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## Reflections

I am one of those people that always gets annoyed when people skip over the last third of fall and jump straight into Christmas as fast as the Halloween decorations can come down. So to be clear this newsletter article is not a Christmas article. It is an Advent article. They are not the same.

Advent will be here this month. November 27 is the first Sunday of Advent. This is the time of the year when the church prepares not just to celebrate the birth of Christ, but also for the fact that Christ will one day come again. It is meant to be a solemn time to ready ourselves spiritually for both. This inevitably involves lots of shopping, decorating, baking, and general busyness, but it also needs to involve time for prayer and reflection.

Christ is coming not to judge our exterior lighting expertise, but our hearts.

For the last few years, the church has tried to help facilitate that by sending out daily email devotions during the season of Advent. I just wanted to warn every one of the oncoming stuffing of your inboxes. If you would like to opt out, it won't hurt my feelings. Feel free to let me know. For those that find these useful, I hope that you will accompany them with time each day to quietly reflect yourself on the story of Christ as told in the New Testament and how that story still gives life and meaning today.

God be with you.

Scott.

## **November Lectionary Readings**

Sermon topic in *italics*

November 6 (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Haggai 1:15b-2:9
- Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 OR Psalm 98
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
- Luke 20:27-38

November 20 (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Luke 1:68-79
- Colossians 1:11-20
- Luke 23:33-43

November 13 (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Isaiah 65:17-25
- Isaiah 12
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- Luke 21:5-19

November 27 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)

- Isaiah 2:1-5
- Psalm 122
- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 24:36-44



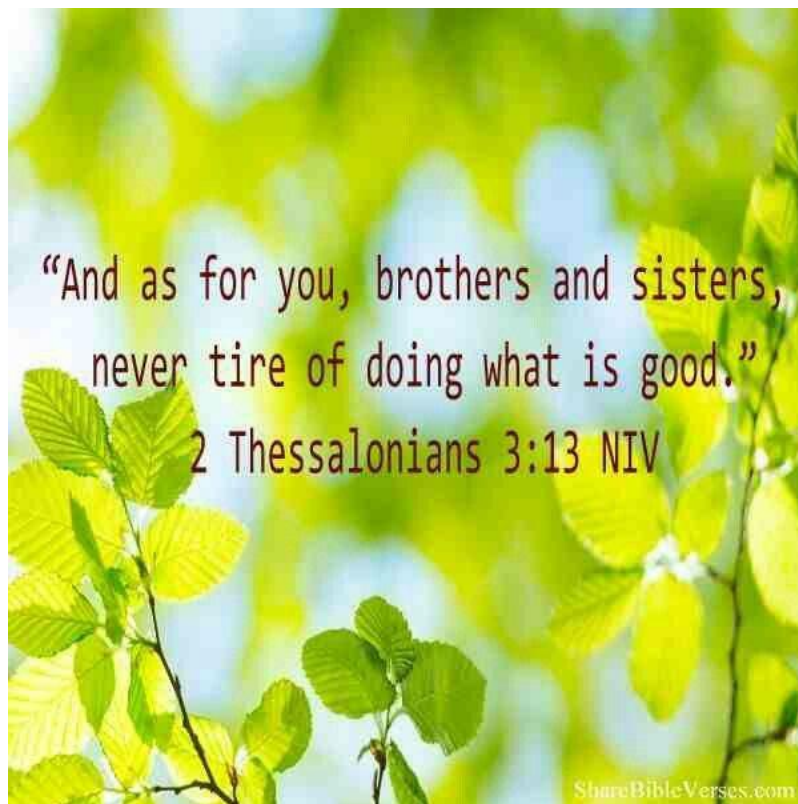
## **Thanksgiving Special Offering**

(from Disciples Mission Fund)

From the very beginning of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education.

On November 13 and 20, Disciples churches across the US will collect the Thanksgiving Offering. The Thanksgiving Offering supports Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 15 colleges and universities, 7 seminaries and theological programs. Gifts from this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the Church.

