

November 20, 2022

# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

## THANKS-giving

The Old Testament word for “thanks” is used in various ways, ways we would probably not recognize. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia says, “The Old Testament has no independent concept of ‘thanks’ as distinguished from ‘praise’...Moreover, it never has a human being as its object.” Examining this word gets us closer to the heart of what it means to be thankful, and to thank God properly during this Thanksgiving Season. Consider the following two columns of “thanks”:

### How the Bible Uses “THANKS”

“I will praise the Lord” (Gen 29:35)

“if they confess their iniquity...” (Lev 26:40)

“O give thanks to the Lord” (1 Chron 16:8)

### How We Use “THANKS”

You gave something to me, thank you.

You were kind to me, thank you.

You did something for me, thank you.

It is not improper to thank a person for who they are or something they have done. The point I am attempting to make clear is this, thanks to God must be first, foremost, and fill up the majority of our lives. Just consider all of the blessings of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! So, as in the Scriptures, give thanks. Thanks is praise in worship and admiration being expressed to God. Thanks is confession of guilt and sin before God, and I thank God because the consequences of my sins have been paid for. Thanks is a joyful thanksgiving for God’s mercy and deliverance.

Thanks, in the Scriptures, is potentially more than you would have thought it would be. So during this season, give thanks. But give thanks in the deeper, spiritual sense of the word where God is centerpiece of all our thanksgiving.

“Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift.” 2 Corinthians 9:15

“May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.” Colossians 1:11-12

“At that time Jesus declared, ‘I thank you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.’” Matthew 11:25-26

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Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am; Wednesday: 6:30 pm



**FOR THE RECORD**

Sunday AM: 273 / On Line Views: 116  
Sunday School: 217 / On Line Views: 47  
Sunday PM: 193 / On Line Views: 175  
Wednesday: 183 / On Line Views: 99  
Budget: \$13,300  
Contribution: \$ 14,540

**NOVEMBER MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

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**MEN'S CHILI COOK-OFF**

**TONIGHT**, following evening services is our Annual Men's Chili Cook-Off. Men are to cook the chili; Ladies are asked to bring the fixings for the chili, sandwiches, drinks, and desserts.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

On Wednesday Night, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having a Thanksgiving Devotional. **ALL** classes will meet in the auditorium.



**MONTREAT SERVICES**

We will conduct the services at Montreat Apartments, Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. If you can help with this, please see Jake VanDyke.

**UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS**

The Congregation is invited to the Johnson's for a Christmas Open House, 10am to noon on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone is invited to come and go as they are able.

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, following evening services, Cradle Roll-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Party, in the Lighthouse.

Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Heart Moms & Daughters Group will be meeting in the Family Room at 6:30 pm. Everyone needs to bring a Christmas Ornament (\$10.00 and wrapped).

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, following evening services, church-wide Christmas Fellowship, in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods, drinks, and desserts. If you would like to decorate a table, please see Ginger Vanhorn.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Colton & Maggie Clifton on the birth of their son, Collier Maverick, on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Collier weighed 7 lbs, 8 oz and measured 21 inches long. Collier joins his big brother, Creed. Maggie is the daughter of Jeff & Sonya Cox, granddaughter of Larry & Nancy Cox (Jamie), and the sister of Matthew (Emily) Cox.

**52 WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN**

**Week 46**

**Sunday** (Epistles) 1 Peter 4-5

**Monday** (The Law) Deut. 13-15

**Tuesday** (History) Ezra 1-5

**Wed.** (Psalms) Psalm 131-133

**Thursday** (Poetry) Eccl. 7-8

**Friday** (Prophecy) Zech. 1-7

**Saturday** (Gospels) Acts 15-16