

Good News

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FROM THE PASTORS

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

By Martin Rinkhart; tr. Catherine Winkworth – in the public domain

This month, we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. It is a wonderful opportunity to pause and consider everything we give thanks to God for.

As your pastors, we give thanks for the opportunity to continue to serve you. God is blessing the ministries we share, and is walking with us in our journey of discovering why we are here and how we can better serve the community of Amarillo.

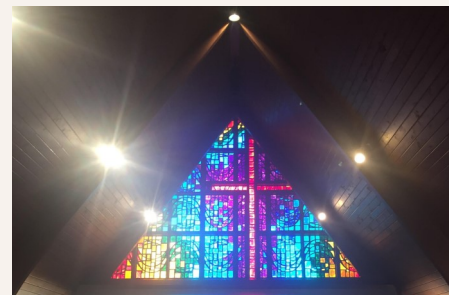
Wendi and I give thanks for our life together, for our cat, Taffy (although she bites a little too much), and for our family and friends.

With joyful hearts, think about all the people and things in your life that fill you with gratitude.

Focusing on the good things can be hard, though, when life is full of challenges. The difficulties and heartaches of life can make it hard to see the blessings. When in the struggles of life, I find that being able to see something, anything, to be thankful for can help me get through those rough spots.

Take some time this Thanksgiving Day to share what you are grateful for. Tell the people in your life how much they mean to you. Thank God for all of the positive things and people in your life, and for your faith. As you prepare to enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner (whether it's a feast or a simple meal), thank God for the food and take the time to truly enjoy it and the people around the table with you.

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices. Indeed, we thank God for it all. Amen.



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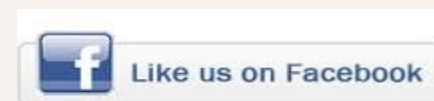
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Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

**Our congregation
celebrates communion at each
service.**

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The Congregational Council met on October 21.

Business—

Constitution Changes: Proposed amendments to the Constitution will be presented to the congregation at the November 24 Congregational Meeting for approval and again at the January Congregational Meeting for ratification.

2020 Draft Budget: D'Ann Berry reviewed year-end projections for income. A budget worksheet by account was reviewed and discussed. D'Ann made a motion to accept the 2020 draft budget as agreed upon during the council meeting to present to the congregation at the November meeting.

Pastors—The SEMP (Strategic Evangelical Mission Planning) small groups are underway, with a total of over 50 participants signed up. We will have more to report about the results of these small group gatherings when they are completed in mid-November, but feedback so far has been positive.

We attended Briarwood for the Leadership Convocation. This year's topic was "Engaging Anti-Racism for the Whole of the Church." The speaker was Mr. Taurean Webb, and he led us through three days of thought-provoking presentations and discussions.

In other news, the Rev. Dan Lund will be visiting Beautiful Savior on November 10th to share information with us about The Church of the Damascus Road and, as previously announced, Bishop Erik Gronberg will be with us on Sunday, January 5th.

Property Committee: The gym floor was waxed on October 1st. The O'Shaughnessy's installed a new light in the sacristy and painted the ceiling. Thank you.

Social Concerns—The Food Pantry fed 287 individuals in September. The Helping Hand checking issued a \$50 check to Excel to assist a senior with an electric bill. The Sewing Group resumed meeting on Monday nights to work on various projects. The Ramp Project continues to schedule ramp building for area residents referred by the Texas Ramp Project.

We are reminding the congregation that we are still collecting personal care items to give to Family Support Services of Amarillo.

Worship—Due to Thanksgiving falling late on November 28th, the Advent wreath will be hung for the December 1st service, and the sanctuary decorated on Saturday December 7.

