



Welcome Fall!

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A THANKSGIVING DEVOTION

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Sometimes people get nervous about Thanksgiving, especially those who are doing the hosting and cooking. I've never cooked a big meal for anyone, but I've watched my wife Evelyn prepare everything in advance – making the grocery list, setting the table, buying the groceries, preparing the food, cooking the meal, and beautifully presenting it to the whole family. I enjoy her cooking and marvel at how well she plans it in advance. I know she gets anxious about making everything perfect, but in the end, it's always a wonderful meal and a great dinner.

Other folks get anxious about traveling and hope that there are no major delays on the roads or at the airport. They want to be with their folks on time and enjoy the entire holiday. They hope that everyone will be pleasant and the conversations humorous. It will be a special time to remember those who are absent, recalling past events and sharing stories that are cherished and embellished each year.

Some people will be on their own throughout Thanksgiving due to their own choices or because of circumstances. Whatever the reason, they may feel lonely or forgotten, isolated or unloved. In such cases, a kind call, a special card, or a reassuring word will go a long way in helping them to connect with folks around them.

Lastly, there will be those from our nation who are on active duty in other parts of the world, facing intense situations and encountering hostile forces as they seek to defend liberty and preserve hope in other places.

Their thanksgiving at the end of the day may be one of thanking God for having survived a conflict. In the midst of all of our celebrations, we should all take time to remember our military and express a prayer of thanksgiving for all that they do on our behalf and for the cause of freedom throughout the world.

Whatever your circumstances, concerns, or cares, receive God's blessing through today's Bible verse from Paul. To me, it is a promised source of reassurance which helps me in troubled times and enables me to give thanks to God each day, each season, and each year of my life. I hope and pray that it will become the same for you. May God bless you and all of your loved ones this Thanksgiving.

Point to ponder: What am I truly thankful for?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we thank You for Your presence in our lives which strengthens and sustains us each day. You know our present circumstances and current concerns. Help us to place them into Your hands, so that we may feel supported and reassured by Your grace and love. In Your Holy Name, we thankfully pray. Amen.



The Internet is NOT your Church



The COVID-19 shutdowns have created a renewed interest in virtual church services. What was once a temporary solution in the early days of the quarantine has become the preferred method for many. We believe that trend poses a danger to the church and to her members. When COVID first came on the scene, churches closed because we did not know the seriousness of the disease. For seven weeks, Woodville Community Church, like many others, took the necessary precautions to ensure people's safety. We knew going in that it was not good for the church to be separated. We were very grateful that we had the technology to be able to put our services on the internet for the congregation to watch or listen to. We also knew that this could be a double-edged sword going forward.

Many larger churches have been gateways for people all over the world, to watch each Sunday. One such church, pastored by John MacArthur, has an online ministry called Grace to You. John was concerned that though his messages were well listened to all over the world, there was a danger that his ministry could be mistaken for replacing a local church assembly. Notice their church's concerns over this:

“But we also know our limitations. Grace to You is not a local church, nor can we function in its place. We can't offer the face-to-face fellowship you'll find in a church. We can't provide pastoral care, counseling, or visitations. And we can't perform church discipline on those who are straying from the faith. Our ministry is meant to be a supplement to the local church—not a substitute for it. That's why we are alarmed every time we hear someone declare that Grace to You is their local church—with John MacArthur as their downloadable cyber-pastor.”

Most of the people who replace their local church with other outside ministries do so reluctantly. They see it as the last option in a seemingly futile quest for a sound biblical congregation. And their grievance has plenty of merit. For some, they had to vote with their feet when their once-sound church slid into apostasy. Others simply become aware—through the sanctifying work of the Spirit—that they've been taking in a steady stream of heresy and have to remove themselves from its influence. There are some who come to saving faith through a parachurch ministry like Grace to You or other large church options, but struggle to find a local body of believers where the gospel they've believed is clearly proclaimed. But all of this is no excuse for substituting ministries like Grace to You for the local church.

