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25th Annual HALLELUJAH PARTY

Thursday, October 31st

from 6-8 pm

at the Scotts Community Center

Hosted by the Country Christian Evangelical Free Church

(CCEFC), this year's HALLELUJAH PARTY will once again be held at the Scotts Community Center which is located on 36th Street. This fantastically fun and free party is happening on Thursday, October 31st, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Both children and adults can come dressed as themselves or as their favorite make-believe character.

This Trick or Treat Alternative will feature carnival-type game booths set up all through the Scotts Community Center offering prizes and lots and lots of candy and pop to win. There will also be other activities and snacks to enjoy.

Throughout the evening there will be multiple door prize drawings for many exciting prizes, including a boy's bike and a girl's bike!

The Gospel will be shared interactively in the front room of the community center. Pray that we will be able to share clearly and that God will work in the hearts and lives of children and parents in our community.

Please pray that God will be honored and His Name lifted high in the community during this event!!

Need more info? Contact the church office (269-626-9733) for questions .



Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

9:30 Worship
11:00 Sunday School for all ages
12:15 Bible Study
6:00 Bible Studies
Impact Youth
6:15 Bible Study

Monday:

8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study
6:15 AWANA

Thursday

Bi-weekly Bible Study- G. Wedel

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

"Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God"

November is the time of year we think about Thanksgiving and the end of the harvest season. For some, this marks the un-official start of the Christmas shopping season. Others are reminded that cold weather and snow (ever notice that snow is a four-letter word?) will be falling soon and we will have to shovel.

We learned about the first American Thanksgiving shared by the Pilgrims and the Indians when we were in grade school. For many contemporary Americans the fourth Thursday in November is a day for eating to much, watching football, and planning the attack on Black Friday. Often we neglect the very purpose of the holiday, Giving Thanks.

We may find it convenient to offer a token thanks to God. What does it mean to give thanks to God? The usage of the word in the scripture conveys several ideas. One usage is to confess or proclaim what God has done for us. Another meaning is to profess by making an open and joyful proclamation of God's goodness. Celebrating and giving praise to God for what He is going to do for us is another idea behind the scriptural use of the giving thanks.

Do we express our thanks to God in the manner expressed in these meanings? The idea of being open in our appreciation to God frightens some. Imagine doing good things for someone who never expresses a word of appreciation to you for what you have done. For most of us, we would be bothered by that kind of treatment. Yet, we treat God that way.

When we receive a nice gift from a friend, we are open and joyful in expressing our appreciation for that person. From God, we take even greater gifts for granted, barely mentioning what He has done for us. God has blessed us far greater than any human can with the gifts of life, health, energy, many blessings and most of all eternal life. Still we barely say a word of thanks to God or share our appreciation with others.

Even if we express our gratitude in these ways, we often fail to be thankful for what God will do. Thanking God for what He will do is not only an expression of thanks, but it also gives expresses our faith in God's ability to complete what He has begun. Hebrews 11:1 states "faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (ESV). Numerous times in the book of Psalms, we read, "Give thanks to the Lord, for His steadfast love endures forever". The love of God for us has not yet ended, express thanks to God for His love for us.

This year, make it practice to express thanks to God, not only on Thanksgiving, but daily. Look for what He has done for you. When you look, you might be surprised at what you might find. Express faith by not only thanking God for what He has done for you, but also in what He will do.

Jim Hawkins—editor




November 3-fall back



Bible Quiz

Complete the first of Jesus' "beatitudes" correctly: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ..."

- A. they shall be comforted.
- B. theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. they shall inherit the earth.
- D. they shall see God.



Answer: B (See Matthew 5:3.)

