

Notes from Pastor Dan...

HOW SHALL WE GIVE THANKS?

We are approaching the Season of Giving Thanks. Our minds and hearts float many memories of childhood days with family surrounding a large dinner table filled with laughter and conversation. As we made our own paths in life, we began developing our own Thanksgiving traditions to fit us, and the new family we created. From time to time, my family would seek out someone or a family who were separated from family and home to be our guest for Thanksgiving dinner, what a blessing this became for our family. About twenty years ago my wife and I found ourselves on mission in Colorado separated from our family on Thanksgiving, the first time to experience such separation. So, not to be filled with such despair, we sought out students from Colorado State University, who were attending our congregation to be our guest for dinner. Only one of the students could respond to our invitation and he was a freshman at CSU from Nigeria and Karo is his name. It has been a joy to know and have him in my life. Karo now lives in Portland, Oregon and is working in computer technology. Karo is considered an adopted son by my family and is always visiting on the phone. I share this experience to say how powerful a simple invitation to Thanksgiving dinner can be when we reach out and share it with a stranger. Let us look for opportunities to share the radical hospitality that is in Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves. Blessings for a wonderful Thanksgiving Season.

Pastor Dan



NOVEMBER Nov 10 Mason Zeigler
BIRTHDAYS Nov 18 Tom Jones
Nov 24 David Bradshaw

Greeters

Erica & Piper Zeigler

Offering Counters

Billy Galloway & Debbie Kelley

Ushers

Adam Kelley & Greg Kelley

Worship Leaders

Nov 5 Whit Breazeale

Nov 12 Geri Martin

Nov 19 Lily Zeigler

Nov 26 Marisa Bardwell

Worship Schedule

November 5 "All Saints Day"

Congregational Reading:

No. 587 "Be Assured"

New Testament Reading: **I John 3: 1-3**

Sermon: "Being A Child of God"

November 12

Congregational Reading:

No. 785 "Life Everlasting"

New Testament Reading:

I Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Sermon: "What Is Heaven Like?"

November 19 "Thanksgiving Sunday"

Congregational Reading:

No. 798 "Honor and Thanksgiving"

Scripture Reading: **Psalms 90: 1-12**

Sermon: "Being Thankful for Life"

November 26 "Christ the King Sunday"

Congregational Reading:

No. 134 "See His Glory"

Scripture Reading: **Ezekiel 34: 11-15**

Sermon: "The Heavenly Searching Party"



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**Thanksgiving
Service**

Sunday, November 19

10:00 am

Church Christmas Gift

We invite you to make a "Christmas Gift" contribution to the General Fund. An acknowledgment of whomever you wish to honor or memorialize will be made in the Order of Worship on Sunday, December 3. Contribution forms are available on the hall tables. Contributions must be received by Sunday, November 26. Checks should be made out to RDBC.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 26, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for this informal time to decorate the church. We plan to decorate, have refreshments, and enjoy this time of fellowship as a family of faith.





November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 9:00 am, Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship			<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 11:00 am, WATT 6:00 pm, Snack Supper 6:30 pm, CC&A 6:30 pm, Youth Group		<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 11:00 am RDBC Delivers Meals on Wheels	
			1	2	3	4 9:15 am Choir Practice 
5 10:00 am Shoe Box Blessing  ALL SAINTS' DAY	6	7	8	9 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting	10	11 
12 10:00 am Veterans Recognition	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 10:00 am Thanksgiving Service 11:15 am Choir Practice	20	21	22 No Wednesday Activities Scheduled	23 	24	25 
26 4:00 pm Hanging of the Greens	27	28	29	30		

Looking Ahead

- Dec 3 Quarterly Business Meeting, 10:00 am
- Dec 13 CCA & Youth Christmas Party 6:00 pm
- Dec 17 Choir Christmas Music, 10:00 am
- Dec 17 Open Communion, 6:00 pm



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