This November, please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving offering. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning.



# Church Board Minutes

G.B. called the meeting to order. Scott had our opening prayer. Minutes were reviewed. Kay made a motion to approve the minutes and Vivian seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-** Bud said that donations for Caden Price had continued to come in after Homecoming Sunday and those now totaled over \$6000.00. Jadie sent out a huge thank you to the church for their contributions. Bud said it was a typical month in offerings. Heating oil was delivered which made the operating expenses higher. GB said the septic system was another added expense. A pipe collapsed and they had to dig 5 feet to replace it. Everything else was good. Joyce made a motion to approve the report and Doug seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Pastor's Report-** Scott reported he and the youth had resumed the Sunday school class for the middle school age kids. The class is designed to be a preparation for baptism on Easter 2023. Scott said the annual Trick or Treat is scheduled for Sunday, October 30 from 6-8. Scott said there probably would not be a joint Thanksgiving service this year.

Scott talked to Bugman Exterminating and they are planning to spray inside the church on their next visit. Scott has a meeting with a judge on Friday, September 16 to be granted official marriage celebrant status so he can perform the service for Nick and Emily's wedding on September 24. He also had been involved in pre-marital counseling for Nick and Emily. The cost of that was \$35.00 for each for a total of \$70.00 and Scott covered that cost. Joyce made a motion to reimburse Scott the \$70.00 and Linda seconded the motion, motion carried. Linda made a motion that going forward we add the couple counselling as part of outreach to provide couples that were associated with the church that same counselling as preparation for their upcoming marriage. Joyce seconded that motion, motion carried.

Scott will be resuming classes at Lexington Theological Seminary beginning the last week in September. He said his tentative completion time of classes would be 2024.

## **Committee Reports-**

### **Property-**

**Outreach-** Linda is looking at organizations we gave to last year to see if we wanted to continue this year. She also needs an up to date list of the names of those we would like to give Christmas baskets. Scott said he would work to put together an updated list.

**Old Business-** G.B. said Don Wilson suggested talking to an attorney in regards to the cemetery. There are many unknowns. The Prillamans are still trying to come up with documents as to who has existing plots for future burials. There could potentially be a lot of liability and expense for the church to consider weighing the conveyance of the cemetery over to the church. It currently costs \$100.00 to mow which everyone agreed was extremely low

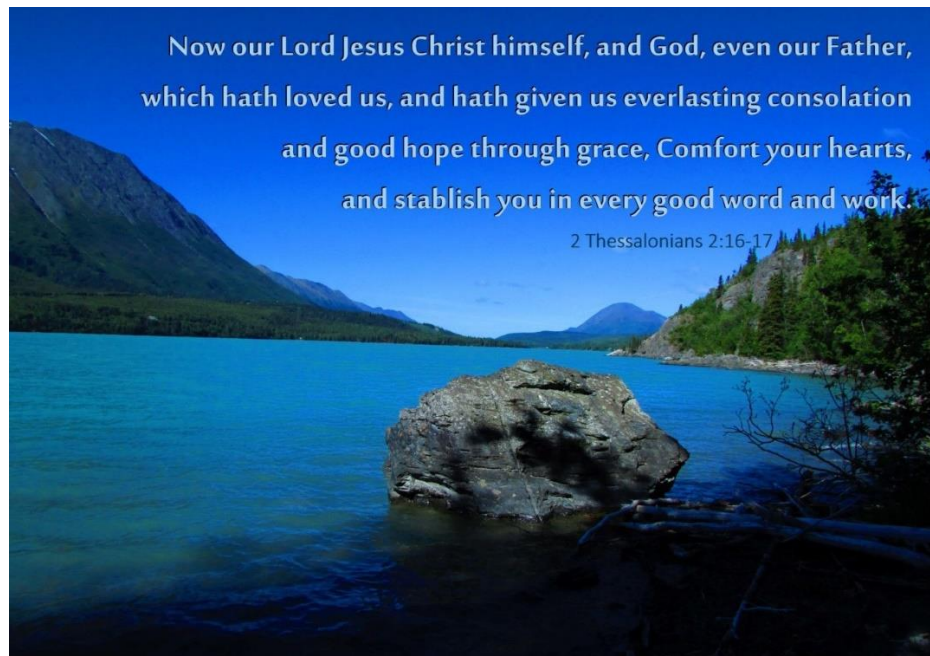
considering the size and detail required to mow around the head stones. GB said once they have more information it would be something that would need to be presented to the congregation

