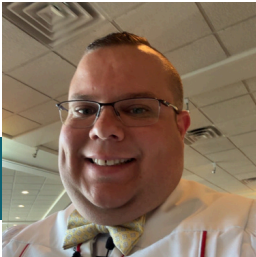


CHUM NEWS

November 2024 Newsletter

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)



A Message from the Pastor...

Pastor Samuel Mohn

So, I was scrolling through Facebook and when I read a post that caught my attention and literally made me stop and think. It said, “What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?”

Wow! I started to recall exactly what I had thanked God for in my prayers yesterday. I know that I asked God to help me, to watch over my family, friends, the people at CHUM and Trinity, I prayed for wisdom, the ability to accomplish as much as possible and to give me strength for the day that was ahead of me. I prayed for those struggling with difficult challenges and raised many specific prayers to God. I prayed for things as mundane as a parking spot and as serious as asking God to watch over a very sick friend. I’m sure that I prayed throughout the day for many people and probably exclaimed “Oh my God” a few times, but what did I actually thank God for yesterday?

If it were true that I would only wake up to what I gave thanks to God for yesterday, would I have woken up to my family, my car, a house, my health, food to eat, a job and the knowledge of Jesus Christ in my life? I don’t know. It sort of scares me to think about it. Quite honestly, I don’t want to think about it for fear of the answer.

There is good news though and we don’t have to live in fear. I may not know, under those conditions what I would have woken up with, however, I do know a few things. I know that we have a good and faithful God, even when we are not so good or faithful. I know that we have a God, who believe it or not, is thankful for each and every one of us. I know that God has richly blessed us with the gift of Jesus Christ who offers amazing grace and the gift of eternal life, even when we forget to say “Thank You.” I know that nothing I have said, or forgotten to say, nothing that I have done or left unfinished will ever keep the love of God from me. I know that there has never been one minute of any of our lives that we have ever been unloved. Oh, we may have felt unloved or unlovable, but God has loved us since the beginning of time

whether we have felt it or not. I know a lot about the gifts that God provides daily, but I also know that those gifts, the people we love, our material possessions, our health, etc., are often taken for granted. I know that there are probably more times than not that we may forget to say “Thank You” to God.

During this time of year, saying “Thank You” to God and to each other seems to be something we do more frequently and intentionally. Thanksgiving will be here before you know it and the season of gift giving and receiving is in the near future. But perhaps we should be more intentional about asking ourselves the question every day; “What if I woke up today and only had what I thanked God for yesterday?”

It might actually change the way we pray. It might change our hearts to grow in a spirit of gratitude. It might make us look at the world around us and never take any of it for granted again. It might just make us grow closer to God in the process. I know my prayers in this moment and moving forward, will be a prayer of giving thanks to God.

I challenge you to stop right now, look around you.... what can you thank God for in this very moment?

As I reflect on the last few months of being in CHUM and Trinity, I am so humbled and thankful to God for all that I am and all that I have. There are no fears of what I will wake up with tomorrow.

Have a beautiful and blessed Thanksgiving. Enjoy every moment with family and friends.

Give Thanks!
Peace, Pastor Sam

The Sun Bakes

By Karen Morris

As we all live and breathe, we also experience various trials at times. Sometimes it is difficult to understand why God is allowing a particular problem in our life right now. But be of good cheer, God allows these life distractions to detour us to continue on our walk to follow Him in order to please Him and live out His will and plan for our life. Our life is not our own, we have been bought with a price. The precious blood of Jesus was sacrificed so that we can live our life according to God’s plan. Of course, we are all human and sometimes wander off the beaten path. We go our own way, forge our own course. But it won’t be long before we are praying to God for direction to get to the place where we should be heading.

