

Word of Hope

MOUNT HOPE
United Methodist Church



Pastor McGill Writes. . .

Recession? Refuse to Participate!

Yes, that's right! Make a decision with God NOT to participate in the recession. When you step off into the deep end with God like that, something happens. He shows up in the middle of everything you do. What you can't do, He does. But you can't move into that place with God until you make a quality decision not to participate in the recession.

By this time you may be thinking, yes but I live in the real world. Yes, we all live in the real world, but instead of focusing on what the devil is doing, pay attention to what Jesus is doing! A good example of this I found in Luke, Chapter Five.

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on Him to listen to the word of God. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So He sat in the boat and taught the crowds from

there.

When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if You say so, I'll let the nets down again." And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm too much of a sinner to be around You." For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him.

The first thing I want you to notice about this passage of scripture is that Jesus asked to borrow Simon Peter's boat. It is important because when Jesus asks something of you, He always has a plan for a miraculous increase for you. Simon agreed to let Jesus use his boat, but his attitude changed when He asked him to let the nets back down into the water. Simon answered by saying,

"Master, we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing."

Notice that the Lord never asked him how long they'd been fishing. He simply told him to let the nets down.

Peter gave in and said, "If You say so, I'll let the nets down again." When you step off into the deep end with God like that, something happens. He shows up in the middle of everything you do. What you can't do, He does!

Simon Peter was looking at lack. That's all he saw. They had worked all night long and didn't have enough fish to cook for breakfast, much less pay their bills. All the while Jesus was planning a miraculous increase for Peter—a boat-sinking load of fish. It was enough provision to pull his business out of recession and debt.

When those fishermen lowered the net, they hauled in so many fish their ship began to sink. They had to call for another boat to help bring in the huge catch. Those disciples were standing in the greatest financial revival they'd ever experienced.

How did Simon Peter respond to it? He fell down

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ *1st: All Saints Sunday*
- ◆ *Thursdays: New Bible study in the Lounge*
- ◆ *8th: Communion, Veterans Sunday*
- ◆ *14th: New Members class*
- ◆ *15th: Baptism*
- ◆ *18th: Sandy Cove trip*
- ◆ *22nd: Harvest Home; Thanksgiving service at Out Lady of Angels*
- ◆ *26th: Thanksgiving*
- ◆ *29th: First Sunday of Advent*



DEATHS

Paul Chambers, Sr., former member

NEW MEMBERS

David Hunt, Annie Lam, Stephen and Roxanne Mason, Doris M. McElwee, Rod and Jaimee Stoker, Katie Tomeo

TRANSFER

LaVerne Dougherty to Bethlehem UMC, Thornton

MARRIAGES

Tamara Cotter and Marvin Steele on October 3

Emily Poole and Michael Garvey, Jr. on October 16

Reaffirmation of vows:

Melissa Christine Titter and Jeffrey Grillet on October 10

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

*Stanley and Ruth Crockett
Emily Poole Garvey*

** Please call the Church office for change of addresses*

Transportation Committee Expands

Our Transportation Committee has some new members. The Committee takes responsibility for the upkeep of our church vans and also drives them on missions and other events: Hal Hutton, Dave Goldhahn, Jack Mitch, Jim Saville, Dave Saville, Ralph Schad, Paul Titter, Drew Kriebel, Karl Babiak and Dave Lee.

All Saints Sunday: November 1st

The Feast of All Saints is a holy day of the Church honoring all saints, known and unknown. This is much like the American holidays, Veterans Day and Presidents Day, where many people are honored on one day. The eve of All Saints is known as All Hallows Eve or Halloween. All Saints Day is November 1 and this year it actually falls on Sunday.

A New Cornucopia

of food and abundance dating back to the 5th century BC. It is also referred to as a horn of plenty. It is typically a hollow, horn-shaped wicker basket filled with various kinds of festive fruit and vegeta-

We will be recognizing members of our congregation who have passed in the past year in a powerpoint presentation. We will also ask the con-

gregation if there are any other names of loved ones who have passed. Each family present in worship will be presented a rose in remembrance of their "Saints" passing into glory.

cornucopia has come to be associated with Thanksgiving and the harvest. Ours won't be made of wicker, but on November 8, we will be placing a cornucopia on the communion table to remain there until Thanksgiving. This

boxed items during the month of November for Thanksgiving, we would like you to place it up front, in and around the cornucopia. I think everyone will be surprised at how much food we actually collect.