New Business- The nominating committee is still working on filling all the positions needed.

Calendar of Events- Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 30 from 6-8

Scott had our closing prayer. Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted, Susan Walker, Secretary





*HAPPY NATIONAL PASTORS MONTH TO MINISTER SCOTT OLIVER*

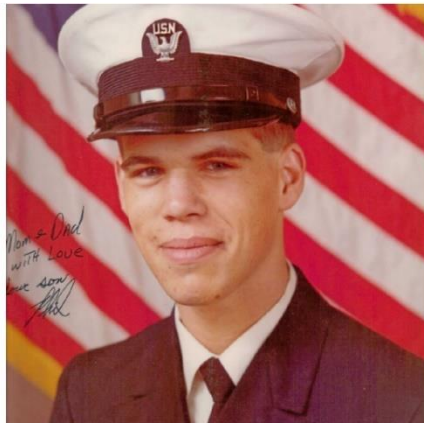


We appreciate all the many , many things you do for the Church

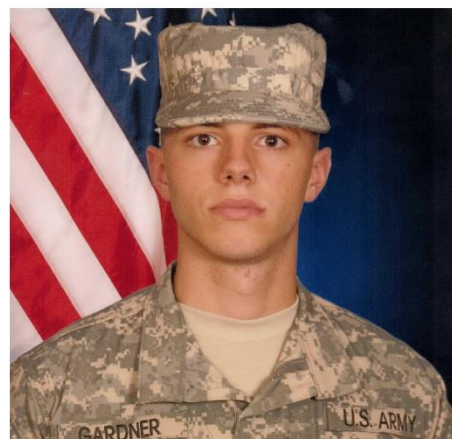




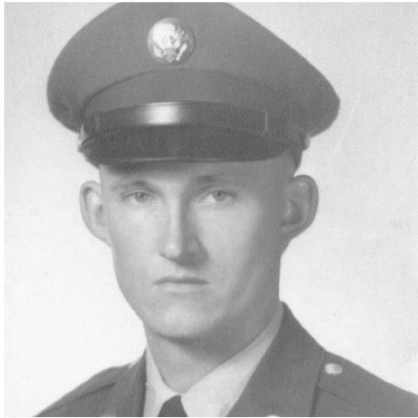
Happy  
Veterans  
Day











We want to keep track of our living Veterans for Veterans Day and our deceased Veterans for Memorial Day. If we are missing any of our Veterans or if any of them needed to be changed to the Memorial Day list, please let me know.

Thanks, Barbara

# Youth News



Our Audiovisual Tech Team hard at work

Thank you to the amazing youth that operate the audiovisual equipment at Church during the worship service. We appreciate all you do.