Take the sun for example. The sun can melt and the sun can bake. Butter melts; precious metals can melt. They can become liquid in the sun so that they flow in such a way that they are very useful for blending with other ingredients. Pottery or clay bakes or hardens in the sun. Pottery and clay can be used to become vessels that hold beautiful items such as flowers or jewels. We need to become whatever our Master creates us to be. We should be like clay in His hands. We just need to be willing and humble to trust Him and His good work. He will create a masterpiece from your life if you are willing to follow Him with all of your heart and allow him to lead.

It is hard to not want to get our own way – sometimes we are selfish. But God’s ways are not our ways. And remember, Father knows best.

November Birthdays

11/1 Andrew Moyers

11/7 Kimberly

Gallagher,

Natasha Keiran

11/8 Jan Gorsuch

11/16 Clara Jones

11/18 William C. Welsh

11/19 Carolyn Kopp

Brian Oslavic

11/20 Stephanie

Dougherty, Marjorie

Funk

11/23 Susan Kifer,

Alexander Smith

11/27 Leonard Draghi

11/30 Margaret

Bennett



From the Family of June Myer...

The family of June Myer would like to thank the many members of the congregation who sent cards, visited, and offered their words of support and love to our mother during her time of illness.

Your acts of kindness were a comfort to her and us, her daughters.

We also greatly appreciate the outpouring of love and concern you have shown us since her passing. We have truly felt your prayers and heartfelt support. It has meant so much to us.

Jennifer Peck, Jill Steffy, and Jane Page

Blott Kids Holiday Project

Our church coordinates this Christmas gift program for children in PreK to 4th grades from Liberty Schools. The staff from the schools identify children needing help for this giving program and we recruit help from the church and the entire Liberty Community. **Signup sheets are available in the church lobby. If you enjoy shopping for gifts for children, we need your help.**

Our church family provides most of the outfits of clothing. Tags on the giving trees will be out around the first week of November. Trees are at our church, the local Library and Denny's as well as the JCC and Temple El Emeth.

Volunteers will wrap the toys, games and books on Thursday, December 12 from 9am until about Noon. **Please contact Sharon Wathen if you need more information: 330-759-2314**

Betty's Angels Needs for November

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Tissues
- Window Cleaner
- Comet
- Bounce Dryer sheets
- Tampax
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Laundry detergent

Free Rocking Chair

"Free to anyone – a medium-sized wooden colonial rocking chair. Would need to be picked up from my house. Please call/text Karen Morris at (330) 398-3364. Thank you."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10-Noon Liberty Community Food Pantry	2 6:00 Central Valley Charge Conference @Trinity
3 <i>All Saints</i> 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 CHUM Worship 11:15 Trinity Worship	4 8am Parlor Carpet Stretching	5 Election Day 	6 4:45- 7:00 KINGS KIDS 7:30 Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	7 10am Bible Study 6pm Grief Share	8 2pm Free Veterans Day Concert Sanctuary	9 <u>Soup Drop Off</u> <u>Noon-2pm</u> <u>Soup Sale</u> <u>3-4pm</u> <u>\$5.00 quarts</u>
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24 <i>Christ The King Sunday</i> 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 CHUM Worship 11:15 Trinity Worship	25 Advent Study 6:30 Trinity	26 Noon Advent Study CHUM 6:00 Advent Study CHUM	27 7:30 Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	28 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	30

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Prayer Requests

Lee Elmo, Dora Baker, Ron Baker, Elaine (friend of Gay M.), Nancy Smith, Becky Paul, Helen Hess, David Moyers, Eileen Hawkins, Jeff Hawkins, Darlene Capitola, Andre Williams and Dianne, his mother, Jimmy Quinlan, Joette Sondheimer (Viv Seifert's sister), Les Thomas, Jane Doughton, Kevin Vara, Lori Vara, Ron Miller (Ken Miller's cousin), Alma Knupp, DeeAnn (Carla Jenkins' sister), Samuel M, Margie H and family, Sandy (Terri West's sister), Ken Hunter, Frank Zedek, and the students, teachers, military members and their families, John Baksa and Viv Seifert

Contact Linda Toepfer at 330-718-2361 for the current prayer list and to request prayers.