Thursday Bible Study

ber 29th at 1pm in the lounge, Pastor Phil will be holding a midweek Bible study. Please plan to attend this time of encour-

we look into God's word for our lives. Our study will be taken from the book, "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. This challenging

at times rebel against God and how His grace brings us back to Him.

Sandy Cove Seasoned Citizens Day

Citizens Day – Wednesday November 18th Mount Hope seniors will be attending an inspiring seminar at Sandy Cove Christian Conference Center. The speaker for the morning session will be Bill

America's Keswick. Musical artist Robert Hayes will be present "Piano Mania" which will amuse as well as stir the soul. The morning's program will be followed by a luncheon. Mount Hope's van will be available if you do not wish to

at 8am that morning in order to arrive for coffee prior to the program beginning at 9:45. The cost for the day is \$16 with advanced registration. To register please call Miriam Butt at (610) 358-0859.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a great way to bring joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children around the world, who are in need of hope. Small items such as school supplies, toys, hygiene items,

shoe box or a small plastic container and brought in to Mount Hope Church. In the rear of the Sanctuary you'll find an envelope with instructions; also use it for your cash contribution to pay for

needed is included. Now's a great time to shop as back-to-school supplies are on sale at local stores. Your deadline to drop off full boxes is November 16-23.



Thanksgiving Community Service

The community will come together in worship in giving thanks to God on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held at Our Lady of Angels. Our gifts will go to Anna's Place in Chester. Anna's Place is managed by the Sisters of St. Francis. For more information about Anna's Place, see the leaflet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Special music will be provided by the churches in the community of which Mount Hope's Sanctuary Choir, Bells and 930 Worship Team will be the highlight!

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

November 1st: All Saints Sunday. We will pause to remember those in the Church Family who have gone home to be with the Lord.

November 8th: Communion Sunday. We will recognize all of our veterans with a gift of the book, "*In God We Still Trust*," by Dr. Richard G. Lee. This will be a Sunday to remember as we gather with our veterans in standing firm for our nation's present and future by proclaiming courageously and boldly. **IN GOD WE STILL TRUST!**



Getting Ready for December...

Christmas Cantata

This year's Christmas Cantata is "Shine On Us". It will be presented on Sunday, December 20 at the 8:15 and 11 am services. If you would like to help us out, please see a choir member, Sharon Kope, or just arrive in the choir room on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Rehearsals have started. We need you!!!! See you there!

Living Nativity

This year our Living Nativity will be on Sunday December 13th at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend this special presentation as our young people help to bring the story of Christmas to life.

Holiday Get Together

Are you a college student or a career young person? A special holiday gathering is

planned for Saturday evening December 19th at 7pm. This is an informal time to catch up on what is happening with your colleagues as well as make new friends during your Christmas break.

Details of the evening's events will follow. Please see Pastor Phil or Cindy Babiak, Youth Director, for more information.

Confirmation 2010

The Confirmation class of 2010 will have its first parents' meeting on Sunday January 24th at 9:30am. All

young people ages 13 and up are encouraged to join the class as part of their spiritual journey. Classes will begin Saturday January 30th with

graduation on Sunday March 21st. If interested, please contact Pastor Phil for more details.

Mount Hope's Got Talent

Sunday February 7th at 6:30pm, Mount Hope will be hosting an evening of music and talent for the whole family.

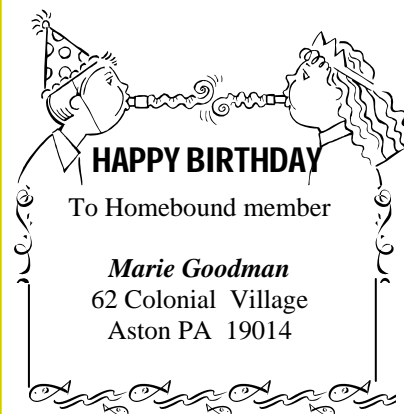
The evening is open for people of all ages who wish to share with others of the talents and gifts the

Lord has given. Just think that this could be a time for parents/grandparents to encourage their children/ grandchildren to use those piano, dance and music lessons for God's glory.

In addition perhaps there is someone out there no matter

the age who would like the opportunity to minister but has never had occasion to do so.

If you are interested in being part of this special evening please see Pastor Phil.





