

WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for coming.

TODAY:

We are going to divert from our series in the book of Romans today to talk about being thankful. Is it important to God whether or not I live in thankfulness? Is a spirit of thankfulness worship? Does a thankful spirit and attitude have an effect on me? The Bible has much to say about thankfulness! This is **Thanksgiving Sunday**; as we reflect on God's goodness to us, let's rejoice and give him praise. **Thank you for your generous contributions to "We Care" last Sunday!**

Wed. night Prayer Meeting Oct. 15, at 7:00 PM.

I encourage you to find the time to join us and pray for your family and our church family. Come with your Bible and let's worship and believe God together. *"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night...For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts!"* (Psalm 92: 1-5)



JUST FOR KIDS

Our children join us for worship in the main Sanctuary until they are called to the altar area for prayer. They will then attend Sunday School and will be supervised by our capable workers. Their special Bible lesson will conclude at the same time as the adult service.

Nursery is also supervised and available when the children are dismissed from the sanctuary.

Parents please note that your child needs to be signed-in and signed-out every Sunday.

MANNA



During our devotions last Thursday morning Patricia made a statement to the Lord that really caught my attention **"Lord we are thankful for another new day to live for you."** When we consider how short, and how fragile life can be, this becomes a significant thought and desire. We only have one life to live. If we were to approach each new day with this as our number one desire; what a beautiful difference we would make. If we were willing to remind ourselves every day that living for Christ is our primary calling. Since living for Him means putting others first, being forgiving, kind, patient, humble, and transparent; what an amazing impact we would have. I think one of the secrets to this state of living is to be thankful. Thankful living releases us from the trap of self-centered living. It destroys greed, jealousy, anger, and bitterness. It causes us to grasp that God is our true source. It reminds us to be content and enduring and willing to seek godliness. A thankful person has the foundation of appreciation, reverence, respect, and love in his heart. It causes him to go the extra mile in life.

Maybe we do not realize it but a thankful spirit is a must to truly worship God! **"...since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe."** (Hebrews 12: 28) It appears that thankfulness is a precondition that leads to worship.

It is no wonder then that Scripture declares **"Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song."** (Ps. 95: 2) **"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."** (Ps. 100: 4) Help us Father to worship you with thankfulness and to live each day for Christ.

COMING:



We are welcoming a new pastor to ROCC on Sunday, October 19, as a general assistant to Pastor Mills.

Annual Church Business Meeting, Sunday, October 26th, 12:30 PM.