

# Leaning Back Into the Gift

God's blessing has come. Last weekend we had the best participation in our "12-Hours of Prayer" in years. Everyone showed up and hour-by-hour the torch was passed, keeping our church before the throne of God. The next day, we had a huge crowd, unified in worship, singing loud, heart-felt songs of thanks to our mighty Lord. Our Elder, Rick, gave us a message on trusting God with our finances.

Once the "Thanksgiving Catch-up" special collection was counted, our Elder, Tony, announced the figure: \$38,951! Praise God! We exceeded our goal of \$38,000.

After worship, people stood and talked the better part of an hour. The smiles, the earnest conversations, the hugs, the laughter, seeing an arm around burdened shoulders... all of it a miracle work of the Holy Spirit. It is unity in the body of Christ. It is a stunning, loving contrast in an angry, divided culture.

I want us to recognize such blessed moments and remember that they are God's gift. He loves us! We prayed and he answered, generously giving more than we asked.

Jesus told us not to worry, because our heavenly Father knows what we need. All we need do is seek first his kingdom and his righteousness. He will take care of all these other things. There are times to simply marvel at the blessings of God. This is such a moment. We can lean back into the gift. He is holding us. Why worry? In this holiday season we are resting in the blessing.

(read Matthew 6:25-34)



**Our Special Collection Total (so far) is: \$38,951 ! PRAISE GOD!!** Many of you prayed, many discussed how to give as a family or as a couple, and many of you SACRIFICED in your giving. God's blessing in on those who give. All thanks to him!

**Children's Church:** will be taught by **Bill Ceraso** and **Dan Swinehart**. The subject is **Generosity**.

**Sr. Youth Group:** We will be joining an area-wide Lock-in at Tabernacle Church of Christ called "Naclefest" on Friday, December 2 at 7:30pm to Saturday, December 3, 9am.

**Operation Post Office:** is a chance for our kids (ages 4 – 10) to get to know our older members. Just bring in your **Christmas Cards** for your fellow members here and place them in the box in the lobby. Our children will get them to our members AND this will save your cost of postage! If you want to help, see Dave Williams.

**Notes of Encouragement for Velma, for Lydia:** There are cards in the lobby for you to write an encouraging note and place in the basket. These will be delivered to Velma, Pam's mother, or Lydia, Jess Nitla's wife.

**Court House Church of Christ is Having a Hymn Sing:** on Wednesday evening, Nov. 30 at 6:30pm.

**Haircuts for Missions:** will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please sign-up for your spot

## Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Carl Smith

Welcome & Scripture: Nelson Nuñez (Psalm 33:1-9)

Opening Prayer: Scott Schoener

Lord's Supper: Dan Swinehart, Darren, Kevin Finn, Ed Francoeur

Scripture Before Message: Steve Lucas (Romans 8:26-28)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Tony Ceraso

Greeters: Dave Cook, Jonathan Cook, Tiana Nuñez, Debbie Powers

Nursery: Laura & Jaela Next Week: Pam & Elaine

Pink Cleaning Team Nov.30-Dec.3 **Howard & Donna** Coordinate

### OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher

Church Office- (856) 854-0197

### ELDERS:

Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876

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Bret Goen (856) 996-5267

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Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969

Worship Total ..... 158

Bible Class ..... 83

Contribution ..... \$38,951

Budget Goal ..... \$4,260

Budget Shortfall ..... \$0

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

## 6:00 AM Saturday

# God's People are PRAYING



## Thanksgiving Baskets



## When we work, we work. When we pray, GOD works.