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Concert ~ Jesus: Our Bridge Over Troubled Water

Featuring the musical talents of Mount Hope members and friends who love to praise the Lord in song.
When: Sunday, November 1st.

Where: The Sanctuary
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm with the 930 Praise Band beginning at 6:50 pm.
A free-will offering will be taken to go to the Go

Forth Missions fund which benefits those who serve the Lord at home and abroad in missions work.

Tidbits from Trustees

The Trustees continue to monitor the maintenance of the church and it's properties. The sanctuary has a few areas that need atten-

tion which will be addressed. The grounds continue to be maintained as well as the parsonages. They will continue to moni-

tor any changes in the development of the adjoining property.

The Trustees

Children's Center News

Our November Bible verse: "Always give thanks." Psalms 136.1
"Thank you" are words often spoken here at our Children's Center. We are thankful for many things, but the opportunity to work with wonderful women, teaching God's love for all is the greatest gift. The children learn to appreciate all of God's blessings, and of course the Pilgrims and the

first Thanksgiving. Our fruit of the Spirit this month is "Peace", and chapel will be on November 30th and December 1st at 9:30 a.m.
We have started Operation Christmas Child, and our annual food drive starts November 2nd and ends on November 20th. Parents participate with their children to teach the importance of helping others and sharing.

Please feel free to join our Mother's Prayer Group that meets on Wednesday morning at approximately 9:15.
As always, I extend an invitation to see our fantastic pre-school. Have a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving form all of us at the Children's Center.
Kris Leary
Director

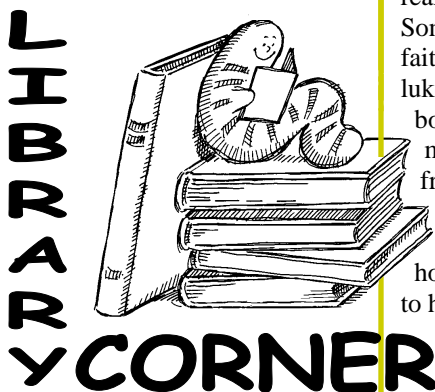


What's New In the Library

Christianish, by Mark Steele, asks the question: What if we're not really following Jesus at all? Somewhere between cold faith and hot pursuit lies lukewarm spirituality. This book tells the story of one man's journey to move from the in-between to a life centered on Christ.
Romance woes at home send Ariana Forsythe to her wealthy Aunt Bentley's townhouse in fashionable 1813 London, in Lenore Rose Burkard's

Before the Season Ends. Ariana is thrust into high society, finds intrigue and scandal, and has to clear her name to protect her future.
Following a series of murders in Virginia Beach, newspaper reporter Catherine O'Rourke experiences disturbing dreams that detail each crime in *By Reason of Insanity*, by Randy Singer. To aid the investigation, she shares her dreams with a detective working the case. But her plan backfires when she's arrested as the main suspect.

Menu For Romance, by Kaye Dacus, tells of event planner Meredith Guidry, who, after eight years of unrequited love, decides it's time to move on and try to find someone who will love her in return. Chef Major O'Hara has sworn off relationships, knowing he could never saddle the woman he loves with a family situation like his. When he's faced with losing Meredith he has serious decisions to make.
Lynn Ward, Library Coordinator





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before Jesus ashamed, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m too much of a sinner to be around you.” What was he repenting about? Not seeing the goodness of God to meet his every need in abundant supply. The Bible says, “For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him” (verse 9).

The point is that one moment he had nothing, and the next moment he was overwhelmed in a miraculous catch of fish—the family gets fed and the bills get paid and he has money to spare. Lack was

a thing of the past. What made the difference? The same things that will make the difference in your life: he obeyed what Jesus said and he acted on Jesus’ words.

If you will obey and act on what Jesus is still saying, you will tap into His faithfulness to supply all your needs. Think about it; Peter had made up his mind to go home with nothing. How many times have you gone to church and made up your mind in advance that you would go home with nothing? It happens in churches around the world every week simply because people hear the Word but it doesn’t seem real to them...so

they do not act upon it.

NOVEMBER IS TITHING MONTH. God is asking you to give 10¢ out of every dollar you make. That would be a tithe. He gives you a dollar. You return to Him 10¢. You get to choose to participate in recession and live in lack, or to live in the bounty of God’s blessings.

I’m not denying that there are those who are reading this and standing in a boatload of trouble right now. I just want you to know one thing ... JESUS IS IN THE BOAT!

