

THE KEY TO THANKFULNESS . . .

BY PASTOR DOUG

As we begin November, it's a good time to reflect on all the blessings God has given us. There are days when we take for granted God's goodness. We begin the day with traffic headaches, work is a struggle, and then you come home and it seems like one family problem after another. In the midst of "those days" it is wise to take a break and during your time out think though all the ways God is blessing you.

Thank you Lord for a job that provides for my needs.

Thank you for the beauty of fall. You are a master artist when it comes to Your creation.

Thank you that I am healthy and able to enjoy time with family.

Thank you for your tender mercies, they are new every morning.

Counting blessings will refresh and revive your soul. It will change your attitude and you will be a better person around family and friends.

Psalm 50: 14-15 encourages, "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify me."

And Hebrews 13:15 reminds us "Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name."

Thankful hearts are the fruit of time spent in the presence of the Lord. Let's begin the month of November with a renewed commitment of spending time daily with God and His word. Let's not get caught up in the "crazy" of the holiday season. Instead may we be still and know that He is God. May presence with Him rekindle a spirit within us of THANKFULNESS.

Building & Grounds Update

Thanks to the faithfulness of your giving, a number of projects and emergency updates were completed this summer and fall. Here is a list:

- New air conditioner unit for the worship center (\$8500)
- New drains on the flat roof (\$2500)
- We replaced the fascia boards and gutters on the office (\$350)
- We had a major electrical issue at the office recently and needed a new circuit box(\$1600)

Our goal now is to replenish the church savings so funds are available down the road. If you can help out with an extra gift over and above your normal tithe it will be greatly appreciated.

Worship Schedule

Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 am

Medina Community Church exists to help people begin and grow in their relationship with God. Our relaxed, contemporary style provides an enjoyable atmosphere where you can investigate the claims of Christ, deepen your faith and meet some great friends along the way.

SERIES: HOW NOW SHALL WE LIVE

November 3 — The Fall

November 10 — Redemption

November 17 — Transforming a Culture

November 24 — Gratitude



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Upcoming Events



- **Student Ministries**

Ontrack (Jr. High) and **Student Life**, (Sr. High) meet on Sunday evenings at MCC. Ontrack meets from 5-6:30 pm and Student Life meets from 5-7:00 pm. **Kids Blast** (elementary) meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:00 pm.

- **Young Adult Bible Study**

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm all college age students and 20-something adults are invited to attend MCC's Young Adult Bible Study. Check with Arlen Gerig and see how you can become involved with this dynamic group of young people.

- **Adult Bible Study**

Men's and Women's Bible studies meet at MCC on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.

- **Gingerbread House Decorating**

Join us on Saturday, **November 16** at 11:00 am to decorate gingerbread houses. This event is open to all children pre-k through 5th grade. Please contact Deanna Saba at (330) 321-8629 or Tammy Springer at (330) 241-0839 with any questions. Pre-registration is required. Signup at the information table.

- **Women's Ministry News**

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – December 8, 12:30 pm right after second service. The meal will be provided. Please bring a holiday dessert to share and a wrapped Christmas mug for our gift exchange.

JAIL MINISTRY – For the last three or four years the women's ministry has provided gifts to children of Medina County Jail inmates. We are provided names and ages of the children. If you'd like to donate – we need all kinds of things, little cars, puzzles, books, socks, t-shirts, hats, gloves, coloring books, crayons . . . anything is appreciated. We do gifts for all ages – infants up to teenagers. Gift cards for the teens are appreciated - \$10 to McDonalds or Target, anything like that. Once we have the names we'll get together as a group and wrap and sort and have them ready. Then, on **December 14** we will have a party at MCC and invite the families to come to the church. After that we'll deliver any that couldn't make it.

MEDINA COUNTY JAIL LADIES CHOIR – Attending the Medina County Jail Ladies Choir at the jail is an easy and great way to offer encouragement and support. The tentative date is Saturday, **December 7**. It would be at 9:30 am at the jail and take about 45 minutes. Watch your emails and bulletins for more information on this.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments please contact Kathy Summers at (330) 461-1081 or kathy@beeculture.com.



FALL BACK

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

SUNDAY **NOVEMBER 3**

Operation HOMES

Hospitality of Medina Emergency Shelters

MCC'S NEXT
OPERATION HOMES
ROTATION IS
NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 1.
CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN
BOARD IN THE FOYER FOR
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.