

## November 2019

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### Thanksgiving

When I think of November the first thing that comes to mind is Thanksgiving. I like Thanksgiving because of its simplicity. Getting together to enjoy a meal and embrace a spirit of thankfulness, it's that simple. Well, I must confess, I don't do the cooking, so I will concede that there's a lot of work that goes into it. I do really like turkey, and mashed potatoes, and sweet potatoes, and cranberries, and my wife Jennifer is the best pie-maker!



When you think about the Thanksgiving Holiday you may think of the Pilgrims, the Wampanoag Indians, and the first successful harvest that was celebrated (to the credit of the Wampanoag) with a feast. I read an author's "real interpretation" on the internet that appears to be a history rewrite for the purpose of bashing white people and Christians. Hopefully that isn't what is now in the textbooks of our school children! I think the roots of Thanksgiving are really in our Christian faith. However imperfect our forefathers may have been, thankfulness to God was just part of life.

Recently, I've taken more notice of how often the New Testament writers urge their readers to give thanks to God. Jesus modeled "giving thanks" as He broke bread to feed the 4,000 (Matthew 15:36), and the bread at the Last Supper with the disciples (Matthew 26:27). Luke records one of the lepers Jesus healed, "and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan." (*Luke 17:16, NASB*). Luke also records Paul urging his fellow passengers to join him in a meal, for which he is giving thanks, before their ship is broken up by waves (Acts 27:35).

Paul often let his readers know that he thanked God for them (E.g. Eph. 1:16; Col. 1:3; 1 Thess. 1:12). He expressed his gratitude to those who helped him and prayed for him (2 Cor. 1:11), even risked their necks for him (Rom 16:4). He understood this as something he "ought" to do (2 Thess. 1:3; 2:13). We see thanks given for the victory God has given (2 Cor. 2:14) and for joy in Christian liberty (Rom 14:6). In Heb. 13:15 the giving of thanks is part of praise, and in Revelation it is part of heavenly praise (Rev. 4:9; 7:12; 11:17). Soberly, we take note that lack of thankfulness to God is characteristic of those who deny God (Rom. 1:21).

In his epistles, Paul urges his readers to be thankful for all things (Eph. 5:20; Col. 3:17; 1 Thess. 5:18). He encourages thankfulness to be part of all prayers (Phillip. 4:6; Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:4).

How much is expressing thankfulness to God a part of your daily life? I know I have lots of room for improvement. In our current "challenge" to spend at least 10 minutes a day (5 minutes in prayer and 5 minutes in the Word) 5 days a week, let's make the giving of thanks a part of that time. Look for thankfulness in Scripture and give God thanks for many different things as you pray. We can teach our children to always be thankful. We can learn to let thankfulness be a regular part of our conversation, both at home and in the public. Wouldn't it be a powerful testimony for our Lord to be known as the people who are always thankful!

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (*1 Thess. 5:18*)

With Thankfulness,


*Pastor Dan*



Welcome  
 November!



