maybe you are interested please talk to Linda Odle, Carolyn Carson, Laine Donnell, or Pastor Kirk or come visit the GNC. We meet on **Wednesdays, 2:00pm until 4:30pm.** We need to have more helpers. Please contact Linda Odle at 690-9358. We can use your help.*

The school also needs breakfast bars, pop tarts and other quickie breakfast foods to give to the children who are late and haven't had anything to eat. School supplies are always needed anytime during the school year.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Raven: Cousin Paisley is having trouble sleeping through the night. Pray she can sleep without waking in the middle of the night.

Michael: Help him and his mom-- they are struggling right now.

Alexander: Pray for his friend John who was in a wreck— Pray that his injuries will heal quickly.

PRAISES:

Aidan: Thank you God for loving us.

Mikey: Thank you God for everything.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:



CrossWalk Café

Our next Café' is **November 5, 2017**. *It's our traditional Thanksgiving feast.* Break out those favorite turkey day recipes to share among the church family. We have some of the very best cooks around and this is a great time to enjoy wonderful food and well-seasoned conversation around the table! Come join the fun!



THANK YOU...KUDOS...APPLAUSE!!!

The session would like to say **THANK YOU** to all families for your service on the **Refreshment Ministry Team**. When you join the church, you are assigned to this team, as we feel it is a ministry that all can participate in. You are paired with another family and given one month (every 1 1/2 – 2 years) to provide Sunday morning refreshments. Most teams take two weeks each; others share in the entire month. *It is up to you.* **Please remember that you are NOT responsible for providing breakfast for everyone.** This is just a light refreshment to have with coffee or juice. (Coffee is provided by the church.) *What the teams provide is*

their gift to the church in service to our Lord. Be sure and show your gratitude... We are certainly grateful to each of you!!!

****The teams are posted on the bulletin board for the year and printed 3 months ahead in the newsletter, so that you can plan ahead.***



Sunday Morning Refreshment Schedule

November 2017

Carol Jordan 573-8679

Laine Donnell 681-7117

Cathy Tolbert 274-0889

Viv Hammond 470-8599

December 2017

Nancye & Rusty Esch 977-4229

Betty & Frank Clepper 573-8784

January 2018

Jane & Ricardo Gracia 579-0899

Regina Miller 207-7097

Wanda & Albert Wayman 850-4039





A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped out with the Fall Festival! So many people helped out in so many ways and we seriously couldn't have done it without you! I'm already looking forward to next year!

Thank you so much!!!

Courtney

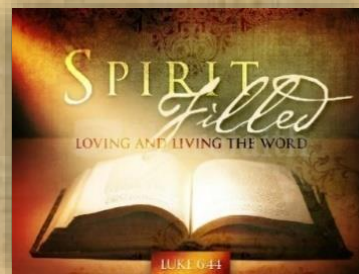


JAM



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Packing Party is **November 12th**, 11 – 12 AM, following church service.

Find out more about Operation Christmas Child at samaritanspurse.org and *look for information on the back table at CrossWalk!*



Bible Study

Bible study *each Sunday* at 6 PM @ CrossWalk Community Church.



CrossWalk family, if you see a need to replenish *coffee supplies* - coffee, hot/cold cups, coffee stirrers, *kitchen supplies* - paper towels, kitchen dish soap or *men's/women's room supplies*, please let us know by; (1) **noting what is needed on the bulletin board located in the kitchen** so that supplies can be replenished **before they are completely out**. If you have questions, please contact *Judy Campbell* or *Sue Werner*. Thank you!





Check out our website!

Have you checked out our website lately? It's a great way to introduce people to our church. Navigate through the site and see pictures of various activities. There are photos of JAM (Jesus And Me children's ministry), church events, a calendar of events, and the weekly messages are catalogued in the media section. *This is a helpful tool in keeping informed and a good resource to refer to your friends.* The web address is

www.crosswalkepc.org.



Time Change!

Don't forget to set your clocks **back** one hour on **November 4th** before retiring for the night. *An extra hour of sleep Saturday night! What a treat.*

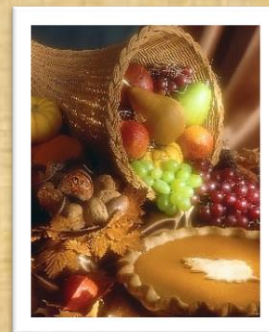


Church Cleaning Committee

Nov 01 -Nov 04 – Rhett & Donna Carter
 Nov 08 – Nov 11 – Rhett & Donna Carter
 Nov 15 – Nov 18 – Dale & Debbie Lutton
 Nov 22 – Nov 25 – Dale & Debbie Lutton
 Nov 29 – Dec 02 – Pat & Lisa McNabb



If you use the church during the week, please, be sure to take your trash with you when you leave – especially food waste.



