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MONTHLY EVENTS

- 11-11 Women's *Breathe*- 9 am- 455 Slowdown Rd. Newcastle. Contact Diana Knapp or DeLynn Rosenau for info.
- 11-25 Union Gospel Mission- *Dinner at the Rosenau home at 5:30 pm. Leave/carpool at 6:30 pm Service at UGM from 7:30-8:30 pm*

Psalm 100:1-5 (ESV)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

THANKSGIVING IN HIS COURTS!

BY PASTOR DAVE TUCKER

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD. WHAT IS THAT? ANYTHING THAT PROCLAIMS THE JOY OF JESUS! AS CHRISTIANS, WE SHOULD BE THE MOST JOYFUL PEOPLE ON THE PLANET. I DIDN'T SAY THE *HAPPIEST*, BUT THE MOST JOYFUL. WHY? BECAUSE WE HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MOST HIGH GOD, AND HE LOVES US SO MUCH THAT HE REDEEMED US AND NOW PRESENTS US AS HIS HOLY BRIDE. IT DOESN'T TRULY GET ANY BETTER THAN THAT.

WE ARE THEN TOLD TO SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS. WE ARE TO BE A PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO SERVE GOD BY SERVING EACH OTHER. THIS LOOKS DIFFERENT AS EACH ONE OF US HAS DIFFERENT TALENTS AND ABILITIES, BUT THE KEY IS THAT WE DO SO WITH GLADNESS.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THIS PSALM TO ME IS THE INVITATION TO COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF OUR HOLY GOD! WITH SINGING! WE ARE INVITED *THROUGH HIS GATES* AND *INTO HIS COURTS* WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE! THE GATE SIGNIFIES AN ENTRY POINT AT WHICH HE ALLOWS US TO COME THROUGH TO MEET WITH HIM. AS WE ENTER, WE ARE ALLOWED AND INVITED INTO HIS COURTS.

I AM INVITED INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS DID ON THE CROSS. HE TORE THE CURTAIN FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, ALLOWING SINNERS TO ENTER IN, NOT DUE TO OUR GOODNESS OR HOLINESS BUT ONLY BECAUSE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST NOW RESTS ON HIS CHURCH.

PSALM 84:10 SAYS, "FOR A DAY IN YOUR COURTS IS BETTER THAN A THOUSAND ELSEWHERE. I WOULD RATHER BE A DOORKEEPER IN THE HOUSE OF MY GOD THAN DWELL IN THE TENTS OF WICKEDNESS."

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE COME INTO HIS PRESENCE? MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE, SERVE HIM, GIVE THANKS, PRAISE, GIVE THANKS, BLESS HIS NAME! ALL THAT IS WITHIN US, WE JOYFULLY WORSHIP HIM FOR ALL HIS GOODNESS, HIS LOVE, AND HIS FAITHFULNESS!

AS WE CELEBRATE THIS SEASON OF THANKSGIVING, MAY OUR FOCUS BE ON THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS. HERE ARE A FEW QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER THIS MONTH:

WHEN WE DO ENTER HIS PRESENCE, DO WE THANK GOD, OR DO WE COMPLAIN THAT THINGS AREN'T THE WAY WE PREFER? DOES HE STILL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY IN THE AWESOMENESS OF WHO HE IS? DO YOU LONG TO BE IN HIS COURTS? DO YOU WORSHIP HIM WITH GLADNESS AND JOY, OR ARE YOU SO USED TO IT THAT IT BECOMES MONOTONOUS?

I CHALLENGE EACH ONE OF YOU TO USE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, AND EACH DAY, WRITE ON A PIECE OF PAPER SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE THANKFUL ABOUT WHO GOD IS. NOT THINGS, JOBS, OR YOUR FAMILY, BUT ONLY THINGS ABOUT GOD. THEN, PUT THE PAPER IN A BOX OR JAR, AND AT THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER, GO BACK AND READ EACH ONE. HE WILL BE WORSHIPPED AND BLESSED BY OUR EXERCISE, AND WE MAY LEARN SOMETHING NEW IN THE PROCESS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES FOR THREE MORE WEEKS THIS YEAR. WE WRAP UP ON NOVEMBER 13TH FOR THIS SESSION. WE HAVE SUCH A GREAT TIME TOGETHER EACH WEEK AS WE EAT, WORSHIP, AND STUDY GOD'S WORD TOGETHER. YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FROM 5:30-7:30 PM.



THANKSGIVING MEAL AND CELEBRATION!
NOVEMBER 19TH, 5 PM-6:30 PM.
JOIN US SUNDAY EVENING AS WE CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING TOGETHER AS A CHURCH BODY.



NEED PRAYER? TEXT OR CALL 530-460-4916

THEREFORE, CONFESS YOUR SINS TO ONE ANOTHER AND PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED. THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON HAS GREAT POWER AS IT IS WORKING. JAMES 5:16

NOVEMBER 3-4 MARRIAGE TUNE-UP HAS BEEN POSTPONED. OUR SPEAKER HAD TO MAKE A LAST-MINUTE CHANGE, AND SO WE ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING IT FOR FEBRUARY 9-10TH 2024

TOP THANKSGIVING DAY TRADITIONS

1. TAKE A WALK
2. MAKE SOMETHING WITH PUMPKIN
3. DECORATE A THANKSGIVING TREE
4. WATCH MACY'S DAY PARADE
5. WATCH FOOTBALL
6. PLAY FOOTBALL GAME
7. VOLUNTEER TO HELP SOMEWHERE
8. JUMP IN A PILE OF LEAVES
9. RUN IN A TURKEY TROT
10. START DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS
11. EAT TURKEY
12. GIVE THANKS!



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST- 6-8 PM.
FATHER-SON BOWL NIGHT
MEN COME JOIN US