

The Pastor's Notes

Greetings and grace to you in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. November has arrived with falling leaves and temperatures. The changing of the seasons testify unto the unchanging faithfulness of our Heavenly Father. The Lord has promised in Genesis 8:22, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." God is good, all the time!

November brings several special services. Doug and Joli Cullen, Choose Life Ministries, will be with us November 1st during the morning worship. A special Children's Church will gather in the Youth Area @ 10:30am for Joli to present a Biblical account of creation. Doug will be preaching during the morning worship, where a love offering will be received for their ministry. Our Christian Life Convention is Nov. 15-18 with Bro. Lamar Lyon preaching. Sunday services will be conducted at our regular times and Monday through Wednesday services will be @ 7pm nightly. November 24 is the date for our annual Thanksgiving & Praise Service, as we meet on Tuesday night @ 6:30pm.

***"For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."* (Philp. 1:8-11)** Paul reveals a pastor's heart in v. 8, under the inspiration of God to write. Since the original shutdown in March, my heart has hurt, longed for, and shed tears for "you all." The Lord has been gracious and gently reminded me of His faithful care during this time. The Word of God also tells us that Paul prayed for the Christians at Philippi. Though we may not all be together in a building made with hands, we can meet together at the throne of God's grace! Please be assured of my prayers, and know if you have need, call and I will come running. As we read Paul's petitions for the Philippians, may we pray the same and the Lord answer them in us. May our love be abounding more and more in the knowledge of the Word of God (Prov. 2:6) and making decisions based upon just and moral discernment. May we approve excellent things based on the truth principles found in the Word of God, being sincere and without personal offence, bearing much fruits in righteousness as we abide in Christ unto the praise of our Heavenly Father.

By His grace,
Toney

Music Ministry

It is so hard to believe that the year 2020 is nearly in the history books. Thanksgiving is upon us and before we know it, Christmas will be here once again. As I have said before, Thanksgiving is such a special time of the year for me. So many times, in our hurry and anticipation to begin the Christmas season, we fail to recognize Thanksgiving as we should. This Thanksgiving I would like to share the story of a Thanksgiving song that we probably have all heard. The song was written by James Easter (with the help of his brothers, Russell and Edward). It is entitled, "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me."

James grew up in North Carolina during the depression and his family was very poor. He fell in with wrong crowd and soon began drinking and getting into trouble with the law. He was arrested and sentenced to ten years in prison at the age of 16 for stealing cars. While in prison, he heard his first sermon about Jesus. Rev. C.S. Grogan brought the message that day and although James didn't ask Jesus into his heart then, the words from the sermon stayed with him. James was released for good behavior after serving five years and soon moved to Danville, VA where he married. Their family soon grew to include a young son and he, his wife and son moved into a tiny two room house that James rented for \$10.00 a month. It was in Danville that he found himself wandering into a little church where he gave his heart to God. He was a convicted felon and recovering alcoholic with a wife and child struggling to make ends meet. He had no wealth, only a job that paid little of nothing. He knew that the world would look at him and think that he had nothing, but with God in his life, he now had everything he needed. It was then he realized how very fortunate and "rich" he was just to have the Lord. He began to write down all of the blessings he did have because of Jesus. Later, he put them into song form. Below are the words to this song.

Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me

Verse 1

As the world looks upon me, as I struggle along
They say I have nothing, but they are so wrong.
In my heart I'm rejoicing, how I wish they could see;
Thank You, Lord, for your blessings on me.

Chorus

There's a roof up above me; I've a good place to sleep
There's food on my table and shoes on my feet.
You gave me your love Lord and a fine family
Thank You, Lord, for Your blessings on me.

Verse 2

Now I know I'm not wealthy and these clothes they're not new.
I don't have much money, but Lord I have You.
And to me that's all that matters, though the world cannot see,
Thank You Lord, for Your blessings on me.

Chorus

There's a roof up above me; I've a good place to sleep
There's food on my table and shoes on my feet.
You gave me your love Lord and a fine family
Thank You, Lord, for Your blessings on me.

David

ERBC Kids

Hi, Friend!

What a month October was for us! We had our very first ERBC Kids Fall Fest where we learned all about the Light of the World and how Jesus can shine through us! We played some games, had some good food, and just enjoyed one another's company! What a wonderful gift we have been given through Jesus Christ. This month we will be learning all about having an attitude of gratitude! Every day we will have a post on ERBC Kids Facebook page about something to be grateful for, and I want you to join me! Let's work together and make the longest list of things we are grateful for! I'll start!

Today, I am thankful for YOU! You, my friend, are a special blessing from the Lord. You make people smile, and your joy is contagious.

Church family, I can say that about each and every one of you. You all shine with the light of Jesus and I am so grateful for you. Thank you, church for your love and encouragement. Thank you for your willingness to serve and for your dedication to the Lord.

You are loved, my friend.

Ms. Abby



Learn, Love, Live!

November 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4 Sandy Younger Roger Heard	5	6	7 Mason Burns
8 Kassi McMullin	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Vickie Hill	18 Lawson Johnson	19 Kayln Jones Billy Ferguson	20 Michele Burns	21
22	23	24	25 Beulah Lee	26	27	28 Helen Smith
29	30 Dian Ray					

Sunday School - 9:30am
 Sunday Worship—10:30am
 Sunday Evening—5:30pm
 Wednesday Worship—7:00pm

Youth Ministry

Praise The Lord ERBC! I know that the Thanksgiving holiday is coming, however I pray that we have a thankful heart and mind-set throughout our days with an attitude of gratitude!

I was reading this morning in Isaiah 43 and would like to share a few verses with you below. I also encourage you to re-read this entire chapter again for yourselves. Please allow The Holy Spirit to minister to you as you read and study as it will be of great encouragement to you as we navigate these days.

Isaiah 43: 1-7 & 19 ***But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. ² When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. ³ For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. ⁴ Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. ⁵ Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; ⁶ I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; ⁷ Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.***

19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

May God continue to bless His Church for His service!
 Davy

Up & Coming Youth Events:

November 7th: Youth Testimony & Bonfire Service at the Ferguson's River House. Time TBD
 November 18th Youth 4th & Goal Service. 6:00 PM (Rural Village Park Area)



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