**The Church will host a trunk or treat at the  
Church parking lot on Oct 30 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
All Kids Welcome**





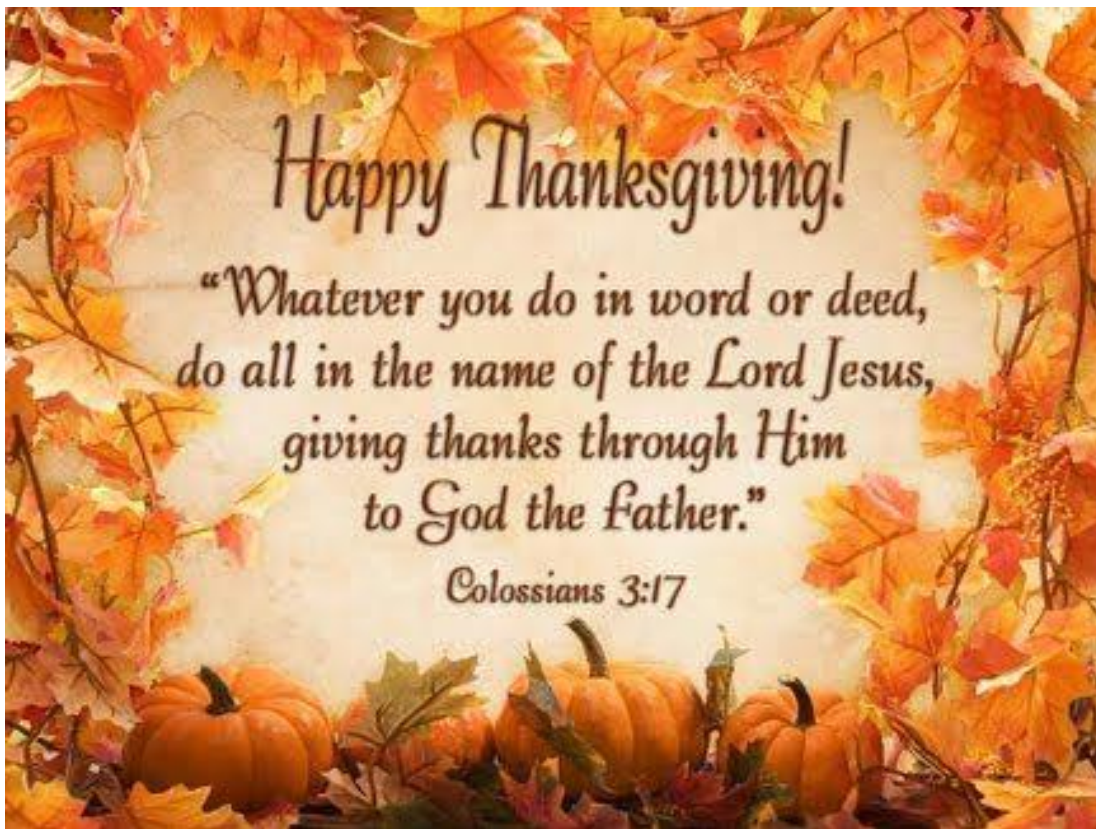
## *UPCOMING EVENTS*

October 30 Trunk of Treat Details above.

November 6 Veterans Day to honor our Veterans

November 27 First Day of advent

November 24 Thanksgiving





## **LET'S CELEBRATE**



### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Debbie Haynes
- 3 Landon Mitchell
- 5 Kay Boyd
- 7 Melody Martin
- 10 Abbey Shepherd
- 14 Josh Gardner
- 17 Walker Amos
- 19 Keri Jean Pruett
- 19 Barbara Smith
- 26 George Martin
- 28 Terry Davidson

### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Sammy & Kay Boyd
- 15 Taylor & Heather Amos
- 15 Edward & Joyce Ingram
- 30 George & Susan Martin

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Michele Beall
- 4 Mason Arrington
- 5 Cynthia Jordan
- 7 Nick Doyle
- 9 Jared Pruett
- 10 Lindsey Doyle
- 11 Aileene Doyle
- 12 Lee Mitchell
- 13 Sammy Boyd
- 17 Walker Amos
- 19 Donna Thurman
- 25 **JESUS**
- 27 Molly Mitchell
- 29 Breyer Martin
- 30 Marty Plybon

### **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 Phillip & Debbie Haynes
- 11 Steve & Cynthia Jordan
- 12 Curtis & Louise Washburn

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