

The Sugar Beat

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From the Pastor

Thank You!!

Debbie and I appreciate the cards and gifts we received for Pastor Appreciation month. The church gave us a \$100 gas card and time off to go on a retreat. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor and to proclaim the Good News at SGCP.

This is the season for giving thanks, although the attitude of gratitude should be for a lifetime. It is easy to see the things we don't have rather than the things we do have. God gives us blessings everyday, so often in fact that we don't see them but rather take them for granted. It is when they are removed from us do we realize the blessing. Right now, I am thankful that I have had the blessing of two good wrists for over 58 years. A blessing I am willing to admit never crossed my mind until six weeks ago. A simple thing yet so demonstrative of the many "mini" blessings I enjoy daily yet do not recognize much less give a simple thanks to my Creator. As Christians we should be the most thankful people on the earth. God has revealed Himself to us through His Son, the gift, so that we may know from whom **all blessings** flow. Our Father gives good and perfect gifts because of His love for us. He allows what may seem to be curses, but even this broken wrist has become a blessing to my spiritual life. This cast is symbolic, to me anyway, of the healing that God brings to us, not just physical but more importantly the healing of our spirit. Slowly, it seems, God works on us to mold us to his perfection. It does mean we have to be broken in spirit so that we are able to receive His healing. It is not like the broken bone where we do nothing except wait for God's miraculous healing. In the spiritual realm we lay down our desires and wants an act that is voluntary on our part so that God's grace may do its miraculous work within us to change us, to transform us. How do we know when we are being transformed? One way is to notice if we are thankful for all that we have and to be thankful in all situations knowing that God is at work and He is in control.

Bro. Gary

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV)

From The Session Minutes (09/21/08)

Motions approved:

1. Family in need—\$300 love gift.
2. August 8th, minutes and financial report accepted.
3. Men's Fellowship report accepted.
4. David Travis is the delegate to Presbytery and other elders as alternates.

New concerns: New Elders, Session Clerk, Team Leader for Facilities Ministry Team.

Financial Report September 2008

Beginning Balance	\$ 31,723.53
Deposits	\$ 12,339.46
Expenses	\$ 6,352.81
Ending Balance	\$ 37,710.18

Commitment Sunday November 16th

Have you been committed? No not that kind, the kind where you commit yourself to the Body of Christ? On Commitment Sunday you will be given the opportunity to commit your time and talent to the Kingdom of God. A list of ministries (not all inclusive) have been assembled so that you may choose a ministry in which you believe God is calling you to participate. After hearing messages on stewardship and thanksgiving, this is a way in which you may commit yourself to fulfill your calling from God. It will be exciting to God's disciples answering His call upon their lives. If you cannot be here on that Sunday, not to worry, the commitment forms will be at Information Station. We will have a dedication of our commitments on Sunday, January 4, 2009. I do not know of a better way to start a new year than by giving a commitment to the Lord for all of His blessings.

Angel Food Ministry

Order must be given to James or Darl Henley by November 9th. The food will be delivered on November 22nd. Additional information is on the bulletin board in the hall off of the narthex.

Website Poll results (6 voters)

100% Communion should be quarterly

How important is it for you to participate in Holy Communion?

Very Important 67%

Somewhat Important 17%

Important 17%

Thanks to all who participated in our "Trunk or Treat". The children really enjoyed it.

Thanks to David Travis for the "ride", everyone had a great time.

Thanks to Heather and Anna, the "dogs" were hot!

Prime Timers

We had a great time eating at Generations and doing a little shopping in Union City, TN. Our next trip is being planned. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship and fun with us!



Prayer List

Members of the Military

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Rev Dean Atchison	Eddie Rudolph
Gladys Brown	
Mel, Wanda Ruth, Christie, and Nora Carter	Beatrice Priest
Madison Cavanaugh	Paula Cheshire
Randall Chandler	Caitlyn's grandfather
Debra Ford	Heather Spitzer
Trish Gage	BJ Crider's Daughter
Lisa Grubbs	Debbie Carlton
Gin Guess	Bailey Travis
Ryan Henry	Ann Crider's grandson
Larry Hurst	Kelly Perryman
Dean Koch	Devin Brewer
Paulette Layman	Heather Spitzer
Herman McMain	
Denise McWharder	Beatrice Priest
Marge Murray	Herby Faught
Brian Penn	Joyce Travis
Tate Roberts	Marvin & Evelyn's great grandson
Judge Tommy Simpson	Madeline Henderson
John Rose	Becky McKinzie
Becky Stallion	
Janet Stevens	Johnnie Travis
Johnnie Travis	
Carolyn Walls & Kari	MaryAnn Brewer
LeAnne West	Heather Spitzer

Mark Boaz	Scott Hurley	Joey Shirey
Cody Brandon	Josh Jackson	Jonathon Taylor
Brandon Carlson	David Jones	Rodney Travis
Valerie Edwards	Skyler Powell	John Venable
Keith Finney	Rev. Curtis Pruitt	John Watson
Kevin Householder		Troy Woody

Others

United States of America, President Bush and all elected officials, Elections, Session, Sunday School Teachers, Bro. Gary

To Rejoice in the Lord

Father, this is the day the Lord has made. I rejoice and I am glad in it! I rejoice in You always. And again I say, I rejoice. I delight myself in You, Lord. Happy am I because God is my Lord!

Father thank You for loving me and rejoicing over me with joy. Hallelujah! I am redeemed. I come with singing, and everlasting joy is upon my head. I obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing flee away. That spirit of rejoicing, joy, and laughter is my heritage. Where he Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.

Father, I praise You with joyful lips. I am ever filled and stimulated with the Holy Spirit. I speak out in psalms and hymns and make melody with all my heart to You, Lord. My happy heart is a good medicine and my cheerful mind works healing. The light in my eyes rejoices the heart of others. I have a good report. My countenance radiates the joy of the Lord.

Father, I thank You that I bear much prayer fruit. I ask in Jesus' name, and I will receive so that my joy (gladness, delight) may be full, complete, and overflowing. The joy of the Lord is my strength. Therefore, I count it all joy, all strength, when I encounter tests or trials of any sort because I am strong in You, Father.

I have the victory in the name of Jesus. Satan is under my feet. I am not moved by adverse circumstances. I have been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I dwell in the Kingdom of God and have peace joy in the Holy Spirit! Praise the Lord!

Prayers that avail much Volume One, Germaine Copeland, p39

Cards of Thanks

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the wonderful gift basket. Everything was so cute. Also, thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.
Love,

John, Christi and Tucker Boudro

Thank you so much for letting us use the church for our Wedding. Enclosed is a contribution to the church.

Cagney & David Farmer