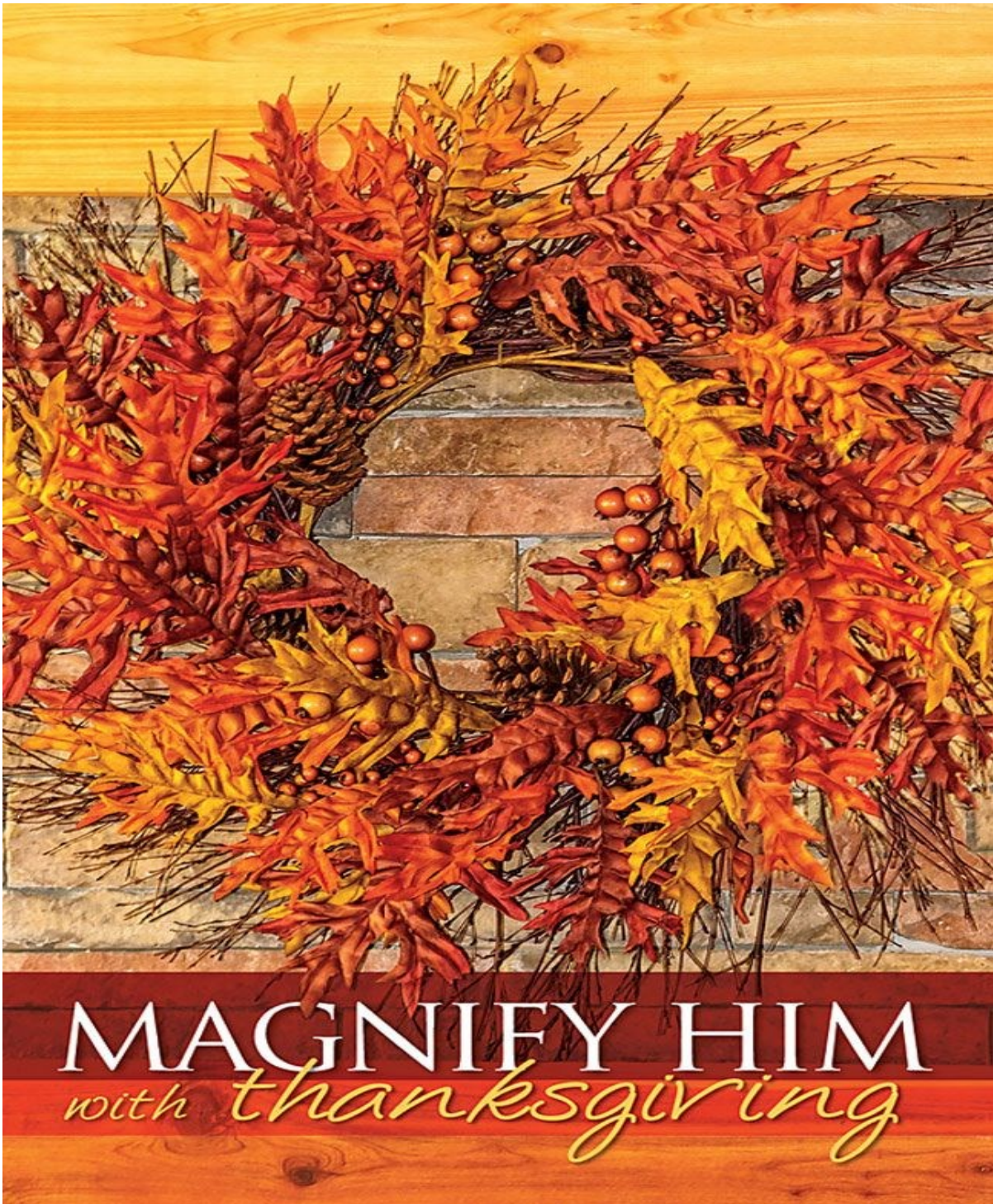




First Baptist Church Sun City

November 2025



From the Desk of Pastor Doug



We have so much to be thankful for this year.....A God who loved us so much that he gave us His only Son to die for our sins..... A country that we can live in free..... A body of believers that love the Lord and are wanting to serve Him... and a God that loves us unconditionally.

So, I ask you... Is your thankfulness a gift?

Sometimes it's easy to approach thankfulness with a sense of duty. I recognize that God has given me stuff. I see that he's been at work. I agree that gratitude is important. So, as a "mature" believer in Jesus, I'll express gratitude.

But do I freely *GIVE* thanks? Is it out of obligation, or is it out of overflow of thankfulness. Do I really recognize all that God has given me? I mean... all of it.

