

From the Pastor's Pen...



Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This year is quickly passing by as we are now into the last two months of the year.

We had a tremendous "Worth Fighting for Family Conference" in October with Bro. Kevin Merritt. It was also a blessing to have his dear wife, Amanda, with him as well. Lori and I thoroughly enjoyed spending a lot of time with them during the days. We were greatly helped. Bro. Kevin preached 5 challenging sermons on the family. I encourage each of you to get copies of the CD's from any services you missed.

Let me remind you of a couple of things. Ladies, your monthly Bible study will be Tuesday, November 14th. It will start at 6:30 PM and will take place in the home of Mark and Joni Thrift. November is the month of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving day will be on Thursday, November 23rd. We will move our Wednesday evening service to Tuesday of that week. Let us all make an effort to pray for one another this month. Let someone know this month you are thankful for them.

At the bottom of this letter, you will find our birthdays and anniversaries for the month of November. Let me be the first to wish each of you a happy birthday or happy anniversary. I love each of you and it is an honor to be your Pastor.

Let me leave this letter with a short devotion. I hope it will be a blessing to you.

Ephesians 5:14-20

¹⁴ Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. ¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, ¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; ²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Christianity is not just a way of thinking and believing. It is a way of living and doing. The Bible tells us that as God's people we should walk wisely in the world. (v. 15) What does it mean to walk wisely? It means at least 3 things:

- 1) **Be alert to opportunities (v. 14-16)** Each day you will have opportunities to do good, to witness, and to minister. If we aren't alert, we will miss them.
- 2) **Be obedient to God (v. 17)** The first consideration in all that we do, should be God's will. His will is the best thing that could ever happen to us.
- 3) **Be open to the Spirit (v. 18)** To live wisely means to be filled with the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit of God controls us, we are joyful, thankful, and loving.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1st Dora Hooker

Sarah Welsh

14th Cassie Vargas

Robert Hollister

Anniversaries

5th Gary and Carol Smith

11th David and Cathy Cook

28th Mike and Krissy Richardson