

# The Communicator

First Christian Church, Russellville, KY November 2018



*Below is an article that Paula wrote for something else with thoughts on Thanksgiving. It is much better than anything I would put to paper. Many thanks to her for allowing us to use it here. Please continue to be in prayer for our church, our new minister and the sick. Be thankful in all things. Ray Clark*

In 1941, Congress declared the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day and as a federal holiday. Families and friends gather together to feast on turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Football games provide afternoon entertainment while some begin their Black Friday shopping online. But Thanksgiving is more than football and shopping: Thanksgiving is showing appreciation, gratefulness, and gratitude. To Christians, Thanksgiving means showing appreciation to God and showing gratefulness for what God has done.

Thanksgiving is not just one twenty-four-hour day: Thanksgiving is a 24/7, 365-day show of appreciation and gratefulness to God and also to others. As Christians we should not need a day to remind us to be thankful: we should be thankful every day. Instead of focusing on the fourth Thursday in November, let's try working on giving thanks daily.

Let the following scriptures help you concentrate on being thankful. Focus on one scripture each week: you might even memorize it. Keep the scripture where it will remind you to stop and give God your thanks. You can post the bulletin on the refrigerator, take a picture of it with your phone, or write each verse on a sticky note; but use each scripture as a foundation to "count your blessings."

Week 1: **1 Thessalonians 5:18** "...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Week 2: **Colossians 3:17** "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Week 3: **Psalm 107:8-9** "Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

Week 4: **Psalm 100:4** "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

We are indeed blessed. God sacrificed his son for our sins, he takes care of our "daily bread," he answers our prayers. As Americans, we are so blessed: we have clean water, free schools, freedom to worship--the list is infinite. Remember daily to "give thanks to him."

# LUCY'S COAT CLOSET

Opens In November

Date & Times information will be posted

Donations Appreciated, Volunteers Helpers Welcome

CWF visits Creekwood  
Tuesday, November 27th  
To Celebrate November Birthdays  
With refreshments and goodies.



Sunday, November 5th  
Also time to change batteries  
In Smoke Detectors



Please remember that we are helping  
First Presbyterian Church with their Veterans Program,  
The last Tuesday of each month.  
See Mildred, Jesse, Donna or Rita for information on this program.

## Board Meeting

Sunday, November 18th  
After morning services

## Serving in November 2018

**Elders:** Johnnie Mantlo, Vicki Kemp  
**Deacons:** Donna Bryan, Evelyn Driver, Briley Gorrell  
**Greeters:** Volunteers

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Shannon Gorrell  
Treasurer: Ellen Nealy  
Secretary: Vicki Kemp  
Accompanist: Shannon Gorrell  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Worship Service: 10:45 am

Prayer Concerns:			
Danny Anderson	Cheryl Oberhausen	Mike McCormick	Beverly Goley Nicholson
Bob & Patricia Hedges	Alex Mann	Bill Webb	Lauren Riley Stafford
Carolyn Garrett	Ken Mercer	Sara Grayson	Gloria Vanarsdall
Connie Brown	Linda Robertson	Lori McClure	Mallory Rogers
Lana & Bud Lawson	Joe Schafer	Wayne Purvis	Gary/Judith Merriman
Jean Gragg	Claire Wilson	Trevor Hesson	Clare Wood family
Shirley Hicks	Matthew Humble	Mary 'Tiz' Koester	David Hurt