Why We Need a Good Church

Spiritual lone rangers are nothing new. The author of Hebrews warned against that very thing: [Hebrews 10:25](#) forbids “*forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some.*” Even in the earliest days of the church, people had a faltering commitment to the Body of Christ. The writer is telling them that one of the best ways to hold fast to the things of God—the real things of God that are found only in the New Covenant of Jesus Christ—is to be in the fellowship of His people, where they could love and be loved, serve and be served. The local church matters for *assurance*. “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” ([John 13:35](#)). Our ability to love our brethren is demonstrated through interaction with other believers—especially those we find it difficult to love.

The local church also matters for *accountability*. Spiritual solitude often leads to overlooked and unchecked sin. The fellowship of the saints and the practice of church discipline are safeguards to our purity and spiritual growth. Moreover, our fallen propensity to interpret Scripture according to our own preferences is reined in by the oversight of faithful shepherds. A healthy local church, led by a plurality of godly elders, protects us from popish tyranny and sectarian isolation. Most importantly, the local church matters for *spiritual survival*. All Christians are designed to function as members of the larger Body of Christ:

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. ([1 Corinthians 12:12–14](#); cf. [Romans 12:4–6](#)).

Organs and limbs cannot survive disconnected from the body. The same goes for people who sever themselves—and their families—from the Body of Christ. It’s clear all Christians need a solid local church. The real difficult part comes when we try to get back those people who have gotten into the habit of not meeting in their local assembly. As with all disciplines of the Christian faith, we need the reminder and encouragement from godly leaders to return to their churches and continue to trust God through the uncertainties of a changing world.



New Missionaries with Woodville Church

Here is a little history on Mark & Bernandette Bennett in the campus ministry.

I (Mark) joined staff with Cru in 1985. Worked at University of Northern Iowa for 2 years. Moved to St. Cloud MN where I worked at St. Cloud State University for 2 years with Cru.

I met Bernandette there and we married in 1989 and then we went to seminary at the International School of Theology (Cru connected seminary).

1992 - 1993 we were in Lithuania helping pioneer a campus ministry at the University of Vilnius. We got there with our team 3 months after the fall of the Soviet Union. 1993-present we have been at Ferris State University. Part with Cru and then part with Real Life. We started Real Life when Cru had a change of plans about staffing Ferris.

We have a staff team of 7 and 1 volunteer currently with Real Life. I am the director. Our heart is for evangelism and discipleship. Matthew 28:18-20 & 2 Tim 2:2 Our mission statement is to win and grow students who become Christ centered laborers for the harvest who spiritually multiply their lives into the lives of others.

Mark Bennett

Director

Real Life Campus Ministry

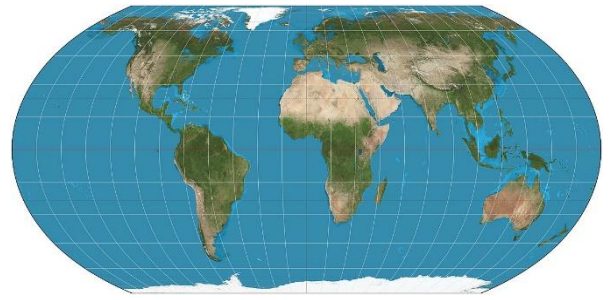
Ferris State University

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Our Website is: <https://reallifefsu.com/>

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is: <https://www.facebook.com/RealLifeFerrisState/>



Our very own Gary Teja is ministering with Multiplication Network Ministries, VP of Global Ministries.

For more info, see

www.multiplicationnetwork.org.

Gary travels all around the world helping churches grow in other countries.

We are so blessed at Woodville Church to be able to help and support these missionaries.

WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

October

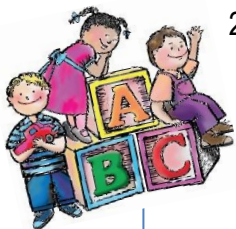
4th Lynda Kolehous & Sue Frens
11th June Frontjes & Kim Schaefer
18th Marilyn Davis & Nancy Eveland
25th Brittany Hurlbert & Polly Byers

November

1st Brittany Hurlbert & Mary Helmus
8th Nancy Rottier & Jenna Minor
15th Barb Knight & Betty Sutton
22nd Polly Byers & Nancy Eveland
29th Jackie Teja & Norita Cooley

Thank you, ladies, for your service in caring for these little ones.

If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled please contact Sue Frens 231-245-4034 as soon as possible.





