



It is time to shop & pack
for OCC gifts!

Drop-off Items: now through
November 8.

Packing Party: November 8,
after worship with pizza!

Scan here to
build
a box online.



We hope you will plan to be a part of this exciting time of
spreading the love of God to children all over the world!

Our goal is to pack at least 150 boxes!

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS

Christmas
ADVENT SERIES

Wednesdays at Noon

December 2 - Winstead Methodist Handbells

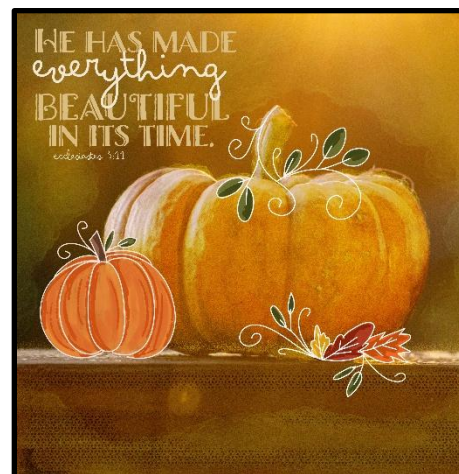
December 9 - Blaine Pittman and Tim Surles,
piano and organ

December 16 - Carmen Parker, voice, piano
and violin

Christmas
WORSHIP CONCERT

Sunday at 4:00 pm

December 13 - NBC Music Ministry



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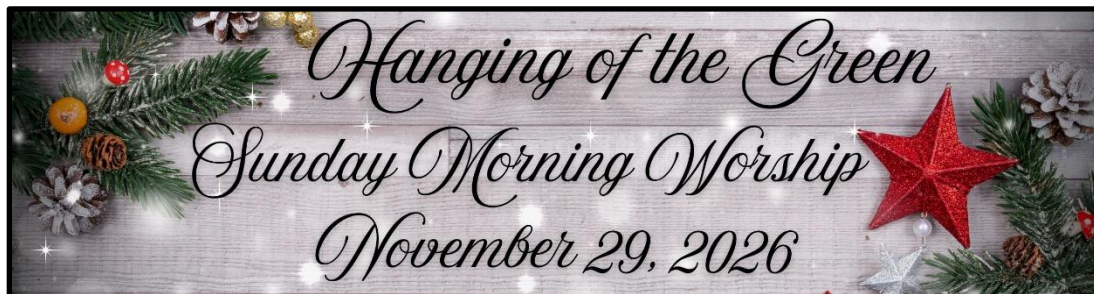
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Gratitude: Making Room at the Father's Table

As we navigate the hustle and bustle of our daily routines, it is easy to limit gratitude to a single holiday or a passing polite gesture. Yet, Scripture calls us to something far deeper. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, the Apostle Paul tells us, *"give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* This is not a call to ignore life's hardships, but an invitation to anchor our souls in the unchanging goodness of God. True thankfulness is a lifestyle, a choice to praise Him through every season.

When we enter His gates with thanksgiving, our perspective shifts. We begin to recognize the sheer magnitude of being adopted into the family of God. But a thankful heart cannot remain isolated. If we are truly grateful for the grace, unconditional love, and sacred fellowship we have received from Christ, it must overflow into how we treat the people around us.

This begs a powerful question for all of us - What are we doing to help others feel that same thankfulness? How are we opening our arms to make neighbors feel welcome to join the family of God?

Hospitality is the natural byproduct of a grateful heart. In Romans 15:7, we are reminded to *"Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."* When someone walks through the doors of our church - or crosses paths with us at the grocery store and elsewhere - they should encounter a community that mirrors the warmth of our heavenly Father. Not just the people who look like us, think like us, are in our same socioeconomic class as us, etc. - everyone.

Creating a welcoming environment requires intentionality from each of us, not assuming someone else took care of it. It means moving past our comfortable holy huddles to notice the new face sitting alone. It means listening with empathy, offering a smile, and extending an authentic invitation to sit next to us. When we cultivate an environment of genuine belonging, we remove the barriers keeping others from experiencing God's love.

Let us challenge ourselves this month and in the months to come to move from passive thankfulness to active, welcoming faith. When we live out the sacred fellowship with Jesus, we don't just say we are grateful, we become a living testimony that invites others to taste and see that the Lord is good. There is always room for one more at the Father's table. Let's make sure our actions show it.

-Cynthia Floyd



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Service Time: **Office Hours:**
Sundays | 10:30 a.m. **Mon. - Thurs.**
Join us in worship **9 am - 2 pm**
either in person or via **Friday - closed**
live stream.

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