

# THANKSGIVING

Church Newsletter

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR... about giving thanks

In November we **give thanks** to God for all he has given to us! Of course we should give thanks all the time, but who among us does that often enough? Let's not wait 'til Thanksgiving.

November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:50 AM, is our annual Anniversary Service, as we **give thanks** for 57 years of ministry since our congregation was organized in 1957. What a blessing it will be to meet again with former members returning from a distance, and to rejoice together in what God is doing here and now. More details for the dinner following are below. Begin now to invite your friends to join us for this great day!

We also **give thanks** to God for a number of new people committing their lives to Christ and preparing for baptism. The tentative date for the next baptismal service is December 28<sup>th</sup>. What a wonderful way to prepare for the New Year! If you are interested in baptism, or if you want to discover from the Bible what it means to be a REAL Christian, I would love to meet with you soon.

We are also **thankful** for all who've responded to our building renovation campaign "For the Next Generation." We reached our "green light" goal of \$50,000 in new giving early this year, but both church staff and Building Committee concluded that improvements to the sanctuary and welcome area were a higher priority than our original plans to renovate the "original" building. These improvements would impact everyone who comes to church and improve the very important "first impressions." These steps, however, are more costly than the originally planned "Phase I," and as we tried to clarify the needs, the projected costs went up even higher. People have given and pledged generously, and all our leaders are committed to spending no more than firm commitments from the congregation will allow. The Building Committee, during November, will be prioritizing improvements that can be made with the gifts and pledges that have come in. If you have not yet turned in a commitment card, we have some left! No funds will be borrowed without approval at a meeting open to the whole congregation. PLEASE continue to pray for guidance, that all our facilities will glorify God and serve people effectively.

We **give thanks**, above all, for God's gift of his Son Jesus Christ. You will see below that we are decorating the sanctuary for Christmas even before Thanksgiving! Before the month is over, you will hear from us about some terrific Christmas activities. In the meantime, let us continue to give thanks, every Sunday, every day, all day!

In the Love of Christ,  
Pastor Dwight T Gregory



## CHURCHWORKDAY

On Saturday, November 8th @ 8:30AM, help get the inside and outside of the church in tip-top shape for our 57th Anniversary Sunday. Please invite friends and family to join us on Sunday, November 9th for worship and lunch.

Please join Erin Smith on Sunday afternoon, November 23 to help decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas. We need your help and we have a lot of fun. If you would like to help contact Erin Smith at 812.7374.

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## Anniversary Sunday

On November 9th we will celebrate the 57th Anniversary of the MWC Church. A fellowship lunch will follow the service. The church is providing the drinks and rolls.

**We are asking the church people to bring:**

**Family names A-K—Dessert (Pies or Cobblers only)**  
**L-Z—Casserole Style Pasta Dish**  
**(vegetable dishes, tossed salads)**

We ran out of some side dishes last year, so please bring enough to feed eight or more people.

If you have any questions please contact  
Carrie Carlson at 733.8212, Karen Hartzell at 733.2977  
or Lori Schroyer at 361.0734.



# CHURCH AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## GRIEF FOR THE HOLIDAYS

If you have lost a loved one and are not sure how you will cope through the upcoming holiday season, we want to help. Please come to our annual "Grief for the Holidays" support group seminar on Saturday, November 1st from 11AM to 12PM. at the church in the fellowship hall. Bring an item that reminds you of your loved one. For more info contact Pastor Paula Farley at 618.9595.

DON'T FORGET TO



**FALL BACK**  
Sun. NOV. 2

## children's program



This year's children's Christmas Program will be *The Best Gift* on Sunday, December 21 at 6:30pm. Christmas Program practice will be during Children's Church on Sunday mornings beginning October 12 with a dress rehearsal on December 20. Children ages 4-5th grade are invited to participate. If you would like your child to be a part of this years program, they must attend practices. For more information contact Anita Baird at 659.3322.

## SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

The Seniors will meet at the church on November 14 at Noon for a salad luncheon. The program will be given by Ron and Martha Borgers. For more information contact Harold and Bonnie Bishop at 741.6484.

## HOLIDAY HOURS and PASTORAL CARE

The church office will be open on Wednesday, November 26 from 10AM-2PM and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27-28. If you need pastoral care during the holidays you may call Pastor Dwight Gregory at 778.9460.



**Advent**  
BE WATCHFUL . BE ALERT  
November 30

## WYCLIFFE ASSOCIATION BANQUET

On Saturday, November 15 at 6PM at the Hilton Garden Inn (801 South Meridian Avenue, OKC) there is a banquet for the Wycliffe Association. The speaker for the evening is Guillermo Munoz. He is serving in Papua, New Guinea. A meal will be provided. An offering will be received for Wycliffe Association. If you are interested in attending the banquet please contact Harold Bishop at 741.6484.

## DING, DONG GROCERIES AND DITCH

In November our student ministries will be taking groceries to local families in need. The items needed by donation include: stuffing, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, pie crust & filling and much more. We need 5 or 6 turkeys.

Please bring donated items to the church by Wednesday, November 19th.

On Sunday, November 24th the youth will meet at the church @ 5PM to put together thanksgiving baskets together. Contact Sarah Baird at 640.8228 for information.

*Kaufmanns in Midwest City*  
*Ken and Linda Kaufmann will be here on Wednesday, November 5th to discuss serving in the Middle East. Invite friends and family to come here what they have been doing over the past couple of years.*

## SILENT AUCTION

The church is having a Silent Auction on December 13th at Midwest City Church to raise money for the **GC15 Mission Trip**. They have over \$1,000 worth of donations: 2 tickets Lyric Theater, 4 OKC Barons Tickets, Bare Minerals make up and many more great items. You don't want to miss out. We are asking you to invite everyone you know to attend this silent auction. If you have any questions contact Sarah Baird at 640.8228.