Pastor McGill

A Guest at the Table

For, after all, put it as we may to ourselves, we are all of us from birth to death guests at a table which we did not spread. The sun, the earth, love, friends, our very breath are parts of the banquet. Shall we think of the day as a chance to come nearer to our Host, and to find out something of him who has fed us so long?
~ Rebecca H. Davis

The Lord’s Prayer Reveals God’s Will

...We are out to destroy the works of the devil...

In what is known as the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus said clearly and concisely:

“Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.” (Matthew 6:9-10).

The will of God is simply this: “On earth as it is in Heaven.” Isn’t it refreshing? When we pray, “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,” we’re praying for the King’s dominion and will to be realized right here, right now. That is a life-transforming, paradigm-shattering way to “do” normal Christianity. What is free to operate in Heaven – joy, peace, wisdom, health, wholeness, and all the other

good promises we read about in the Bible – should be free to operate here on this planet, in your home, your church, your business, and your school. What is not free to operate there – sickness, disease, spiritual bondage, and sin – should not be free to operate here, period. We are out to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). It’s an awesome way to live!

When we make this our primary understanding of God’s will, the other areas that trouble us so much will seem to sort themselves out (Matt. 6:33).

When we make this our mission, lives are set free, bodies are restored, darkness lifts from people’s minds, the rule of the enemy is pushed back in every way imaginable. Businesses grow healthy, relationships flower

again, people re-connect with their calling and purpose in life, churches grow, and cities feel the effects of having the kingdom flourishing within them. Energy is freed up for Kingdom works in ways I have never seen before. Things happen regularly that are so extraordinary it’s like stepping into the pages of a good novel. But it’s not a made-up lifestyle; it’s the lifestyle for which we were made.

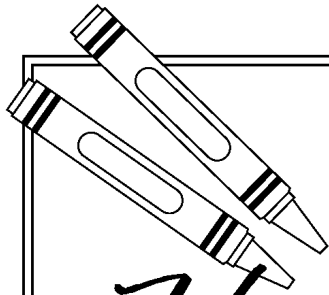
Bill Johnson
Senior Pastor, Bethel Church
Redding CA
Day 137 of
“A Life of Miracles:
A 365-day guide to prayer
and miracles”
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Angel Food Ministries



Don’t forget to order your Angel Food! Log onto their web site or stop by the church for November’s menu and to order your meals.

See the calendar on page 7 for the order dates.



Just for KIDS

He gave thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

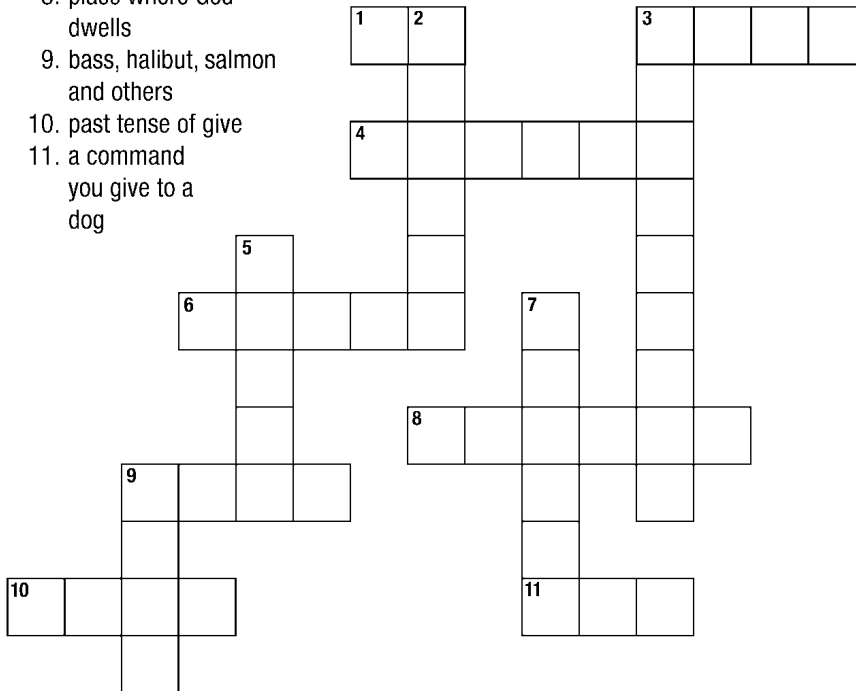
Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

Across

- 1. opposite of down
- 3. opposite of up
- 4. more than one loaf
- 6. penniless
- 8. place where God dwells
- 9. bass, halibut, salmon and others
- 10. past tense of give
- 11. a command you give to a dog

Down

- 2. another name for humans
- 3. twelve of Jesus' closest friends
- 5. what a lawnmower cuts
- 7. _____ giving
- 9. odd number after 4



Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. leaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit
Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

Attitude of GRATITUDE

The Thanksgiving holiday reminds us that we should always be grateful for the many blessings God provides. Keep a special gratitude journal, and write in it often to keep an attitude of gratitude.