October 2020

Pastor Appreciation Month



Sunday

WORSHIP
SERVICE
10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:40 a.m.

Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE
STUDY
7:00 a.m.

Wednesday

AWANA
6:00 p.m.
NIGHT SERVICE
6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Ladies Bible
Study
9:00 a.m.

3rd Monday

BOARD MEETING
6:00 p.m.

**October is
Pastor's
Appreciation
Month.
Consider
sending him
a note or
card of
thanks.**

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters for October: <i>Dennis & Mary Helmus</i>				1 Ladies Bible study Praise Team practice	2	3 Elders' Prayer Time
4 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday school (Evolution vs Creation) LIFE CHAIN	5 <i>Ladies Aid</i>	6 Men's Bible Study	7 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	8 Ladies Bible study Praise Team practice	9	10 Elders' Prayer Time
11 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday school	12	13 Men's Bible Study	14 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	15 Ladies Bible study Praise Team practice	16 Right to Life Banquet	17 Men's Breakfast at 2 Hats Ranch
18 WORSHIP SERVICE Communion Sunday school	19 <i>Ladies Aid</i> Board Meeting	20 Men's Bible Study	21 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	22 Ladies Bible study Praise Team practice	23	24
25 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday school	26	27 Men's Bible Study	28 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	29 Ladies Bible study Praise Team practice	30	31 Elders' Prayer Time

October Birthdays

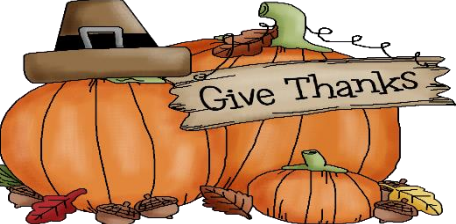
2nd Bryan Bell
6th Brad Kellogg
7th Bob Cook
7th Ethan Cook
9th Sylvia Edwards
13th Jayden Frens

16th Roger Franklin
17th Nina Bell
23rd Pauline Brinks
23rd Teri Hook
26th Rob Doornbos
27th Jason Garrod
29th Stan Bushre

October Anniversaries

9th Bob & Carol Doornbos
10th Dave & Nancy Rottier
13th Scott & Barb Carter
21st Roger & Sue Frens

Items on this calendar are subject to change



November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	2 <i>Ladies Aid</i>	3 Men's Bible Study	4 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	5 Ladies Bible Study Praise Team practice	6	7 Elders' Prayer Time
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22 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	23	24 Men's Bible Study	25	26 Thanksgiving Day 	27	28 Elders' Prayer Time
29 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	30					Greeters for November: Bill & Sylvia Edwards

Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 a.m.

Sunday school
11:45 a.m.

Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
7:00 a.m.

Wednesday

AWANA
6:00 p.m.
NIGHT SERVICE
6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Ladies Bible study
9:00 a.m.

3rd Monday

BOARD MEETING
6:00 p.m.



November Anniversaries

4th Ormand & Teri Hook
18th Gene & Deb Fisher

November Birthdays

2 nd Karen White	21 st Barb Carter
2 nd Clint Cook	25 th Jackie Teja
4 th Al White	25 th Sharen Franklin
6 th Sue Warsen	25 th Pastor Brett Werner
16 th Madelyn Cook	26 th David Meyers
17 th Susan Meyers	29 th Barb Miller



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Right to Life of Michigan

News



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Annually, on the first Sunday in October, LIFE CHAIN invites churches in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for one hour while holding an approved pro-life message such as:

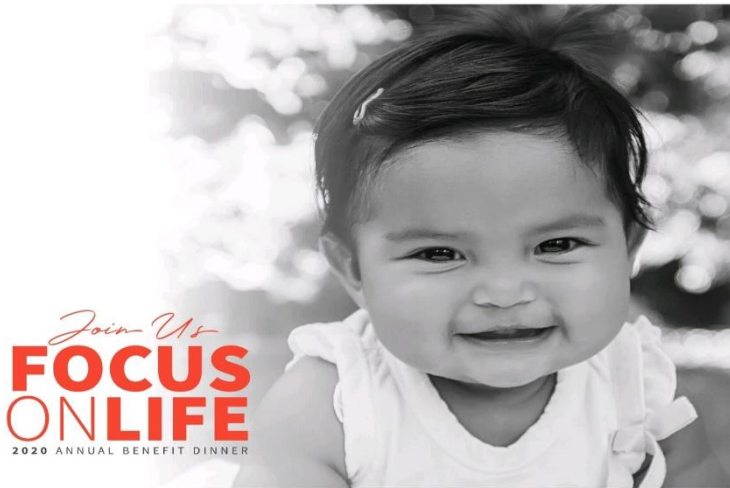
- ADOPTION: THE LOVING OPTION
- LIFE - THE FIRST INALIENABLE RIGHT
- ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN

These easy to hold Life Chain signs are back printed to feature prayer topics, songs of meditation, the Life Chain code of conduct, and a compelling statement on the purpose of Life Chain.

When: Sunday, October 4, 1:30-2:30 pm

Where: Corner of State and Cedar in Big Rapids (across from Burger King)

Why: That we might pray for the end of legal child killing and experience mercy for our nation.



Join Us
**FOCUS
ON LIFE**
2020 ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

FOCUS ON LIFE
Friday, October 16, 2020
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner & program at 6:30 p.m.

VENUE
The Lodge at CranHill Ranch
14444 17 Mile Road
Rodney, MI 49342

RESERVATIONS
\$25 Individual
\$150 Table of 6

QUESTIONS?
For More Information
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Right to Life, Inc.
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Christopher Thoma
special guest speaker

Rev. Christopher I. Thoma serves as pastor of Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Hartland, Michigan. Thoma is deeply involved in issues pertaining to the relationship between Church and the public square.

He regularly participates in briefings with congressional leaders and federal department directors in Washington D.C., not only engaging in order to communicate the concerns of Christians, but to carry back knowledge and resources to his congregation and Christian community. He is married to Jennifer and they have four children—Joshua, Madeline, Harrison, and Evelyn.

Masks will be required until seated.



Please consider attending
the 2020
Right to Life Banquet
Friday, October 16, 2020
6:30 pm

At The Lodge at
Cran Hill Ranch

\$25 Individual
\$150 Table of 6

Food For Thought...

Savory Pumpkin Soup with Spice Shake



INGREDIENTS

Soup

1/4 c. olive oil
1 sweet onion, chopped
1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 tbsp. chili powder
2 tsp. dried oregano
2 (15-ounce) cans pure pumpkin puree
2 qt. vegetable broth
3 tbsp. fresh lime juice
Spice Shake, for serving

Spice Shake

2 tbsp. whole cumin seeds
2 tbsp. whole fennel seeds
2 tbsp. whole coriander seeds
1 c. toasted pepitas
2 tsp. crushed red pepper
1 tsp. kosher salt

YIELDS:8 SERVINGS

TOTAL TIME:1 HOUR 5 MINS

DIRECTIONS

Make the soup: Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion and bell pepper. Season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is soft, 8 to 10 minutes. Add garlic, chili powder, and oregano. Cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

1.Add pumpkin puree and broth. Cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened, 25 to 30 minutes. Working in batches, puree soup in a blender until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in lime juice just before serving. Serve with Spice Shake alongside.

1.Make the Spice Shake: Cook 2 tbsp. each whole cumin seeds, whole fennel seeds, and whole coriander seeds in a small skillet over low heat, stirring, until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes; transfer to a bowl. Add 1 cup toasted pepitas, 2 teaspoons crushed red pepper, and 1 teaspoon kosher salt. *Makes 1 2/3 cups.*

Roasted Butternut Squash with Cider Vinaigrette



INGREDIENTS

2 small butternut squash (about 1 1/2 pounds each), peeled, seeded, and cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
1 medium red onion, cut into wedges
3 tbsp. olive oil, divided
kosher salt
freshly ground black pepper
1 c. apple cider
1 1/2 tbsp. whole-grain mustard
1 tbsp. red wine vinegar
2 tbsp. chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

YIELDS:6 SERVINGS

TOTAL TIME:0 HOURS 40 MINS

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Toss squash and onion with 2 tablespoons oil on two rimmed baking sheets. Season with salt and pepper. Roast, rotating pans once, until golden brown and tender, 20 to 25 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, bring cider to a boil in a small saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to low and gently simmer until liquid has reduced to 3 tablespoons, 12 to 15 minutes.