Office Hours - Monday thru Thursday, 9:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00-3:00PM (closed during the noon hour) Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

Staff: Steve Brauner, Wendi Gordon, Pastors; Cheryl Hall, Office Manager; Marsha Moller, Music Director;

Church Council: Biff Flatt, President; Chuck Jacobson, VP; Andrea Schmidt, Education/Youth; Ingrid Owen, Fellowship; Kendra Massey, Evangelism; Lorryane Vogel, Social Concerns; D'Ann Berry, Treasurer; Keith Rosenthal, Property; Linda Allen, Worship; Jeff Worley, Secretary

Treasurer's Report September of Fiscal Year 2019

<u>OFFERINGS</u>	September Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget
Income			
00-Group 00 // 01-OFFERINGS			
01-GENEERL FUND ENVELOPE	24,436.36	188,020.48	187,499.97
02-GENERAL FUND LOOSE	48.00	1184.00	1725.03
	24,484.36	189,204.48	189,225.00
00-Group 00 // 03-OTHER RECEIPTS			
01-BUILDING USE	0.00	2,307.95	0.00
02-MISCELLANEOUS	20.00	210.00	299.97
	20.00	2,517.95	299.97
Total Income	24,504.36	191,722.43	189,524.97
Total Expense	18,844.97	179,718.42	185,393.57
Income Less Expense	5656.39	12,004.01	4131.40

Our income for the month of September was \$24,504 on a budget of \$21,058 which means we were above anticipated giving by \$3446! Our expenses for September were \$18,845 on a budget of \$18,869 putting us at \$24 less than expected. Areas that had expenses above average spending were Utilities were approx. \$200 over budget, Repairs & Improvements were slightly over \$800 above budgeted amount and Landscaping was \$300 over the budgeted amount. Even with these overages, other areas were under budget and overall very well managed! Great job for working hard to keep our Church financially healthy!! Let's continue this as we work to finalize our proposed budget for 2020.

D'Ann Berry,
Treasurer

Things to Note

The **Children's Home** is once again generously donating their surplus canned food to Beautiful Savior's food pantry. We need volunteers to come help move the cans to our church. If you can help, let Wally Herpich know or just meet at the church on Saturday, November 9 at 10:00 am.



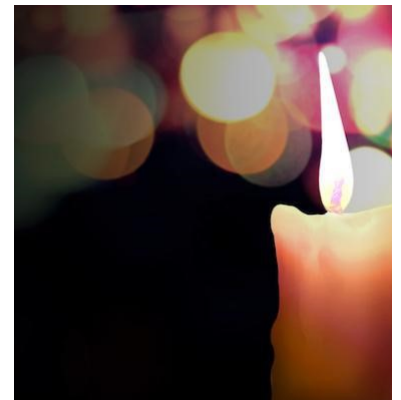
All Men of the church are invited to join us at **Men's Breakfast** for food, fellowship and study. We meet September—May on the third Saturday each month at 8:30 am.

Next Meeting: November 13

MARTHA'S CIRCLE will meet Monday, 11 November at 9:30 a.m., in the Church Library. Topic for discussion will be "No Hard Feelings?" taken from GATHER magazines led by Audrey Taylor. The October and November study of grief and joy will be combined. Marilyn Waugh has volunteered to be our hostess.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES BEGIN DEC. 4TH

This year, we will have three midweek Advent services on Wednesdays December 4th, 11th, and 18th. As usual we will have a soup and sandwich supper at 6 PM, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7 PM. This year's theme is "Preparing in Christ's Presence." Each week will focus on a different theme that enables us to prepare for the coming Christ. The first week's focus is "Do less," the second week's is "Wonder," and the third week's is "Hope." Please join us for these special services!





We would like to thank all of our Beautiful Savior friends for all their prayers, calls and support upon the death of Scott.

—Bill Tietgens and
David & Paula Cole

Together We Pray

If you would like one of the pastors to visit or call you or to put your prayer request into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin or on the prayer chain, call the church office at 359-9483.

To join the prayer chain by email, contact the church office.



KEENAGERS

Wednesday,
November 6 at 12:00 pm

This is a fun group of 55 and older who meet the first Wednesday each month for pot-luck lunch and fellowship. Anyone 55 or older that wishes to join us, please do so.