Every. Single. Thing.

Giving a gift is a special process. In order to truly give something, it can't be done out of a sense of obligation. Giving something means making the choice to freely surrender something. To present it voluntarily without expecting anything in return. To turn something over of your own accord. November is the season of Thanksgiving. But let's not wait to be asked before sharing what we're thankful for. Let's not panic and come up with a couple things to say around the Thanksgiving table. Let's take the time to truly give thanks. Our God is a God who blesses us abundantly! Let's give thanks to Him.

Pastor Doug



FINANCIAL REPORTS

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2025:

<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>DEFICIT</u>
\$25,806.66	\$15,738.81	(\$10,067.85)

YEAR TO DATE:

<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	<u>DEFICIT</u>
\$232,260.02	\$197,560.37	(\$34,699.65)



Our next quarterly business meeting will be **Wednesday, November 19th at 4:00 pm.** Members please plan on attending. We will be presenting some very important information, including approving the budget for 2026.

Answer Key to Crossword Puzzle on page 12

ACROSS:

4. Bless
7. Victory
8. Honor
10. Received
11. Triumph
15. Thanksgiving
16. Mercy
17. Abounding
18. Fathers
19. Rejoice
20. Always

DOWN:

1. Prayer
2. Gift
3. Glory
5. Supplication
6. Everything
9. Name
12. Thanks
13. Thankful
14. Praise
16. Magnify



First Thanksgiving Meal

Thanksgiving Turkey

While no records exist of the exact bill of fare, the [Pilgrim](#) chronicler Edward Winslow noted in his journal that the colony's governor, [William Bradford](#), sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the three-day event:

In "On Plymouth Plantation," Bradford's famous account of the founding of [Plymouth Colony](#), he remarked of the fall harvest that year that: "there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc." Wild—but not domestic—turkey was indeed plentiful in the region and a common food source for both English settlers and Native Americans. But it is just as likely that the fowling party returned with other birds we know the colonists regularly consumed, such as ducks, geese and swans. Instead of bread-based stuffing, herbs, onions or nuts might have been added to the birds for extra flavor.

Turkey or no turkey, the first Thanksgiving's attendees almost certainly got their fill of meat. Winslow wrote that the Wampanoag arrived with an offering of five deer. Culinary historians speculate that the deer was roasted on a spit over a smoldering fire and that the colonists might have used some of the venison to whip up a hearty stew.

Fruits and Vegetables

The 1621 [Thanksgiving](#) celebration marked the Pilgrims' first autumn harvest, so it is likely that the colonists feasted on the bounty they had reaped with the help of their Native American neighbors. Local vegetables that likely appeared on the table include onions, beans, lettuce, spinach, cabbage, carrots and perhaps peas. Corn, which records show was plentiful at the first harvest, might also have been served, but not in the way most people enjoy it now. In those days, the corn would have been removed from the cob and turned into cornmeal, which was then boiled and pounded into a thick corn mush or porridge that was occasionally sweetened with molasses.

Fruits indigenous to the region included blueberries, plums, grapes, gooseberries, raspberries and, of course cranberries, which Native Americans ate and used as a natural dye. [The Pilgrims](#) might have been familiar with cranberries by the first Thanksgiving, but they wouldn't have made sauces and relishes with the tart orbs. That's because the sacks of sugar that traveled across the Atlantic on the [Mayflower](#) were nearly or fully depleted by November 1621. Cooks didn't begin boiling cranberries with sugar and using the mixture as an accompaniment for meats until about 50 years later.

Fish and Shellfish

Culinary historians believe that much of the Thanksgiving meal consisted of seafood, which is often absent from today's menus. Mussels in particular were abundant in New England and could be easily harvested because they clung to rocks along the shoreline. The colonists occasionally served mussels with curds, a dairy product with a similar consistency to cottage cheese. Lobster, bass, clams and oysters might also have been part of the feast. Colonist Edward Winslow describes the bounty of seafood near Plymouth:

Potatoes

Whether mashed or roasted, white or sweet, potatoes had no place at the first Thanksgiving. After encountering it in its native South America, the Spanish began introducing the potato to Europeans around 1570. But by the time the Pilgrims boarded the Mayflower, the tuber had neither doubled back to North America nor become popular enough with the English to hitch a ride. New England's native inhabitants are known to have eaten other plant roots such as Indian turnips and groundnuts, which they may or may not have brought to the party.