3. Whisk together mustard, vinegar, reduced cider, and remaining 1 tablespoon oil in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in parsley.

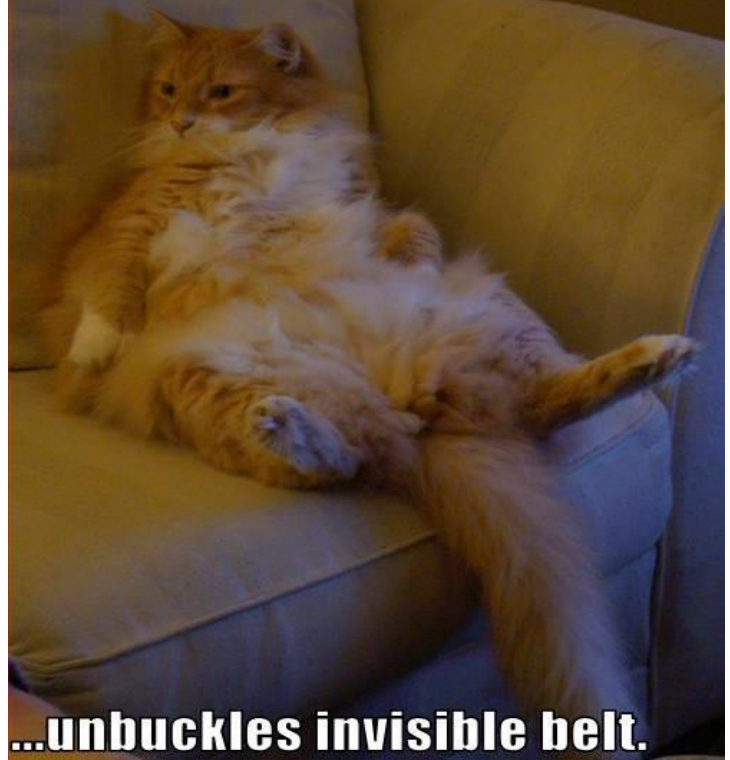
4. Drizzle squash and onion with vinaigrette just before serving.

“...A merry heart doeth good like a medicine...”



Don't
forget to
set your
scales
back ten
pounds
this week

Thanksgiving time kitty...



...unbuckles invisible belt.



**what you look like right after
you wake up from that good
after-church nap, lol**

A TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUIT



Bad Fruit



Good Fruit



False Fruit

Bible Trivia... How many of the Israelite men drank the water with their hands and were sent into battle in the book of Judges?

answer on last page

ACTIVITY PAGE

Thanksgiving Riddle Me This

Be First To Match The Riddle To The Correct Answer.



1. ____ Where do turkeys go to dance?
2. ____ Why was the turkey the drummer in the band?
3. ____ What should you wear to Thanksgiving dinner?
4. ____ What key won't open any door?
5. ____ Why did the turkey cross the road?
6. ____ What do you get when you cross a turkey with a centipede?
7. ____ What do you call it when it rains turkeys?
8. ____ Why did the police arrest the turkey?
9. ____ What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?
10. ____ What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit?
11. ____ Which Thanksgiving food has grandchildren?
12. ____ What happened when the turkey got into a fight?
13. ____ What's a baby turkey called?
14. ____ Rich people eat what on Thanksgiving?
15. ____ When the early settlers got sick, what did they take?
16. ____ What's inside a genie's turkey?
17. ____ The pilgrims' cows came to America on what ship?
18. ____ What sound does a turkey's phone make?
19. ____ What do math teachers do on Thanksgiving?
20. ____ What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

- A. Straw-berries
- B. Count their blessings
- C. 14 karats (carrots)
- D. Wishbones
- E. Pill-grims
- F. A peeping Tom
- G. He got the stuffing knocked out of him
- H. A tur-key
- I. Pumpkin pi
- J. Because he had the drumsticks
- K. A har-vest
- L. Wing! Wing!
- M. The Mooooo-flower
- N. The Butter Ball
- O. The Gran-berry sauce
- P. Plymouth rock
- Q. 100 drumsticks
- R. It was the chicken's day off
- S. They suspected it was foul play
- T. Foul weather



TOTAL CORRECT: _____