Mrs. Turner's Pumpkin Pie

By Judy Solomon

When I get off the school bus and there's a chocolatey smell coming from Mrs. Turner's back porch, I can tell that she's been baking. If I hop up on the bench at the bus stop, I can see whatever she's been cooking sitting on her porch rail to cool. *"Come on over, Jonathan, and have a cookie,"* she will call to me. Then while I'm eating cookies and

drinking milk, I tell Mrs. Turner about my day at school. Sometimes she shows me a letter or a new picture and tells me about her grandchildren.

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One day, Mitch and Jo-Jo got off the school bus at my stop, so we could play soccer in the field behind Mr. Marshall's store. "Hey, what's that smell?" asked Mitch. "It smells great!" said Jo-Jo. "It's coming from over there." Mrs. Turner had been baking again but this time it didn't smell like chocolate. The smell was more like Mom's cinnamon toast. We all walked over to Mrs. Turner's fence. Mitch and Jo-Jo went into the backyard, and Mitch climbed up on Mrs. Turner's porch. "It's a pumpkin pie," he whispered. "Let's take it!" Mitch passed the warm pie down to Jo-Jo and jumped off the porch.

"Hey, put the pie back!" I said. "What's the matter?" asked Mitch. "Are you a chicken?" Mitch and Jo-Jo made chicken noises. "Bawk, bawk." Mitch flapped his elbows up and down. Could I let them call me a chicken? "Give me that pie," I said. Jo-Jo handed me the pie, and I carried it all the way to the soccer field.

When we got there, we broke the pie up in pieces and ate it. Mitch and Jo-Jo picked up the pie pan and tossed it like a Frisbee. Next, they stepped on it. Finally, they stopped and looked at me. I stepped on the pie pan, too. After that and for the rest of the afternoon, we played soccer. Just before dark, I walked home through the woods. I didn't want to pass Mrs. Turner's house because of my friends and I, we don't have time for old ladies!

That night I lay in bed with the lights off and remembered the time I got sick at school. The nurse couldn't find my mom, and Mrs. Turner came to the school and picked me up. I started thinking about the pumpkin pie and wondered whether she made that whole pie for herself. Maybe her family was coming after all and the pie was for them.

I woke up early the next morning, even though it was a teacher workday and there wasn't any school. I found Mom already up and hard at work in the kitchen. She put a platter of pancakes and bacon on the table, and I piled food on my plate. "I'm going to visit Mrs. Turner today," I said with a full mouth.

"What was that?" asked Mom. I swallowed. "I said, 'I'm going to visit Mrs. Turner today.'" "That's very sweet of you. I'm afraid she's often lonely, what with her family living so far away." "I think her family might be coming this year." Mom smiled. "I hope so, but if they can't make it, would you invite her to eat Thanksgiving dinner with us?" "Sure." I moved the last piece of pancake around my plate. "By the way, how do you make pumpkin pie?" "Most of the ingredients are things we already have, like eggs and flour. The only thing we would need is some canned pumpkin," said Mom. I ran upstairs and got the money saved from my allowance. I pushed it down in my coat pocket. I slipped downstairs and out the front door, and then I walked down the street to Mr. Marshall's store.

"Good morning," said Mr. Marshall. "Good morning," I said. "Do you have any canned pumpkin?" "On the day before Thanksgiving?" Mr. Marshall chuckled. "We have a whole display of canned pumpkin. It's at the end of aisle two." I found the pumpkin and carried it to the cash register. As I felt around in my pockets for the money, I remembered the pan. "Do you have pie pans?" "Aisle six, row three." Mr. Marshall rang up the order and said, "That will be \$4.89, please." I had to use almost all my money to pay him.

On my way to Mrs. Turner's house, I wondered what I was going to say to her. She came to the kitchen door with a smile. "Is that you, Jonathan?" she asked. "Come on in here. It's cold outside."