Pumpkin Pie

Both the Pilgrims and members of the Wampanoag tribe ate pumpkins and other squashes indigenous to New England—possibly even during the harvest festival—but the fledgling colony lacked the butter and wheat flour necessary for making pie crust. Moreover, settlers hadn't yet constructed an oven for baking. According to some accounts, early English settlers in North America improvised by hollowing out pumpkins, filling the shells with milk, honey and spices to make a custard, then roasting the gourds whole in hot ashes.

Who Attended the First Thanksgiving?

At the first Thanksgiving, colonists were likely outnumbered more than two to one by the Native Americans in attendance. Winslow writes: "many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men." In fact, the Indigenous people at the feast would have been familiar with the tradition of "thanksgiving" since it was central to their regular spiritual practices—to give thanks for natural bounty.



DECORATE the Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd @ 9:00 AM

We need your help to decorate the church for Christmas. With many helpers it does not take long. Even if you can't stay long, any help would be appreciated.

Thank you!

MOVIE & CHILI DAY



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 at 4:00 pm

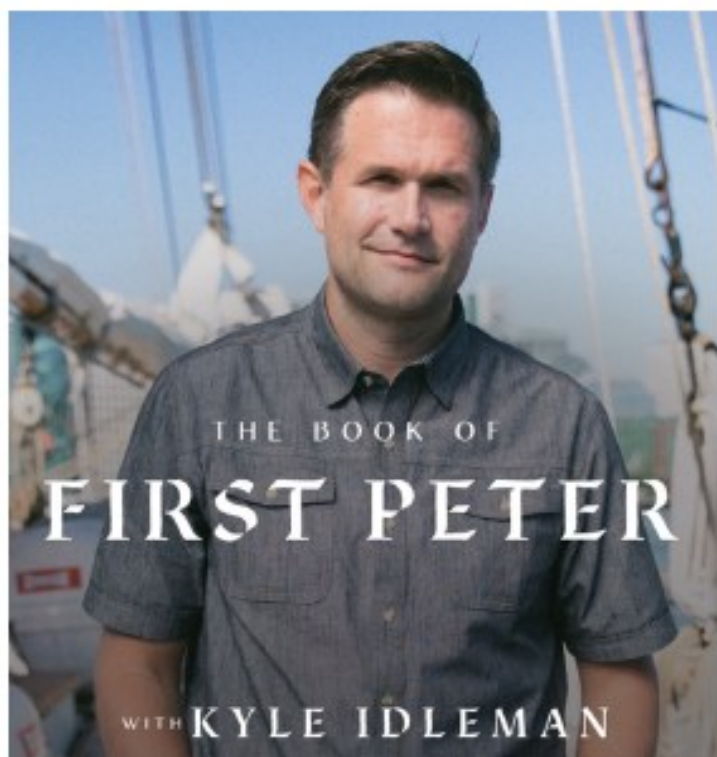


Join us for chili and a movie. We will be watching the movie "God's Here" with Kevin Sorbo. It is based on a true story about director Bill McAdams Jr.'s life, inspired by his family's experience with a fatal distracted driving accident. In the film, a firefighter named Jack Gilmore grapples with grief after his wife and son are killed by a runaway teen driver, mirroring the real-life tragedy that McAdams' brother's death and his mother's subsequent forgiveness inspired.

There is a sign up sheet in the Foyer for items that you can bring like chili toppings, salad or dessert.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, AT 8:00 AM



The Book of 1 Peter

This world looks nothing like the promised perfect kingdom of God. And yet we as God's people must live in it every day. In *The Book of 1 Peter*, Kyle Idleman walks through the short letter and unpacks the importance of our witness in this world.

The world's not as it should be. Until the day that God rights all wrongs, we have a job to do. Let's be about the business of the kingdom.

Come and enjoy Pastor Doug World Famous "Sausage gravy and Biscuits" along with some great fellowship





SEATED EXERCISE

Our seated exercise class is still in full swing during the summer. We meet **every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 am** in Fellowship Hall. We have the air on so it's nice and cool for you to come exercise. We've had several people from outside of the church join us.

All men and women are welcome. Go at your own pace.

Bring a bottle of water and wear some comfy clothes and come join us for a fun time of exercise and fellowship. The class lasts about 30 minutes.

We use recorded DVD's that we follow that are specifically for seniors.



Mission Moment

On behalf of Arizona Baptist Children's Services & Family Ministries (ABCS) and New Life Pregnancy Center, thank you for partnering with us through your 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign, which raised \$592. Your generous support helps bring hope and care to individuals navigating both planned and unplanned pregnancies, and strengthens families through our Christ-centered ministries. Your congregation's spare change is truly making a lasting impact through New Life Pregnancy Center.