# November '19

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 No Men's Breakfast Iglesia Biblica worship practice ~ 5:30 pm, NC
3 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday school ~ 9 am Pipeline ~ 9 am Guatemala 2020 Info. Mtg. ~ 10:15 am, LL Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2-4 pm, NC Guest speaker for Ignite & Fusion - parents welcome! Ignite: 4-6 pm, LL #106 Fusion: 6-8 pm, LL #106	4 Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102	5 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon Primetimers "Give Thanks" potluck ~ 10 am-1 pm, NC/K Guest speaker—missionary Daniel Jezowski Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7-9 pm	6 Awana: Trek /Journey: 5:30 pm, & 3 <sup>1/2</sup> yrs. - 6th grade: 6:15-7:50 pm	7 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Mtg. ~ 6 pm, NC NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102	8	9 MBC facility in use for memorial service ~ 10 am-2 pm S, NC, K Iglesia Biblica worship practice ~ 5:30 pm, NC
10 Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline ~ 9 am Life Group Leader Mtg. - noon, LL #106 Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2-4 pm, NC Ignite: 4-6 pm, LL #106 Fusion: 6-8 pm, LL #106 Next Steps- Step 3 ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102	11 Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106	12 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon Pleasant View Birthday Party ~ 2 pm Care Net Pregnancy Center Banquet at Turner Hall ~ 7-9 pm Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7-9 pm	13 Awana: Trek /Journey: 5:30 pm, & 3 <sup>1/2</sup> yrs. - 6th grade: 6:15-7:50 pm	14 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Mtg ~ 6 pm, NC NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102	15 Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch ~ 11:15 am	16 Christmas Skit Rehearsal ~ 9 am, S Moms with young children gathering ~ 9:30 am-1:30 pm, NC Iglesia Biblica worship practice ~ 5:30 pm, NC
17 Lord's Table Worship Services: The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School & Pipeline ~ 9 am Guatemala 2020 Info. Mtg. - noon, LL Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 2-4 pm, NC Ignite: 4-6 pm Fusion: Service Project? Stay Tuned!	18 Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102	19 Library Hours: 10 am-Noon Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7-9 pm Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Deadline!	20 Awana: Trek /Journey: 5:30 pm, & 3 <sup>1/2</sup> yrs. - 6th grade: 6:15-7:50 pm	21 Iglesia Biblica Prayer Mtg ~ 6 pm, NC NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102	22	23 Christmas Skit Rehearsal ~ 9 am, S Iglesia Biblica worship practice ~ 5:30 pm, NC
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## Happy Birthday!

- 1 Donna O'Connor
- 2 Oliver Brunner
- 3 Chuck Chladil
- 5 Adam Brunner
- 7 Patricia Harder
- Coleen Soddy
- 9 Craig Roth
- 10 Ellis Holverson
- Scott Turkelson
- 13 Kate Haworth
- Kailyn Ringhand
- 14 Lynne Hardy
- 15 Kim Markham

- 16 Celia Keen
- Colleen Ostenson
- 19 Katie Elgin
- Drake Geiwitz
- Declan Geiwitz
- 21 Jesse Beernink
- Mia Kelley
- Connor Nafzger
- 23 Malayna Beernink
- 28 Ezekiel Beernink
- Jenn Chladil
- 30 Keith Geisler
- Carol Larson

## Happy Anniversary

- 6 Randy & Gloria Ringhand
- 7 Jacob & Karen Brunner
- Craig & Tracy Signer
- 10 Mark & Flaimide McNett
- 22 Josh & April Kuenzi
- 26 John & Kristi Hudson



~ We would like to offer our sympathy to these families ~

*Craig & Helen Tuttle family. Helen's mom, Joy Hambrick, passed away on Friday, October 4th.*

*Ann Toay. Ann's brother, Jim Toay, passed away on Sunday, October 13th.*

*Mike & Wendy Westcomb family. Mike's brother, Steve Westcomb, passed away on Wednesday, October 23rd.*

*May God comfort and bless you with His peace.*



### Guest Speaker & Potluck Lunch!

Join us for lunch & guest speaker Daniel Jezowski, missionary to Papua New Guinea, on Tuesday, November 5th from 10 am—1 pm. NC Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy will be provided.

Please bring a dish to compliment our meal.

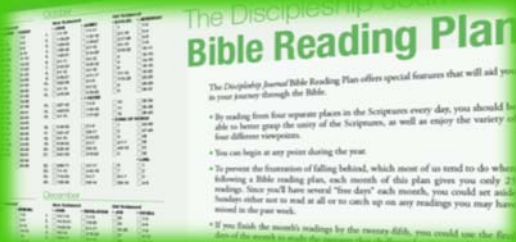
Sign up at the Welcome Center!

### Pizza Hut Birthday Lunch:

Friday, November 15th, at 11:15 am

## New Bible Reading Plans

Now available at the  
Welcome Center.  
Check it out!