I told her what happened the day before. "I was looking out the window when those boys came," said Mrs. Turner. "I saw you with them." "I'm sorry," I said and handed her the pumpkin and the bag with the new pie pan. She sat the pumpkin on the counter and looked in the bag. "What happened to the old pie pan?" she asked. "You don't want to know," I said and looked at my shoes. "Fair enough. Will you stay and help me make a new pie?"

I stayed a long time, and we made two pies. Mrs. Turner said I could take one home for my family's Thanksgiving dinner, and I asked if she would use the second for her family and their Thanksgiving dinner. Mrs. Turner smiled a little and told me that none of her family was coming for Thanksgiving this year. She picked up the second pie and looked

at it. She said, "I will probably have to freeze half of my pie." That's when I remembered what Mom had said about inviting Mrs. Turner for Thanksgiving dinner. "Will you come and eat with us?" I asked her. "Why, Jonathan, I'd love to!" "You're not going to tell my parents what I did, are you?" Mrs. Turner didn't answer for a while. Finally, she said, "I don't think that will be necessary."



The apostle Paul spent the first part of his letter to the Ephesians telling them who they are in Christ. Paul has described the many spiritual blessings that are found in Christ. You are chosen, adopted, redeemed, and sealed. Paul now describes to us what God wants us to have and what God wants us to know in Ephesians 1: 15 – 23.

What God Wants You to Have (Ephesians 1:15-18)

by Bible Studies

Paul begins by praising the Ephesians Christians for their faith in the Lord Jesus and their love for all the saints. They are exhibiting the vertical relationship of Christianity: love and continued faithfulness toward Jesus. They are also showing the horizontal relationship of Christianity: love toward all the saints. These are two important statements, neither of which can be neglected. You cannot be faithful to Jesus and not love the other

Christians. Nor can you love other Christians rightly and not be faithful toward God. Christianity hangs on these two principles: to love the Lord your God and to love your neighbor. We are called to live beyond ourselves. We are called to live for Christ and for one another. Paul praises them and declares that he has heard of their faithfulness to Jesus and the love for the saints. This causes Paul to pray continually for the Ephesian Christians with thanksgiving to God. But listen to what Paul wants God to give these Christians.

“...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened...”
(Ephesians 1:17–18 ESV)

Most of the translations read “spirit” with a lowercase “s.” We believe this is correct. It does not make sense for Paul to pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. We just read in Ephesians 1:13-14 that they already had been sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. God does not hold something back at salvation. Are we to suggest that there are extra requirements of spirituality that when met God will dole out these blessings that have been held in reserve and are excluded from others? Paul already said in Ephesians 1:3 that they have been blessed with **every** spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. Nothing has been excluded. Every believer receives the Spirit, unless this is a reference to miraculous spiritual gifts. But this answer does not work either because he will tell these Ephesians in the third chapter that all of them can understand the mystery of Christ when they read Paul’s words. So, the lowercase “s” is the way to read this. Paul is praying that God will give them a spirit or disposition of wisdom and revelation.

So, what does Paul mean? Paul is identifying something very important. The problem is not that God is withholding blessings. The problem is not that we lack blessings for we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. *The problem is that we lack the insight and wisdom to understand these blessings from God. You have come to Christ.* Now you need to learn what he has in store for you. Paul is praying that they are going to have “good eyes” when they read what he is writing. He wants them to *read in such a way so that God’s glory and will is revealed to them.* They must have a *disposition*

of wisdom. They must have a *spirit of revelation*. They must be ready to receive the word with *insight and perception*.

This is what Paul means when he says that the result is “having the eyes of your hearts enlightened.” I don’t want you to read my words with dark eyes. I don’t want you to read with darkened hearts. I want the eyes of your heart to be enlightened. The eyes of your heart will be enlightened when you take God’s word with a spirit of wisdom and insight. Notice that this insight is found in the knowledge of him. Paul is calling for these Christians to not just know the facts. He is calling for a deeper knowledge and truly experience their Lord. I can know facts about the president. But I do not know the president at all. You can know facts about Jesus but that does not mean you know Jesus at all. Knowledge, truly knowing, requires mutual knowledge and mutual exchange. Think of it! These are Christians and Paul is praying for them that they will not be dull in the reception of the word. He is praying that they will gain more and more insight into the knowledge of the Lord.