In the past year, New Life Pregnancy Centers across Arizona provided 158 pregnancy tests, distributed more than 11,556 bundles of material assistance (including diapers, wipes, clothing, hygiene items, baby food, and formula), witnessed 39 abortion-minded women choose life, and celebrated 12 decisions for Christ.

Your church's involvement plays a vital role in making all of this possible. Thank you for being part of this life-changing work and helping us share hope with children and families in need. We are extremely grateful for your support and partnership.

Gratefully,

Alexandria Romero
State Director



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is awarded to

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SUN CITY

for supporting New Life Pregnancy Center
by hosting a Baby Bottle Campaign in 2025

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TOTAL: **\$592.00**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Alexandria Romero'.

Alexandria Romero
New Life Pregnancy Center
State Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Steve Hanna'.

Steve Hanna
Arizona Baptist Children's Services
President & Executive Director



YOUR CHANGE HELPED
CHANGE A LIFE



Mission Opportunity



CHRISTMAS STOCKING EVENT



This year, New Life Pregnancy Center is collecting small items that can be placed in Christmas stockings, which will then be handed out to hurting children and families as well as those facing a planned or unplanned pregnancy. This will be done through the Prenatal/Parenting/Life Skill classes and Bible studies. It brings them the opportunity to build relationships that lead into presenting the gospel.

On December 10, 2025, the Phoenix NLPC will be hosting an event to bless and remind our community families of God's greatest love to humanity. At the event, the children and parents will have the opportunity to do a Christmas craft, play games, have refreshments, but most importantly hear about the true Christmas story.

We have been invited to partner with New Life in this mission opportunity. You can help and, at the same time, put a smile on those children's faces by donating any of the following items.

They would like these to be small items that can fit in a Christmas stocking:

*These items can be found at Dollar Tree Store

- Small toy for ages 1 -4 years (boys and girls)
- Small stuffed animal (for boys and girls)
- Coloring Books (boys and girls)
- Any layette items for a newborn such as Baby Lotion or Baby Shampoo, Diaper rash ointment, Baby mittens, Baby comb or Baby brush

If you would rather purchase a larger toy, there will be a table available to Mom's who need a Christmas present for their child.

BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE CHURCH FROM NOVEMBER 23rd TO DECEMBER 7th AND PLACE THEM UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

