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Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.



THANKSGIVING

November 22, 2007

Practice an Attitude of Gratitude

*I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord
(Psalm 116:17)*

Let us give thanks with a grateful heart!

HEATHER'S HAPPENINGS



I want to start out this month by saying thank you. I want to thank everyone for their kind cards and gifts for my birthday. On October 1st we had 25 people at Munch Bunch. I had a wonderful evening with all of you and I want for you to know that this was truly one of the best birthdays that I have had in several years. It was wonderful to be surrounded by the people who I care about deeply. I know that I have said this, and several of you have agreed, that the birthday cake was very good. Thank you! I want to also thank you for your cards and gifts for pastor appreciation month. I was touched by the personal messages that were written. Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated!

We are entering into the month that is known for a holiday which I have come to love and appreciate. Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away. Thanksgiving is two-fold for me. There is all the yummy food associated with Thanksgiving and that is certainly one aspect of the holiday. However, each time I see or speak the word *Thanksgiving*, I can't help but pause and thank God for the blessings in my life.

Being thankful is the first part of Thanksgiving. Giving is next. Stop and give thanks to God for the many blessings in your life, but then take it a step further and figure out ways that you can give back to God. This can be done in a variety of ways, but God blessed each of us with spiritual gifts. I pray that each of you have a Happy Thanksgiving.

I don't know about you, but I need a good laugh from time to time. I received an e-mail a few days ago that was filled with humorous things that children have said. Almost every one of them made me laugh. There was one in particular, however, that made me laugh for the rest of the day and every time I think about it I laugh. So I thought I would share it with you and I hope that it makes you laugh as well, or at least makes you smile!

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

Shalom ~ Rev. Heather Robertson

PRAYER CONCERNS

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Riverfront Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (105 15th St. E.):

Mary Grace Baker

Woodland Village (1005 US Hwy 301 Blvd E., #1016):

Ann Brose

Windsor Oak (2614 43rd St. W.):

Bill & Opal Hayes

Manatee Springs (5627 9th Street E.):

Carolyn Sheckler

Freedom Village Nursing Center (6410 21st Ave W.):

Dorothy Squires



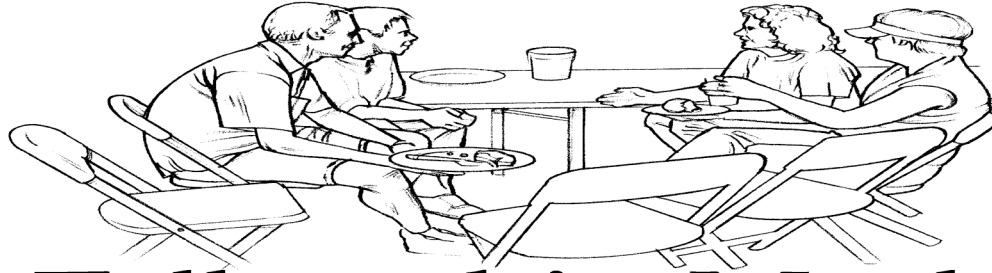
Others with Health Concerns: Ann Brose, Kathy Callega, Faye Coomes, Betsey Dobson (cousin of Gloria Taylor), Betty Donohue, Nellie Dotterer, Cindy Gettinger, Debbie Herkert & family (friend of Mike Jepsen), Francine Hewett (aunt of Diane Taylor), Meaghan Latone (friend of Jennifer Klossner), Margaret McIrvn (great aunt of Heather Robertson), Brenda McKinney, Robert McKinney, Nancy Mooney, Rick Muncy (nephew of Fred & Mary Lou Hetherington), Joel Reeve (son-in-law of Hal & Millie Zug), Clara Rice, Joyce Richardson, Sheila Rodriguez, Marilyn Ruffing, Maggie Shane, Diane Taylor, Wendell & Rean Thomas, Mary Tupper, Ava Whitford (granddaughter of friends of Georgia Hutchens).



Sunday, November 11th following the morning worship service. All members please plan on attending so that we can vote on important issues concerning the church.

Sunday, November 25th ~ We need people to stay after the morning worship service to help decorate for the Advent/Christmas seasons. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, December 2nd ~ Hanging of the Greens. This is a very special worship service that you won't want to miss.



Fellowship Meals

MUNCH BUNCH DELIGHTS

Every Monday at 5:00 p.m. a group of us here at Central gather together at a restaurant picked by the Planning Group to enjoy good food and fellowship. Below you will find the name, address and date of the restaurants chosen for the month of **NOVEMBER**. If you plan on joining us, please contact Betty McKimmy @ 722.5436 so we will have a definite number count to give the restaurant for that particular date.

If you have never joined us, you are invited. Please come!