Here is the warning: don’t be dull readers. These words of God mean something. Every word has a purpose and meaning for us to examine. Do not just roll over the words. Otherwise, the knowledge of the Lord becomes boring and academic. It becomes stale and dry. Read with a spirit of wisdom and revelation. Read with perception. Read with insight. Listen to every word from God. Slow down and meditate on one verse and just let it soak your heart. Let the light of Christ pour into your heart. Let God turn the light bulb on in your mind and heart. Paul is telling Christians that we need our spiritual faculties awakened. We can lose that spirit of wisdom and revelation. Wake them up and pray to God to wake them up!

What God Wants You to Know

(1:18-23)

Paul wants our hearts enlightened so that we can know three things. Again, Paul wants us to truly know these things. He does not want us to know these things factually but experientially. Only with the eyes of our hearts opened will we be able to truly know these things. This is what God wants us to know.



(1) To know what is the hope to which he has called you.

God wants us to have an expanded awareness of the full implications of God’s calling in our lives. You need to know the hope that God has called you to. The hope to which we have been called is not to come to church on Sunday, sing four songs, let some guy yell at you, and go home trying to be better people. That is not the hope we are living under in this calling. We need to know the hope to which we have been called so that we will praise the Lord for what he has done and live to the praise of his glory. We live to the praise of his glory because we have a new hope. *You have been redeemed by God. You have been chosen by God. You have been adopted by God. You have been made heirs by God. You have been sealed by God.* Paul says that he wants you to truly know these great things. You have been called to partake in the salvation of God and belong to God’s family. We were a people who had no hope because of the debt of our sins. But our glorious God has given us hope. Because we are called into God’s family we have hope and *you have been called to live in the light of that hope.*



(2) To know what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

Second, we are to know the wealth of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. We looked at this in the last lesson. We are God’s inheritance. God wants you to know the wealth and richness of what it means to be God’s inheritance. Know what it means to be the people of God. We must appreciate the value God places on us as part of his inheritance. We cannot begin to name all the riches of being God’s people. But let us consider a few rich blessings. Being in God’s family means that we will see Jesus face to face. It means that we will be in the presence of God. It means that we will be in the comfort of God. It means that we will be joined with the disciples of Jesus who have gone on before us. It means rest from our labors. It means every pain in this life will be resolved. It means seeing the reward of all we have been striving toward. Being the people of God just has no end to its vast wealth and blessings to us. We are valuable to God because he purchased us in order to inherit us. We look for Christ’s return when he comes to

get his saints. God doesn't need us. God wants us.



(3) *To know what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe.*

God wants you to know his power. How much power does God have? Notice how his power is described. It is the "immeasurable greatness of his power." You need to know how exceedingly great and incomparable his power is. We need to recognize the enormous power of God. But it is not us sitting back and wondering about the ridiculous amount of power God has. Notice carefully what Paul says. *That power is directed toward us who believe.* God wants you to know the immeasurable greatness power that is being directed toward our lives! You need to know that God is using his power to protect you and keep you from the attack of Satan and from the powers of this world.

How do we know that this power is effective in our lives? Paul says that *we have observed this surpassing power when Jesus was raised from the dead and seated at the right hand of God.* God's power is seen in that Christ was exalted to the highest position possible and placing him over all things. Christ shows his total victory. He cannot be defeated. He has power far above all other powers. But notice that his authority is for our benefit. Notice verse 22 carefully. God put all things under Christ's feet and gave him. God gave him to the church (us) as head over all things. The church has authority and power to overcome all opposition because he is our leader and head. He is Lord of all. We are filled with and filled by Christ.

How do you get to know someone? Can you read biographical information or historical data about him? These things will help you know a lot about the person, but you will not know him. ***God wants us to know him, not to know about him.*** If you want to get to know someone then you have to spend time with that person. There are three glorious things that God wants you to know for your walk with him. But we need to pray for and seek to have a spirit of wisdom and revelation. We need to desire the word of God. We need to desire soaking on God's word. Without that spirit, you will not enjoy studying God's word, nor Bible classes, nor worship, nor preaching, or anything

else that is tied to God. You will not come to love the Lord the way he wants you to because you have not experienced this deep knowledge of him. Let the knowledge of the Lord change your life. Know the hope to which you have been called. Know the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints. Know the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us as seen through the resurrection and exaltation of Jesus. Let yourself experience the joy and wealth of knowing Christ. Make it your goal to get to know him.



**Remember, on November 4th to fall
BACK 1 hour!**



PSALMS 111:1

Happy THANKSGIVING

*I will give thanks to the Lord with
all my heart...*



Happy Thanksgiving CrossWalk!