Thanks to all who helped make  
the October Blood Drive  
successful!

Thank you for those who had  
a part in our 18 & 8th  
Open House.  
We couldn't have done  
it without you!

## Greeting Ministry

Do you have a friendly smile, a warm handshake, like to meet new people and visit with regular attenders? Then the Greeting Ministry could be for you! We are in need of more greeters of any age for both services. If this is a ministry you would like to be involved with, contact Kathy Markham at [kathyam@hughes.net](mailto:kathyam@hughes.net) or 608-558-5001.



### **November 12 - Pleasant View Birthday Party**

Monroe Bible Church is among 12 churches in the surrounding community that sponsor a birthday party and our month is November. We ask for volunteers to help residents with Bingo, serve food and Bingo prizes, play an instrument, sing, and/or transport residents to/from their rooms. Children are welcome!



A sign-up is at the Welcome Center to provide cupcakes or help at the event at 1:15 pm. A box for Bingo prize donations is located near the Welcome Center. Donations may include: Individually wrapped fun-sized candy bars (nut-free), diabetic candy (nut-free chocolates and hard candy), individual serving sized cookies and chips (ie. Keebler, Pringles, Nabisco, crackers), Life Savers, Kleenex, jewelry (no earrings with posts), perfume, cologne, and word search books. Please make sure all prizes are age appropriate.

### **2020 Guatemala Playground Mission Trip**

It's already time to start planning for next year's short-term mission trip! A team will be going to Guatemala July 18-25, 2020 to install a refurbished playground at a church in Aldea Los Gonzalez, Montana Xalapan, Jalapa, Guatemala under the guidance of the *Kids Around the World* staff.



To be considered for the 2020 team, 5 requirements must be met:

- \*Currently in High School or older
- \*Physically able to participate in the installation
- \*Attend 1 of the informational meetings listed below
- \*Submit a completed application to the church office no later than Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019
- \*Attend #5 Next Steps class "On Mission" which is 2 sessions usually in June

Please plan to attend ONE of the following 20 minute informational meetings:

- Nov. 3, 10:15 am lower level
- Nov. 17, 12:00 pm lower level
- Dec. 8, 12:00 pm lower level

Thank you to all who helped make **Harvest Weekend** special for our missionary guests and all who participated on October 5 and 6th. Steve and Rhonda Schwarze (Far East Broadcasting Co., Manila, Philippines) as well as Brian and Barbara Thompson (United World Mission, Hungary) shared how God is working in their lives and in the areas where they serve. The Missionary Christmas offering taken on Sunday shows our love and support by providing monetary Christmas gifts for our missionaries. Thank you!

**Care Net Pregnancy Center of Green County** will hold their annual fundraising banquet 7-9 pm Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at Turner Hall. Please plan to attend and invite others to be blessed by banquet speaker Keith Ferrin from the "That You May Know Ministries". His passion for God's Word promises to be an inspiration to us all. There is no cost to attend this event, so call 325-5051 to reserve your seat! Perhaps your Life Group would like to make this a special event.

### **Pathways – Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl**

October 9-12, I had the joy of co-leading the last of nine Pathways workshops for the Mudio Extendido denomination in Guatemala with the Pathways Latin America Director, Mike Gunderson. We listened to 21 messages in three days, critiquing and encouraging each one. The group has been mostly pastors and a couple teachers in the churches. This group has taken the training back to their respective districts and taught it to others. Several times Mike said he was very happy with what he was seeing as they gave their sermons. He said that, with possible the exception of a seminary trained group, this was the best ninth workshop group he has seen.

The denomination president, Atilano, said the training is changing the denomination. They were so excited for their graduation ceremony and diplomas. It was quite a ceremony with flags, national anthem, marching in and out, songs, a charge, prayers and a tamale reception.

It was such a delight to watch these brothers and sister open and teach God's Word with accuracy and clarity. I found myself over and over thanking the Lord that He allowed me to be part of such a significant thing in His kingdom. Thank you for loaning me to Pathways and Mudio Extendido for this ministry!



