

## FROM PASTOR JEFF

"giving thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thess. 5:18

Praise the Lord! November is over! This has been the longest month for me. The surgery went well, without many problems. The issues came when I got home. You would think that have weeks of doing nothing with no responsibilities would be a dream. But it didn't take long to realize, this is NOT fun. Day after day, hour after hour, minute after minute, time just seemed to drag along at such a slow rate. The best word I could come up with about how I was feeling about the recovery thing is...annoyed.

Everything annoyed me. Have to get up off the chair annoyed me, getting out of bed annoyed me, looking out the window annoyed me, but most of all, not having a purpose for my days (except healing) really annoyed me.

But somewhere in the middle of all the annoyance, I began to realize quite a few things. One reason for the struggle was because I was learning dependence. I am used to doing everything myself, and now I have to rely on others (mostly Stephanie) to do the simplest tasks.

I also learned that there are times I need rest (maybe just not a month's worth). Being still as forced me work live in prayer. Prayer is becoming less of something I do and becoming more something I live in. I found myself simply have long talks with God with little formality and religious overtones. He was simply there with me and talked with Him as I would anyone else.

Another thing I learned was how much I love and care for you. You have shown us so much support during this time. One of the fears we had going into this was that we would feel disconnect from you and all that was going on in your lives. But your calls, prayers, food, visits, and gifts helped to be connected even when we weren't able to be there physically. We felt loved and cared by you and there is no way to adequately express our thanks. But in this season of thanksgiving and gift giving, you are one of the greatest gifts God has given us.

Following Him,

Jeff





# Church Family=Family Fun Cookout at the Shouse House















#### Thank you Jenn!!



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#### **FROM PASTOR MATT**

"I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders." (Psalms 9:1).

I appreciate the Thanksgiving and Christmas season as a time of reflection on the goodness of God. I also know that the holiday season can be a time of loss and grief. Yes, joy and sadness can go hand in hand. In all the extra that comes with this time of year, may we remember to celebrate the Lord's goodness with all that we have as well as have compassion towards others.

In November, the Youth Group, had opportunities to grow in their relationship with Jesus and each other. Wednesday nights we spent time playing a few games and opening God's Word to discuss living in humility and being thankful in everything. Awsom was a great time for the girls that went. They worshipped, learned, and laughed together. Lighthouse this month was a little low in number, but the students and adults that were present enjoyed time together eating, talking about listening to God in faith, and playing games (Go Kangaroos!).

Mission Kids had a good month of learning about sharing our faith. The kids learned about being on a mission sharing the good news of Jesus to everyone and everywhere. The kids have been great with their willingness to come and learn.

As stated earlier, December brings a lot of extra out of the normal activities. We will be going Christmas caroling and having cookies on the 6th starting at 6:00pm. We invite all to join us in this fun time of sharing in spreading God's love in the community and then a time of refreshments afterwards. Our Holiday Meal will take place on the 13th at 6:00pm. Mission Kids will also have a special little party towards the end of the meal. Finally, the Youth Group with have its Christmas Extravaganza on the 20th at 6:00pm. It will be a time of celebration, craziness, chaos, and floundering. Thank you for your prayers and support. I pray you see the Lord's love and provision during this

Christmas season.

Pastor Matt











#### Caring and Sharing.

A note from Annie Massett: Caring and Sharing.

It is the time of year to think about Caring and Sharing. Providing Christmas baskets for several in the community would not be possible without your generosity. The goal continues to be to provide Christmas dinner for those identified in NEED as well as gifts for families with children.

Ramsey Christian Church will serve as the distribution and preparation site for Caring and Sharing. The preparation hours will be on Thursday, December 14th and Friday, December 15 from 8:30am-1pm. Distribution will occur on the morning of Saturday, December 16 at 9am with the last minute preparations beginning at 8am.

We rely on churches, group and individuals to help with the following:

- \*donations of non-perishable food items
- \*gifts for children (off the FNB giving tree)
- \*mittens\*hats\*gloves\*socks (for all ages)

\*monetary contribution for perishable food items (donations can me made at the FNB )

\*volunteers are also needed for the times above for packing a distribution



Thank you for helping the children, elderly and handicapped of the Ramsey, Bingham and Bayle City areas.

# December Birthdays & Anniversaries \*Blessing and Best Wishes\*

- 1 Diann Smith
- 9 Rachel Stokes
- 14 Andrew Lorton
- 15 Tasha Oller
- 16 Travis Strobel
- 17 Kal Cook
- 19 Rozzalynn McDonald
- 21 Joey Eddy
- 22 Jim & Debbie Lav
- 30 Justin Hill

- 9 Gerald & Evelyn Sanders
- 11 Lyric Kiefer
- 14 Dee Temmen
- 16 Kelvin & Sandy Worker
- 17 Dolly Miller
- 18 Evie Moreland
- 20 Emma Braning
- 21 MaryAlice Estes
- 27 Devin & Kara Friesland
- 30 Torrie McDonald

Office Closed

**December 25** 

**Merry Christmas!!** 

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DECEMBER 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Week of Prayer- Lottie Moon Offering Bible Study 6pm	4	5	Christmas Caroling for ALL ages 6pm	Senior Adults tour Christmas Lights in Shelbyville 4pm	8	9
10 Bible Study 6pm	11	12	Holiday Meal 6pm (Bring a side dish or dessert)	14	15	16
FBC Family Christmas Musical 6pm	18	19	Youth Christmas Extravaganza 6pm	21	22	23
Reg am <u>services</u> Christmas Eve Service 5pm	Christmas Office closed Merry Christmas!	26	No PM Activities	28	29	30
Bible Study/Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6