What you need:

- Paper (8 1/2" x 11" sheets, plain or lined)
- Stapler
- Stickers
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. Fold several sheets of paper in half.
2. Staple the pages together on the folded crease.
3. Write "Attitude of Gratitude" on the cover.
4. Decorate your journal with stickers and drawings.
5. On the inside cover, write "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).
6. Use your journal daily as a reminder of your blessings and as a guide for when you say prayers.



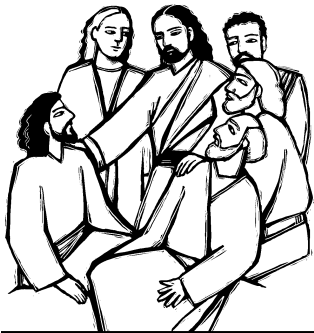
November 2009 Calendar of Events

This Update Printed: Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><i>All Saints Sunday</i> Daylight Savings--set back 1 hour Blood Pressure Screening (HH) 9:00 AM Angel Food orders (HH) 9:15 AM - 10:45 a.m. Library open 10:30 AM Angel Food orders (HH) 5:30 PM Hope Youth Bells (104) 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6) 7:00 PM "Bridge" Concert (S)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:15 AM - 10:45 a.m. Library open 5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH) 7:15 PM Ark BS (Owsley) 7:30 PM Selah Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Election Day 9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (6) 7:00 PM Baptism Sem (L)</p> <p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">MHCC Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 1:00 PM Angel Food order (HH) 1:30 PM Education (L) 5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Trustees (L) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 PM Bible Study (L) 4:00 PM Blong/Hibberd Wedding Reh (S) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>3:30 PM Blong/Hibberd Wedding (S)</p>
<p>8</p> <p><i>Communion</i> <i>Veterans Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Angel Food orders (HH) 9:15 AM - 10:45 a.m. Library open 10:30 AM Angel Food orders (HH) 4:00 PM WOH Dinner (Ofc) 5:30 PM Hope Youth Bells (104) 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM Angel Food Order (HH) 7:00 PM Men's Fellowship (L)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Ad Bd (HH) 7:30 PM Fuzzie Slippers Girls Bbl Sdy (6)</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Veterans Day</i> 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:00 AM Busy Beavers (Kit) 1:00 PM Bible Study (L) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM New Member Class (HH) 9:30 AM Angel Food pickup (HH)</p>
<p>15</p> <p><i>Baptism</i> 9:15 AM - 10:45 a.m. Library open 5:30 PM Hope Youth Bells (104) 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30 PM Selah Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (6)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 AM Seasoned Citizens (Sandy Cove) 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 AM WOH Mailing (HH) 1:00 PM Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 PM HIS Ministry (HH)</p>
<p>22</p> <p><i>Christ the King Sunday</i> <i>Harvest Home</i> <i>Volunteer Appreciation</i> 9:15 AM - 10:45 a.m. Library open 5:30 PM Hope Youth Bells (104) 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Serv (Our Lady of Angels)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Fellowship (L) 7:15 PM Ark BS (Owsley)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Worship Com (L) 7:30 PM Fuzzie Slippers Girls Bbl Sdy (6)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 7:00 PM Finance (L) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Thanksgiving</i> Office Closed</p> <p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">MHCC Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 AM HIS Min Rain Date (HH)</p>
<p>29</p> <p><i>Advent 1st Sunday</i> <i>Hanging of the Greens</i> UM Student Day 9:00 AM Angel Food orders (HH) 9:15 AM - 10:45 a.m. Library open 10:30 AM Angel Food orders (HH) 5:30 PM Hope Youth Bells (104) 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH)</p>	<p>Every Sunday: 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages</p> <p>Community Events: Sundays— 6:00 p.m. Cub Den 1 (101) 5:30 p.m. Webelows (103) Tuesdays – 8:30 pm AA (FH)</p> <p>Thursdays – 6:00 pm AA (FH) 2nd & 4th Friday: 7:00 p.m. Wolf Den (FH) 3rd Friday – 6:30 pm Pack 77 meetings (FH)</p>				



A Promise for You



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

John 14:1 NRSV

In John 14:13 we read, “*You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.*” (NLT).

