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## Thanksgiving in Our Hearts

**1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 NIV** **<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

This year has been an interesting journey of continued challenges that began in 2020 and times of wonderful reunions as many reconnected in physical gatherings once more. While much has remained different as we gather in all kinds of settings, we have become acutely aware of the importance of physical connection. We cherish it, as we should. We are designed to live in community.

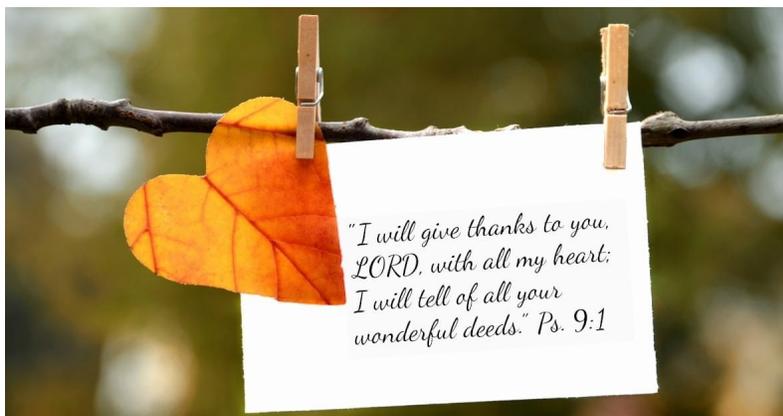
We are grateful for online media platforms that have certainly helped us navigate this strange time in the world, and we are even more grateful to sit around a table again and share a connection with those we love and care about. We just can't experience the same online.

In more recent months, it has been a year that has brought great trials and uncertainty for many of our beloved church family and community members. Throughout those difficult days, we were grateful for our faith to carry us through, to give us hope to cling to, promises to stand on, and a love that is unyielding from our Heavenly Father. In these trying times, we all experienced the depths of His love, mercy and grace. We are grateful to know such love.

We are grateful for each other to hold us up in hard times, to celebrate with in our times of joy and victory-*which there have been many moments throughout the year*, and to keep us in our faith. We can't do this alone. We are not strong enough on our own; but together, we will always overcome. *We persevere.*

We are grateful for those God brings to our church who are seeking to know Him more, who are hungry for His Truth and who long for fellowship with other believers. We thank God for calling you here. *We thank God for you.*

*There is always much to rejoice in and give thanks for, as we tune our heart to the love of our Father and look to see what He is doing in His kingdom!*



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## Above All Else, Seek God First

**Matthew 6:33 NASB But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.**

God calls us over and over again throughout His Word, to seek Him and make searching for Him our greatest passion.

He promises then as we do, to provide all that we need, every moment of our life. "All these things will be provided to you."

So much of the time, we want to control, to plan out, and determine how our lives or the life of those we love, should go.

*That is not for us to do.*

**We are to seek God, His kingdom and His righteousness first and above all else.** We are to make knowing Him our greatest treasure above anything else we can attain in this world. We are to make our relationship with Him our greatest priority over every other relationship. We are to be in pursuit of learning His ways of righteousness and apply them in our lives.

*This is where we find life abundant.*

We won't find it following our own path-not anything that lasts anyway. We will always be searching for something more, something greater, something that fills a deep longing within us.

**That something more we desire, is and always will be God. Nothing else we fill ourselves with will fill this void.** Knowing Him and living in tune with Him in our daily lives is what we are made for. This is the only truth that satisfies our deepest desires.

Want better relationships with your loved ones? Seek God first. Want more stable finances? Seek God first. Want better health? Seek God first. Want to experience more joy? Seek God first. He is at the heart of all we truly desire.

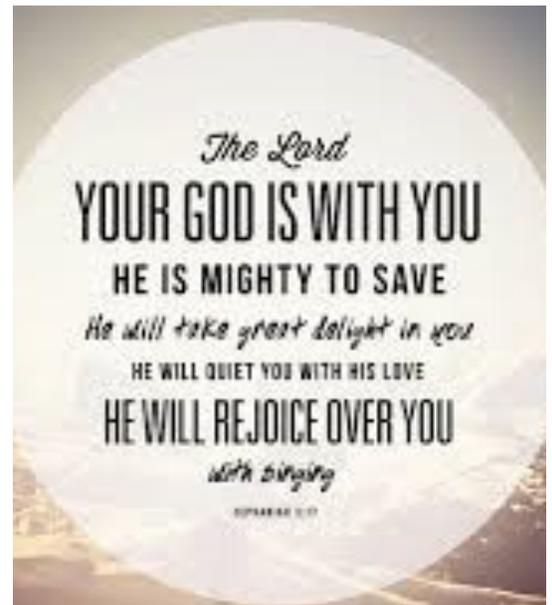
Wherever you at in your faith walk, let's answer this call together, to seek God above all and trust He will provide us with all other things as we need them to make our lives rich and full, beyond what we can imagine or hope for.

