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From Our Pastor . . .

About a week ago Ronna and I were discussing how quickly this calendar year is passing by. The days are slipping through so quickly it can be hard to keep up. One of us said, “we are going to blink our eyes and it will be Thanksgiving Day and we will blink our eyes twice and it will be Christmas Day!” I am sure you can resonate with just how true that statement is. As the days, weeks, and months pass, we all wonder where the time has gone. More importantly, we wonder what we have done with it all.

Admittedly, we get caught up in the everyday race to the end of the day. It feels like a marathon most days. Get up, get everyone ready and out the door, move through the day, return home, eat supper, give baths, and go to bed. The next day, we wake up and do it all over again. Your routine may be similar or yours may be different. But one thing remains the same: we all are granted twenty-four hours in a day. We are all granted the very same amount of time and we are all asked to be good stewards of that time. We blink our eyes, and it is gone.

One of the aspects of everyday life that Ronna and I have discussed and prayed about together is our need to spend more of the time we are given giving thanks to God. We often move through the minutes and hours of the day, so busy and hurriedly, that when the end of the day comes, we are so tired it can be difficult to stop and give thanks to God. This should not be!

In reading through the psalms, we find the call to give thanks to the Lord on numerous occasions. Most often when this command and invitation is offered, it is followed by “His love endures *forever*.” That word, *forever*, is important because it points to all of time. But what about our responsibility and response? The psalmist also points this out saying “*I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips*” (Psalm 34:1).

Just days after the conversation with Ronna about the fast-paced passing of time, the Holy Spirit called out and asked the question if I am *always* blessing the Lord and if praise to the Lord is *always* on my lips? It caused me to stop, take a hard look at the routines and practices in my daily life, and ask the Holy Spirit to help me make the necessary adjustments to correct course.

At all times? That means “*at all times*.” All the time. There is not to be a moment that passes where we are not ready to bless and praise the Lord. Even on the toughest of days, we bless the Lord. Even on the best of days, we bless the Lord. This is all because we firmly know that God is *always* worthy of the praise. And if God is *always* worthy of it, shouldn't we *always* be ready to respond to the faithfulness of God with praise? Thanksgiving? Gratitude? This still leaves room for lament and supplication before God because even in our lament, we can and should give thanks to the Lord – after all though our situations may have changed, thus causing the lament, we give thanks that the Lord has not changed.

Thanksgiving Day will be here before we know it and then it will be gone. But the truth of the matter is this, the Lord is *always* worthy of our thanksgiving and gratitude. The Lord is *always* good; His love enduring forever. May each day be stuffed with our response to the never-failing and always-present faithful love of God. May that response be the lifting of our praises and thanksgivings unto God all the days of our lives.

Our family thanks God for YOU....

-Andrew

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Sundays LIVE at Viewmont

November 7 ~

“Tychicus: Heart Healthy”
Ephesians 6:21-24

November 14 ~

“Jesus: Will Keep Going” We
Revelation 1:17-18

November 21 ~

“The Same Every Year”
Psalm 93:1-5



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes are available in the church lobby.

Please pray for this opportunity to share the Gospel with children around the world.

Take a shoebox, fill with toys & other special items, & return it by Sunday, November 21st.

For more information, go to <http://samaritanspurse.org/occ>.

Broadcast Ministry
Our worship service is broadcast live
each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on:

- WHKY-TV Channel 14
- Alexander CTV Channel 7
- Caldwell CTV Channel 7
- Spectrum TV Channel 7

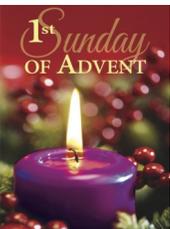
Also on www.youtube.com
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Ministers Hospital Visitation Schedule

Monday	Rev. Jimmy Rogers
Tuesday	Dr. Andrew Rawls
Wednesday	Regiani Pereira
Thursday	Minister Rotation
Friday	Deacon of the Week

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Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday 9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Each Monday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Distribution 5:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:55 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Each Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Co-Ed Bible Study		Each Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting 5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs/Youth Min. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Children's Missions 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:45 p.m. Monday-Friday 7:15 am-6:00 pm Weekday Preschool Ministry Each Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building		Our chief ministry as believers is Prayer! Pray without ceasing! Every morning and every evening at 8:00, set a time of dedicated prayer. Prayer for our world, our nation, our community. Prayer for the Holy Spirit of God to bring both hope and healing to a very troubled time.		
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6 PM Property Committee, Gathering Area	11 AM Full Staff Mtg 5:45 PM Church Conference			
7 Time Change	8	9	10	11	12	13
		6 PM Finance Committee, Gathering Area		 Preschool Closed		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		6 PM Deacons Gathering Area				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
12:30 PM-1:30 PM Sabbath Soup Kitchen @ Hickory Soup Kitchen Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ingathering	Vision Newsletter Articles Due			 Happy Thanksgiving Church Offices Closed Preschool Closed	Help decorate for Christmas	
28	29	30				
						

Opportunities for Service

Sunday, November 7 - Time Change

9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, November 8

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Second Harvest Food Pantry
5:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 9

10:00 a.m. Co-Ed Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Wednesday, November 10

9:30 a.m. Minister's Meeting
5:45 p.m. Children's Choirs/Youth Ministry
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study in
Sanctuary
6:15 p.m. Children's Missions
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 11

Friday, November 12

Saturday, November 13

Monday - Friday

7:15 a.m.-6 p.m. Weekday Preschool Ministry

Monday - Thursday: 8 am-5 pm/Friday: 8 am-2 pm
Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

5:30 p.m. AA, Youth & Activities Building

Welcoming:

11/7: Roger & Laminda Fox
11/14: Katie Mitchell
11/21: Chuck Baxley
11/28: Ronnie & Susan Watts

Viewer Response

11/7: Judy Downs
11/14: Judy Downs
11/21: Cheryl Ramsey
11/28: Ann Journey

Ushers for November

Todd Bowman, Chris Jones, Tammy Buff,
Bob Hibbits, Sherwin Speight, Ralph Yount

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Deacon of the Week

November 7~ Marion Roseman

November 14~ Brenda Starnes

November 21~ Timothy Turner

November 28~ Terry Abee

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