Hosts:

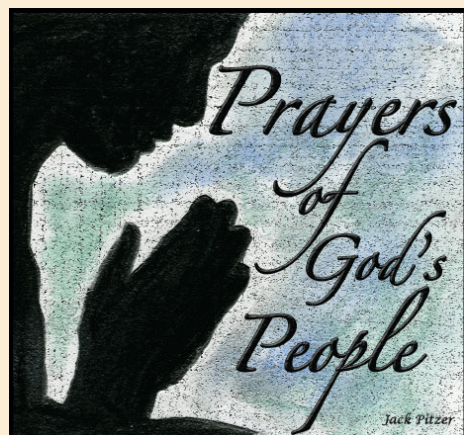
Wally & Karen Herpich
Pete & Shirley Petersen
Carolyn Kelly



Sunday, November 3

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|--------------|--------------------------|
| 11/08 | JoAnn Kahn |
| 11/12 | Sheila Moeller |
| | Marilyn Schleh |
| 11/17 | Harry Herber |
| | Carolyn Kelly |
| 11/20 | Barbara Studtmann |
| 11/23 | D'Ann Berry |
| 11/24 | Jerry Moller |
| 11/27 | Steve Gates |
| | Gene Reneau |
| 11/29 | Wendi Gordon |

Congregational
Meeting is set
for Sunday,
November 24,
following the
worship service.



Our sympathies to the Tietgens and Cole families on the death of Scott Tietgens.

Rosemary Galub passed away on October 27. Her funeral was held at BSLC on October 31.

We are grateful that several of our members are on the mend after recent illnesses.

For a complete list of those we are actively praying for see your Sunday bulletins.

We are collecting!



A collection box has been placed in the narthex for cola “pop tabs” to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo. Pop Tabs is a popular fundraiser that benefits seriously ill children by helping provide a place for their families to stay while they are out of town for medical treatment. This is a great way to teach children about philanthropy, the importance of recycling, and to raise funds to help other children and their families at the same time.

and...

WE ARE COLLECTING BOX TOPS FOR KIDS EDUCATION AT ALICE LANDERGIN ELEMENTRY

Bring your box tops to church and place them in a the collection box in the narthex or just use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. It automatically finds participating products and instantly adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. No clipping required! <https://apps.apple.com/app/apple-store/id1150038564>



For more information about these collections, contact Judy Rohloff.

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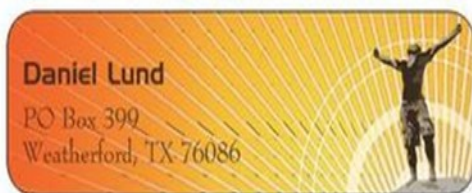
The Social Concerns Committee collects (small size) personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, lotions, razors, etc. to give to Family Support Services of Amarillo and other area agencies. A collection basket is located in the narthex.

We are also collecting children's books to give to kids visiting our food pantry with their parents.

On Sunday, November 10 we look forward to welcoming back Pr. Dan Lund of the Church of the Damascus Road.

Goals of the Damascus Road

- Share The Gospel of Jesus Christ with the incarcerated.
- Build a community of faith within the confines of the prison units.
- Build a network of supporters on the outside to support and participate in the ministry
- Have as an important focus of this ministry the spiritual needs of the suffering alcoholic and drug addict
- Assist those who are released to maintain spiritual wholeness and sobriety



An **Altar Guild Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd in the sanctuary after the service to plan the Advent and Christmas schedule.

Also, the Church will be **decorated on Saturday, December 7th** at 10 am. All help is appreciated!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED's November meeting will be with Amarillo's Salvation Army. Date Friday 1 November 2019; Time 9:30; Place their Chapel 2101 S. Van Buren. leading the group about WORLD COMMUNITY DAY--Resolve to Love will be Helen Laughter.

Following CWU's tour of Make a Wish office and learning of their program, we will collect the following to help with families who come to their office to apply for a "Wish"---gift cards, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, games, puzzle books, coloring books, crayons, DVD's, nail polish for teenagers, etc. Look for a basket on the table to leave any donations.



Book Club meets every third Monday, at 9:30 am September thru May. Our next meeting is November 18 in the church library.

All who enjoy reading are invited to join our discussions and engage with shared reading experiences.