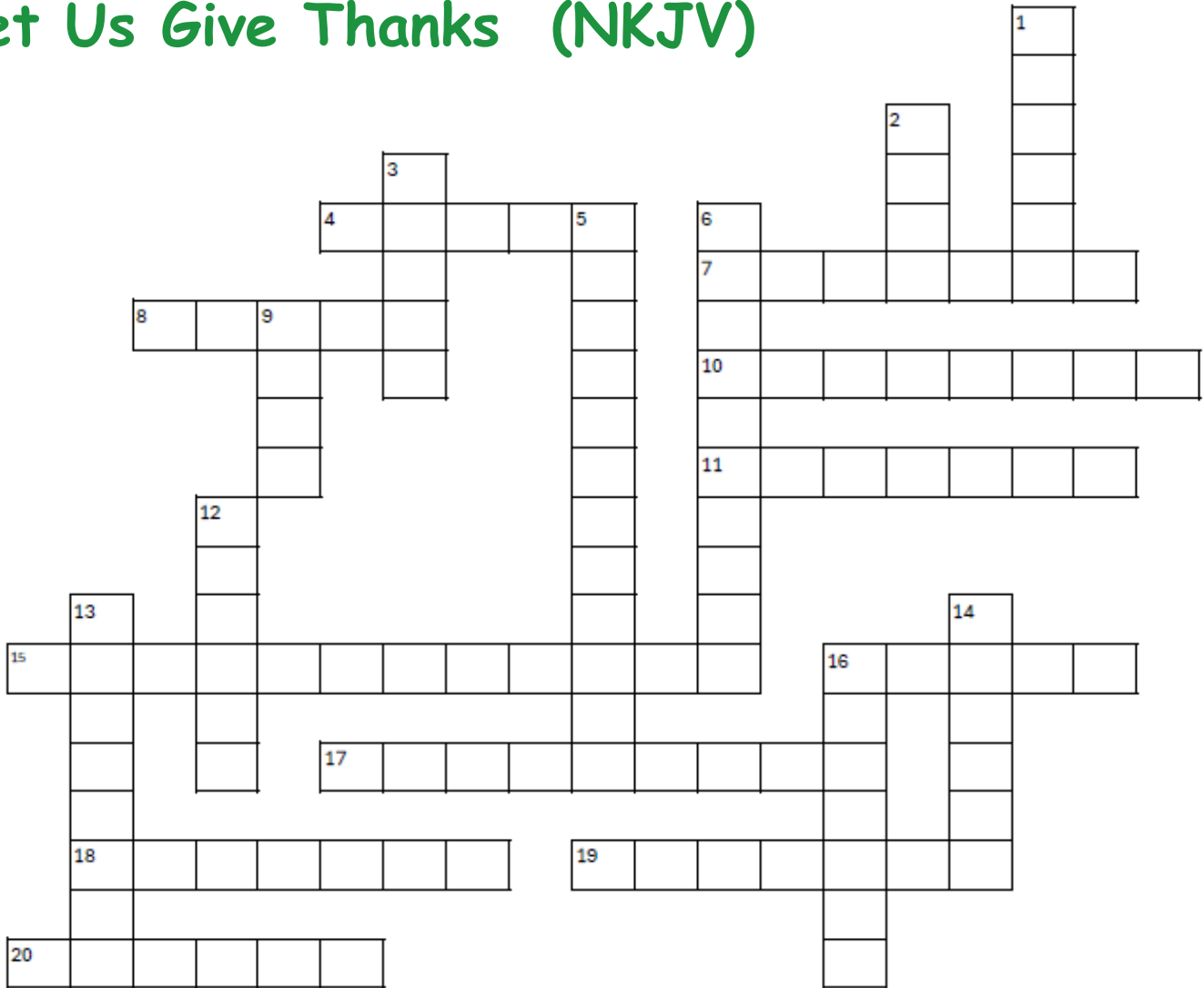


MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Kaige Schulze
- 6 Anna Bay
- 6 Gary Meyer
- 6 Brian Smolen
- 9 Roberta Shuler
- 10 Carol Ringer
- 13 Marlene Hoskins
- 14 Linda Ellig
- 15 Peggy Parkinson
- 19 Shirley Hopkins
- 28 Ally Allen
- 29 Robert Lewis Jr.
- 30 Shirley Warren

Let Us Give Thanks (NKJV)



ACROSS

4. Be thankful to Him, and ____ His name. (Ps. 100:4)
7. But thanks be to God, who gives us the ____ through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:57)
8. Whenever the living creatures give glory and ____ and thanks to Him. (Rev 4:9)
10. ... nothing is to be refused if it is ____ with thanksgiving (1 Tim. 4:4)
11. Now thanks be to God who always leads us in ____ in Christ. (2 Cor. 2:14)
15. Let us come before His presence with ____; (Ps. 95:2)
16. for He is good! For His ____ endures forever. (Ps 136:1)
17. ... supplies the needs of the saints, but also is ____ through many thanksgivings to God, (2 Cor. 9:12)
18. I thank You and praise You, O God of my ____ (Dan. 2:23)
19. This is the day the Lord has made; we will ____ and be Glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)
20. giving thanks ____ for all things to God the Father (Eph. 5:20)

DOWN

1. Continue earnestly in ____, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; (Col. 4:2)
2. Thanks be to God for His indescribable ____! (2 Cor 9:15)
3. ... grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the ____ of God. (2 Cor 4:15)
5. ... by prayer and ____, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; (Phil. 4:6)
6. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in ____ give thanks... (1 Thess. 5:16-18)
9. Oh give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His ____ (1 Chr 16:8)
12. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving ____ to God. (Col 3:17)
13. ... let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be _____. (Col. 3:15)
14. Enter into His courts with thanksgiving, and into His courts with _____. (Ps. 100:4)
16. I will praise the name of God with a song, and will ____ Him with thanksgiving. (Ps 69:30)



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 LORD'S SUPPER 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	3 9:00 am Seated Exercise 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	4 9:00 am Seated Exercise 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	5 4:00 pm Corporate Prayer 4:00 pm Ensemble	6 9:00 am Seated Exercise 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8
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16 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	17 9:00 am Seated Exercise	18 9:00 am Seated Exercise	19 3:00 pm Finance Cmte 4:00 pm Business Mtg 5:00 pm Ensemble	20 9:00 am Seated Exercise	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 9:00 am Church Christmas Decorating
23 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	24 9:00 am Seated Exercise	25 9:00 am Seated Exercise	26 NO BIBLE STUDY OFFICE CLOSED	27 	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29
30 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service						



SUNDAY

9:00 am Bible Study for All Ages
10:30 am Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

4:00 pm Bible Study



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