## Life Groups 2019-2020

Life groups have begun!  
The format is focused & the leaders are  
trained - don't miss out!

Sign up online, on our church website  
(monroebiblechurch.org)  
for the group that works best  
with your schedule.

Contact the Office with any questions.

Sundays, 6:30 pm, in Brodhead  
Mondays, 6:30 pm, Monroe area  
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Monroe  
Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, Monroe  
Wednesdays, 1:00 pm, Monroe  
Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Monroe  
Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Monroe area  
Fridays, 6:30 pm, Monroe area  
Fridays, 6:30 pm, Monroe

## NEXT STEPS

### Step 3 – Our Commitments

Sunday, November 10th at 6:30 pm in the  
Lower Level room 102

*In this session we'll address the topics of  
eternal life, spiritual growth, baptism, and  
church membership. Participants will  
receive instructions for how to get baptized  
and how to join the church. We  
recommend that you attend  
"Our Core Beliefs" prior to this session.*

**Sign up at the Welcome Center!**

## Prayer Ministry

Do you pray only about "big" things, or do you pray about "everything"? Do you ask others to pray with and for you?

I recently had to have emergency surgery for a detached retina. God was at work before I even knew I would need to pray. This included the brakes going out on my truck. I took a route to the mechanic that involved driving by the eye doctor's office. I saw his car outside the office, so I knew I had the possibility of getting an appointment to check out my eye. That was a divine appointment. He diagnosed the detached retina and contacted a retina specialist in Madison who did the surgery the next day. Once I knew I had a detaching retina, I asked many to pray and they did. Everything has gone well and God has allowed healing following the surgery.

It's important to pray about everything, not just things considered "big" things. Don't be hesitant to ask other people to pray for you. It's a privilege. The Daily Bread had a good devotional about a group that gathered to pray for lost souls. One day after prayer meeting, they got caught in a thunderstorm. They took cover in a haystack. Their weekly prayer meeting became known as the "Haystack Prayer Meeting".

Make prayer the first avenue you turn to, not the last resort. God wants us to communicate with Him. He cares about each one of us and our various needs. To God be all the glory! Praise Him.

Join us Mondays at 6:30 pm for a great time of prayer.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader

## *Children's Christmas Skit*



Children ages 4 - 12 are  
invited to participate in a  
Skit honoring the birth of  
Jesus on Sunday,  
December 15<sup>th</sup> at each of  
the services. A sign-up sheet is at the  
Welcome Center. Rehearsals are at 9 am on  
November 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Please contact Jacqui Witt with any questions at  
608-558-9992 or jacquiwitt79@gmail.com

## Young Moms Meeting Together

You are joyfully invited to a relaxing morning  
gathering of moms with young children for  
conversation, rest, and encouragement!  
We'll meet at the Monroe Bible Church on  
November 16th from 9:30 am—1:30 pm.  
We'll have light food, many sweets, and  
tasty drinks!

Please note: This is a child free event,  
nursing babies are welcome. Please contact  
Meghann Holverson or Amanda Ohlrich if  
you cannot find childcare.



**GRATITUDE game**

Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

**What you need:**

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

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**Red:** a need God has provided for  
**Orange:** a gift you've received  
**Yellow:** something you've recently learned  
**Green:** something in nature  
**Blue:** a special memory  
**Brown:** someone you love

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**What you do:**

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!

**PUZZLE**

**A feast of praise**

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.

*Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.*

<p>"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philipians 1:3</p> <p>"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47</p> <p>"He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2</p> <p>"My heart rejoices in the LORD." 1 Samuel 2:1</p> <p>"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30</p>	<p><b>Hannah</b></p> <p><b>David</b></p> <p><b>Mary</b></p> <p><b>Paul</b></p> <p><b>Moses</b></p>
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Answers: Philipians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses; 1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David