Stewardship Drive

The council is in the process of our annual budget work and will be placing the budget for approval before the congregation at our November Congregational Meeting on November 24th. The council has done the hard work of keeping the expenses as low as possible and to propose a balanced budget. God has blessed us with a caring congregation and has sent us out to serve in the various ministries already in place. God has called us to prayerfully consider why we are here through the Strategic Evangelical Mission Planning we are in the midst of working through. Through this process we will discover what other ministries we might be called into in the years to come. We would like to encourage you to prayerfully consider your giving for 2020 and to consider increasing your pledge so that we may continue these vital ministries and the operation of the church.

Yours in Christ,

Stewardship Committee

Pledge Card for the Currency of Money 2020

I commit \$_____ for my church's ministries.

I commit to raise \$_____ from _____ (sources outside church membership) for _____ (name of existing or new ministry).

I commit \$_____ to support the local community economy by spending it at _____

I commit \$_____ to give to other nonprofit organizations that foster wellness, truth, and trusting relationships in our local community, such as _____.

My name: _____ My Accountable person: _____

Signature

Signature

Date: _____

Please Note: This pledge card is for your personal reference only. You do not need to turn it in.
Thank you!

Ways that I can serve

Please complete this survey as fully as possible. Your responses only commit you to further conversation with a ministry leader.

**My skills and talents—
Three things I am good at:**

**Three needs I see in the world
that I want to do something
about:**

**Within five years I would like
to see this ministry at
Beautiful Savior: (think big)**

Serving our community

- ☐ Snack Pack for Kids
- ☐ Landergin Ele. volunteer
- ☐ Ramp Project
- ☐ Food Pantry work
- ☐ Sewing group
- ☐ Meals on Wheels driver

Serving our congregation

- ☐ Church history/archives
- ☐ Prayer Chain
- ☐ Martha's Circle
- ☐ Altar Guild
- ☐ Web site / Social Media
- ☐ Coffee setup/cleanup
- ☐ Mowing team
- ☐ Labyrinth care
- ☐ Communion assistant
- ☐ Usher
- ☐ Greeter
- ☐ Reader
- ☐ Assisting minister
- ☐ Acolyte
- ☐ Gift Bearer
- ☐ Choir member

Tell me more about these church committees

- ☐ Christian education
- ☐ Fellowship
- ☐ Planning/development
- ☐ Church properties
- ☐ Evangelism and outreach
- ☐ Stewardship
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Youth & family ministry
- ☐ Social concerns
- ☐ Audit committee
- ☐ Endowment committee
- ☐ Mutual ministry

☐ I am open to serving on
church council

Name:
Phone:
Email:

The best time to contact me:

Let us pray:

Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please turn in your time and talent sheet by the end of December. You can either place it in the offering plate on Sunday or drop it off at the church office.

Trunk or Treat 2019



Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Fellowship—10:30 am

Adult SS—8:30 & 11:00

Choir: 10:45 am

November 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



Praise the LORD. Give thanks
to the LORD, for he is good; his
love endures forever.
—Psalm 106:1

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2

4:00 pm
Spirituality
Gathering

3
8:30 SS
9:30 Worship
10:45
—Fellowship
11:00 am SS

4
Life Touch
Pictures

Sewing
4-8 pm

5

6
Food Pantry

KEENAGERS
12 pm

7
10:00 am
Christian
Study

8

9
8:30 am
Ramp
Project

10 am Pick
up canned
food

10
8:30 SS
9:30 Worship
10:45
—Fellowship
—Choir
11:00 am SS

11
9:30 Martha's
Circle
Sewing
4-8 pm
7:00 pm
Property

12

13

Food Pantry

14
10:00 am
Christian
Study

15

16
8:30 Men's
Breakfast

4:00 pm
Spirituality
Gathering

17
8:30 SS
9:30 Worship
10:45
—Fellowship
—Choir
11:00 am SS

18
9:30 Book
Club
Sewing
4-8 pm
7:00 pm
Council

19

20

Food Pantry

21
10:00 am
Christian
Study

22

23

24 8:30 SS
9:30 Worship
10:45
Congrega-
tional
Meeting

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Sewing
4-8 pm

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Food Pantry

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