November 5, 2007 ~ Oyster Bar - 6696 Cortez Rd. W., Bradenton

November 12, 2007 ~ Olive Garden - 4420 14th St. W., Bradenton

November 19, 2007 ~ Millers - 3401 14th St. W., Bradenton

November 26, 2007 ~ Panera Bread - Corner of 14th St. W. & Cortez Rd. W., Bradenton

Should there be any changes with Munch Bunch locations, announcements will be made the Sunday prior to that Monday's date. **Hope to see you there!**

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME!

****CHURCH WORK DAY****

We will be having a Church Work Day on **Saturday, November 17, 2007** beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Those who would like to help are encouraged to sign the sign up sheet located in the back of the Sanctuary.



HOPE HAPPENS:

Each player must **accept** the cards life deals him or her. But once they are in hand, he or she alone must **decide** how to play the cards in order to **win** the game.

Voltaire



BIRTHDAYS

&

ANNIVERSARIES



Upcoming Birthdays

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12-2 Georgia Hutchens
12-6 Tina Harris
12-9 Tracie Dyr
12-18 Diane Easton
12-29 Reba Foreback
12-31 Mary Grace Baker
12-31 Fred Hetherington
12-31 Dennis Keener Sr.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Jenny Dixon

NOVEMBER Birthdays

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11-15 Dillon Jepsen
11-20 Gil Anderson
11-21 June Boltz
11-27 Nellie Dotterer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

NO NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please call the church office so we can update our records. Thank you.



Saturday, November 3rd ~ ANNUAL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, November 3rd from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, we will be having our **ANNUAL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE!** There will be a baked good(s) section, clothing section, and regular yard sale section full of wonderful items! There will be a tent set up outside selling Hot Dogs, soda, water and chips. Be sure to let your neighbors and friends know about this awesome time of finding treasures and fellowshiping with one another!

LET'S MAKE THIS A DAY TO REMEMBER!!!

Sunday, NOVEMBER 4th ~ potluck dinner

POTLUCK DINNER



Sunday, November 4th, we will once again join together and fellowship with one another at our monthly Potluck Dinner following worship. We encourage each of you to come, bring a covered dish, and enjoy a variety of prepared foods with your church family and friends.

FINANCIAL REPORT

September Operating Fund

Bal 8/31/07	\$ -9,883.60
Aug. Income	8,695.99
Aug. Expense	7,825.23
Bal 9/30/07	\$ -9,012.84

Jan-Sep Operating Fund

Bal 1/1/07	\$ -14,254.51
Jan-Sep Income	76,713.47
Jan-Sep Expense	71,471.80
Bal 9/30/07	\$ -9,012.84

Lay Leader Sunday

Sunday, November 25th is designated as Lay Leader Sunday. Jim & Georgia Hutchens will lead us during the sermon time. I think that you will be interested in hearing their personal story. The whole service will be led by you, the church members, that day.

Please come and support your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Nov. 4th Diaconate: Marian McClain, Shirley Schwartz. Alt. June Boltz. **Elders:** Anita Haisch, Laverne Forshey. Alt. Clyde Boltz. **Greeters/Ushers:** Jenny Dixon.
Worship Leader: Jim Hutchens

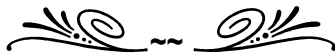
Nov. 11th Diaconate: Leonard & Donna LeVan, Alt. June Boltz. **Elders:** Tom & Barb Abbring, Shelly Brown. Alt. Clyde Boltz. **Greeters/Ushers:** Reba Foreback.
Worship Leader: Sue Fitzgerald

Nov. 18th Diaconate: Tom & Arlie Dowell, Alt. Mary Lou Hetherington. **Elders:** Clyde Boltz, Anita Haisch. Alt. Barb Abbring. **Greeters/Ushers:** Mary Lou Hetherington.
Worship Leader: Laverne Forshey

Nov 25th Diaconate: Betty McKimmy, June Boltz, Alt. Diane Easton. **Elders:** Sue Fitzgerald, Laverne Forshey. Alt. Clyde Boltz. **Greeters/Ushers:** Georgia Hutchens.
Worship Leader: Shelly Brown

DECEMBERS ELDER & DEACON SCHEDULE WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT A LATER DATE

THANK YOU FOR SERVING. If you are unable to serve please call your ALTERNATE. Any further questions please call: June Boltz (Chair of Deacons) 722.0694, Clyde Boltz (Chair of Elders) 722.0694 or Deidre at the church office 748.3130.



FLORIDA SENIORS CRUISE

It's not too late to get in on the third cruise sponsored by the Christian Church's Senior Adults Ministries (SAM).

Leaving from Tampa on January 6th on the Holland American ship Veendam, the cruise goes to Key West, Belize City, Belize, Santo Tomad de Castilla, Guatemala, and Costa Maya, Mexico. Returning to Tampa on January 13th.

Our General Minister and President, Dr. Sharon Watkins will be the key not speaker for daily sessions. Her husband, Dr. Rick Lowery will lead Bible Study.

Details are on the foyer bulletin board in the Narthex. Why not join us for this time of fun and fellowship?