What a striking promise!

When we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior and become a part of the family of God, the right and privilege to use the NAME of Jesus is given to us. All authority vested in the Name is given to us so that God the Father may be glorified in the Son.

The Son, Jesus, was an outcast on earth. He hung naked before the world and was crucified. But wherever

the shame of the crucifixion has been preached the might, power and honor of Jesus’ Name also has gone—shedding blessings upon the human race and bringing glory to God the Father.

Jesus’ Name is to take Jesus’ place upon the earth. All Jesus could do during His life on earth can now be done by every believer. Jesus is that NAME. Did you get it? JESUS IS THAT NAME! All Jesus was—all He did—all He is—all He will ever be—is in the Name now!

We have been given power of attorney to use His

Name. When we use Jesus’ Name, we bring onto the scene the fullness of His finished work at Calvary. By our use of that Name, the living, forgiving, healing Christ is present—to bring glory to God the Father!

I have come to the realization that all of us need to meditate on the name of Jesus to more fully understand the power of His presence when we use His Name!

Pastor McGill



THE MOUNT HOPE YF SCOOP

November, 2009

Jr/Sr High Leaders:

Karl Babiak
Elaine Faulkner
Rob Lofthouse
Jim Powell
Lauren Plummer
Dan Vickers

KFC Leaders:

Chris Bergeman
Bill Faulkner
Donna Lofthouse
Dave Saville

Leader Assistants:

Joe Babiak
Katie Tomeo

Fuzzie/Muddy Leaders:

Lynne Bigas
Linda Schmitt
Karl Babiak
Dan Vickers

Technical/Soundboard:

Michele Thomas

Youth Director:

Cindy Babiak

Youth!!

As November begins, it's time for us to start planning for Thanksgiving. Even as we are heaping the turkey on our plates and enjoying this wonderful holiday, it's easy to remember that things don't always go as we plan them. Sometimes our lives are going great, and sometimes we are stressed, confused, and just feeling down.

This makes me think of a verse in the Bible that is so fitting for this season:

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

Most of us give thanks now and then - especially when things are going well. But can you imagine being thankful in every circumstance? Think about it - the ability to have gratitude on the inside no matter what is going on with your outside circumstances. That is what Paul says is 'God's will' for your life.

You might be thinking, "Yeah, Paul...that's easy for you to say!"

Go get your Bible and turn to 2 Corinthians 1:24-26. You'll get a picture of exactly what circumstances Paul endured. His life was about as difficult as you could imagine, yet Paul knew that he had something that couldn't be taken away from him....eternal life through Jesus Christ and a relationship with the God who loves him and made him. That's what made him want to give thanks always.

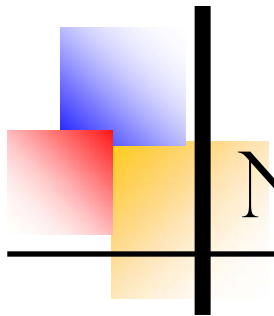
If you are a follower of Christ, you have that too! And no one can take that away, no matter what!

You will be having time off from school this month....My challenge to you is this:

Get a pen and paper and make a list of all the good things God has given you and all the good things He has done in your life. I promise, once you start thinking of all the things you can be thankful for, the list will grow and grow! God will continue to show you the blessings He has given you, and how He is taking care of you always.

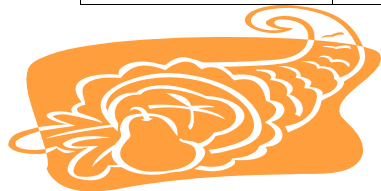
I guarantee, the bad stuff will pale in comparison!

Be Blessed—and Be a Blessing!



NOVEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Youth Fellowship 6:30-8:00	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CROWDER CONCERT 5:30!!!	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Youth Fellowship 6:30-8:00	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Chrysalis Team Meeting 9am
Youth Fellowship 6:30-8:00	22	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving!!	27	28
Youth Fellowship 6:30-8:00	29	30					



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6