## Celebrating November Birthdays

Chris Schroud	November 1
Alanea Sugden	November 11
Alena Hessler	November 19
John Holder	November 20
Rick Kleist	November 20
Marlene Muttini Spyros	November 26

*God bless you all!*

As we near the end of this year, if you want to be included in our birthday and anniversary celebrations going forward please let Pastor Karrie know. We love to celebrate with you!



## ***I Thank God for YOU***

With October being Pastor Appreciation month, I will declare November *Thankful for my church family* month.

I truly do thank God for each of you, not only this month, but all year through.

I am thankful we have been able to worship in person this year, more and more of us. What a joy this has been to gather in praise and prayer!

I am thankful for the fellowship I see before and after worship service—connecting, encouraging, praying and laughing.

I am thankful in these difficult times and with these great trials several of our beloved church families have and are enduring— we have one another. I am thankful for your compassion, care, kindness, love and strength shown to one another.

I am thankful we remain steadfast in our faith; that we continue to press into God to know Him more and listen for the Holy Spirit to guide us into Truth.

*Pastor Karrie*

Philippians 1: 3-6 NIV <sup>3</sup>*I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*



## ***Would You Like to Hear More From God?***

**Jeremiah 33:3 NASB ‘Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’**

Our God is always speaking to us; but do we hear Him? Do we recognize His voice when He speaks? Do we tune our ears to listen or is He drowned out by all the noise of our world around us?

**Would you like to hear more from God?** Would you like to receive personal direction for your questions? Would you like to discover great and mighty things about our God that you haven’t even begun to understand yet?

The exciting part is God desires this for all of us! He delights in making Himself and His kingdom known to us in greater ways; more personal ways. Our God is very personal and we bless Him when we choose to commune with Him.

As most of you know, I have been on a journey of discovering God for the past many years and when I learned how to hear God speaking to me, it completely transformed my faith and my relationship with God. I hear from God daily in all aspects of my life. It’s not because I’m a pastor. It is solely because I seek to know Him and have learned some techniques to help me hear Him speaking.

God is spirit and has His own language that He speaks. His language is spoken to our heart verses an audible language you and I speak to each other. We simply have to learn how to speak it and how to find Him. It’s not hard at all; it just takes practice and desire to hear from Him.

**I would love to run a small group study and share this with all who desire to hear more personally from God.** If you make a commitment to attend and practice what is taught, you will hear more from God. **Please let me know of your interest** and then we’ll determine when we meet. My goals is to meet in the next month or two. *Are you ready to begin this journey?*

Pastor Karrie

## Coming Events

Monday, Nov. 15 Ladies Prayer Group. 9 am at church. Come for fellowship and leave refreshed in the spirit. All ladies welcome!

Wednesday, Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Service. 6:30 pm at church. Open to all. Organized by Rio Area Clergy Association. Let us gather as the Body of believers in thanksgiving! Light refreshments to follow service.

Sunday, Nov. 28th Guest preachers and missionaries Bob and Darlene McCoy with Vessels of Mercy ministries will join us for worship service. Vessels of Mercy will be our November mission love offering. Advent also begins this Sunday.

**Go Forth in Unity in the Spirit— Connect with a small group. Grow in the Spirit. Grow in relationships.**

**Real Moms. Real Jesus.** Once per month. Talk with Britt Sugden for dates and online meeting space. Join in any time! *You are welcome!*

**Wednesdays:** 7:00 pm Adult Study and Fellowship—*Meeting at church. All are welcome! Try something new!*

***Let us be thankful for the blessing of fellowship with the saints!***

## Connect with PK

How good it is to gather together in fellowship and prayer. Let us be in the habit of coming together.

**I am here for you.**

Is there something troubling your heart? Could you use someone to talk to and pray with?

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