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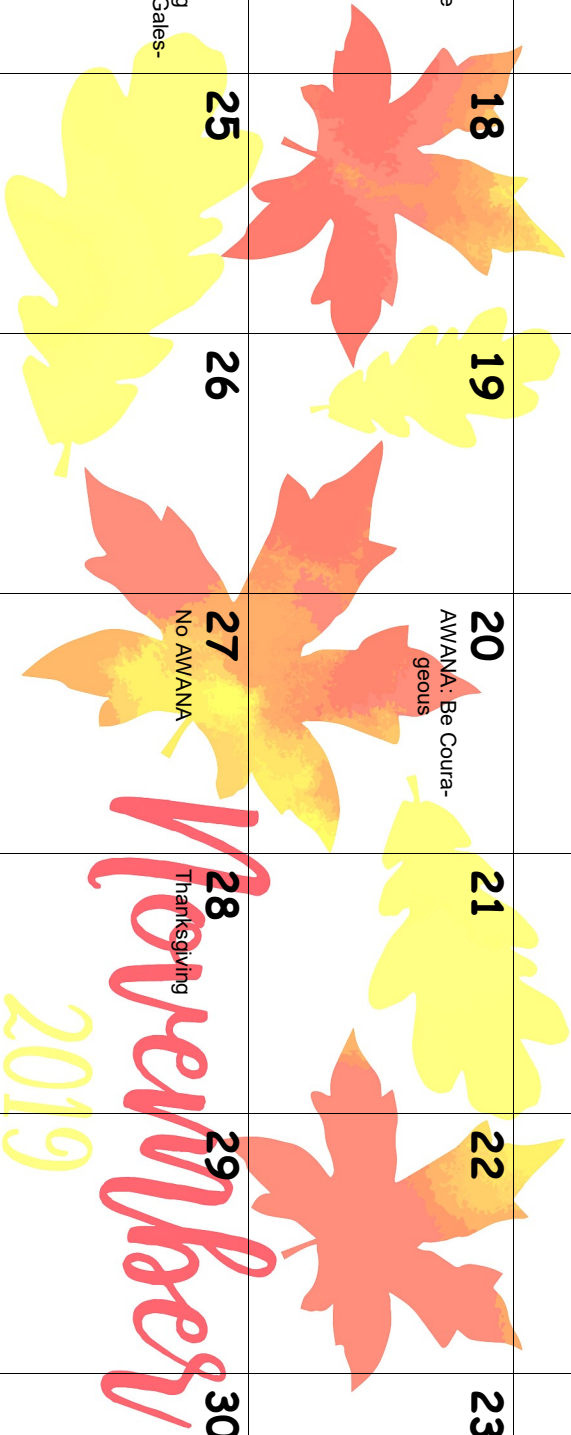
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Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about the Chronicle should be directed to the editor or the board of elders.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Weekly: 9:30 Worship 11:15 Sunday School 6:00 Impact (Youth) 6:00 Bible Study 6:15 Bible Study	Weekly: 8:00 PM College and Career Bible Study	Weekly: 6:00 Cardio Drumming	Weekly: 9:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 AWANA 6:45 Bible Study	Reformation Day Weekly: 6:00 Hallelujah Party Bible Study	1 All Saints Day Weekly: 5:45 Prayer Ministry	2 6:30 Shoe Box Filling
3 DST Ends—Fall Back Communion 12:15 Potluck	4	5 7 PM Elder's Mtg	6 AWANA: Wing and a Prayer	7 7P M Deacon's Mtg	8	9 Noon: TNT/Teens Games and Pizza
10	11 Veteran's Day	12 Annual Mtg	13 AWANA: Gustavo's Birthday Party	14 Christian Ed Mtg.	15 2:15 Release Time Bible Study	16
17 Deadline-Chronicle	18	19	20 AWANA: Be Coura- geous	21	22	23
24 6 PM Thanksgiving Service with Gales- burg Baptist	25	26	27 No AWANA	28 Thanksgiving	29	30



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Weekly Bible Studies**Sundays:**

Pat Clarey's: 6-8 PM in the church
 library – Pat's phone – 321-0132
 or 626-4531 (every other week);
 Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T
 Ave, phone – 626-8019;

Mondays:

Young Adult Bible Study 8PM at the
 Fleck's led by Trenton Steele

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00
 AM

Thursdays:

George and Joyce Wedel – Every
 other Thursday night at their
 house – 11626 East R Ave., call
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Church Directory and On-line TV services:

There is a flyer under the TV mon-
 itor in the back of auditorium



- 1-Caleb Wedel
- 2-Don & Sheryl Peck
- 3-Robyn Schwartz
- 4-Kary & Vicki Christiansen
- 4-Michael Colvin
- 4-Derrick & Dawn Drallette
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- 12-Henry Burnsed
- 12-Jim & Esther Hawkins
- 12-Tyler Sandahl
- 15-Diane Smith
- 16-Kourtney Klimp
- 18-Troy & Amy Vincent
- 21-Will & Adrienne Burnsed
- 27-Heidi Dykstra
- 27-Jayna VanDellen
- 29-Gary Truax
- 30-Jon McKelvey

**Inclement Weather Policy:**

If it is a school day, and Climax-Scotts schools are closed for weather, all church activities for that day are automatically cancelled. For non-school days, check local television stations or with the event organizer. If the weather or roads are questionable, and the event is still held, you are encouraged to use your best judgement before venturing out.



ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting

OUR CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, AT 7 PM. We will hear reports on Ministries and Leadership Boards, and vote on the 2020 Budget and 2020 Ballot slate of Nominations. If you need an absentee ballot, please see Walter Dubbeld or Pat Clarey.

TNT and Teens

TNT (Tried and True) will be hosted by the Youth Group on Saturday, November 9. For more info. see Gary Truax. It will include games and pizza.



Thanksgiving Service

OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE WITH GALESBURG BAPTIST will be here at CCEFC on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, AT 6 PM. Please bring sandwiches, salads, and/or desserts to share. Pastor Don Barnes will be preaching God's Word.



Nursery Help

October 27-Rosemary Goad, Jennifer McKelvey & Ruby McKelvey
November 3-Leann Fritz & Jamie Morrison
10- Ellie Kuiper & Lyndsay Juday
17-Abbey Colvin & Kim Smith
24-Andra Truax & Charlize Gibbs
December 1-Donna Budden & Kourtney Klimp

A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.

Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3	Hannah
"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47	David
"He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2	Mary
"My heart rejoices in the LORD." 1 Samuel 2:1	Paul
"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30	Moses

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses; 1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David



Pat Answers

What Happens at a Great Lakes District Conference?

I recently attended the Great Lakes District Annual Conference October 14 and 15 at the seminary I graduated from, our Evangelical Free Seminary called Trinity Evangelical Divinity School located in Deerfield, IL (about 25 miles north of Chicago). Our church is part of the Great Lakes District of the Evangelical Free Church. This district includes northern Illinois, Chicagoland, Norther Indiana, northwest Ohio, and Michigan. It has about 200 churches and we had just over 250 attenders. Our regional District Superintendent for Michigan is Harvey Pflug who preached at our church on July 21.

Every year in October the District hosts their own annual meeting, usually in the Chicago area. At these conferences there is a theme and guest speakers and workshops, designed to encourage pastors and church leaders. There is a special focus on Pastor's Wives and also Youth Pastors. This year's theme was Resilient Ministry – referring to recovering quickly from difficult or stretching situations.

Our first speaker was a Christian Artist now from California, Makoto Fujimura, who recently completed illustrating the Gospels for Crossway Publishers. He spoke on Emotional and Cultural Intelligence from an artist's perspective. He challenged churches to be patient with artsy people (I thought of my own daughter Tricia!), and then preached on the Greek word "Poiema", which is translated "workmanship" in Ephesians 2:10 – "for we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...." His point was that God is creative and makes us creative for His glory. We are to use our gifts and live our lives as poetry back to God for the wonderful grace of the gospel in Jesus Christ.

I attended a workshop on the Leadership Pipeline which was challenging us to train and equip leaders at all levels for ministry. The goal is to make disciples who make disciples. This is something I need to refocus on and keep at the heart of ministry.

At the evening dinner in the College Guest Dining

Hall our Evangelical Free President Kevin Kompelien from Minneapolis, MN spoke from Acts 1, 2 on Being Bold For Jesus. It was a good challenge and reminder to not be ashamed of the gospel!

Another Main Session was on Marriage and Family and our speakers were Eric and Erikah Rivera from a replanted E.Free Church in Chicago. They spoke from Genesis 2:24 on the Biblical Foundation for Marriage – "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." They spoke on the necessity of LEAVING, CLEAVING AND WEAVING. They particularly challenged pastors to not neglect their own marriages, and be examples of Christ ourselves. It was a good reminder and I used some of their material in my sermon on October 20.

Our last speaker was the new President of Trinity International University, our college and our seminary. He spoke on Spiritual Formation from the Gospel of Luke. His main point was THE NECESSITY OF BEARING GOOD FRUIT FOR JESUS. It was encouraging and challenging. At the business luncheon we heard stories of God at work, and also voted on the 2020 Budget for the District.

One of the best parts for me at these conferences is reconnecting with pastors that I only see once a year at these conferences. I was able to eat most of my meals with pastors from Michigan, including St. Joseph, Midland, and Bay City. I enjoyed the fellowship and laughter too. I also spent time with an E. Free Foundation leader named Lanny Harris that I see almost every year. He loves Jesus and always encourages me. So thank you for sending me to this year's conference. It was good for my soul and life. May we each continue to grow in grace, In Christ,

Pastor Pat

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