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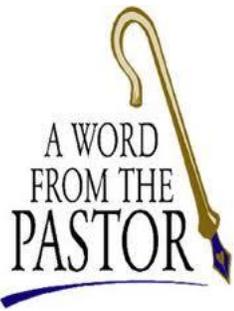
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Olympic athletes turn down social opportunities in order to go to bed early, get out of bed before the sun comes up, and limit their diets to include the perfect blend of protein, fiber, complex carbohydrates, and nutrients.

And why do they do this? The medal. The medal is the dream. The fantasy of winning an Olympic medal is what propels these athletes forward.

But as we know, all medals are not created equal. USA Today cited a report that surveyed the happiness and contentment level of the gold, silver, and bronze medal winners. No surprises, the happiest athletes were the gold medalists.

The next result, however, may surprise you. You may think the silver medalists were next on the happiness scale. They weren't. The bronze medalists were happier than the silver medalists.

The silver medalists think, *I came so close to winning gold.* The bronze medalists think, *I almost didn't get a medal—I'm grateful to be on the podium.* One reflects on what they have, the other reflects on what they don't have.

The third-place athlete is happier than the second-place athlete. Psychologists describe this as "counterfactual thinking." It's the, *I could have or I should have*, state of mind.

Sadly, many of us sometimes suffer from this "silver medal syndrome." Though we have the highest standard of living in recorded history, we never quite seem to have enough.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Paul doesn't tell us that we should give thanks "for" all things, but to give thanks "in" all things.

We can give thanks in all things because we know that God causes all things to work together for good for those who love God, for

those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). God is working in your life to bring about your greatest good and His greatest glory. Be thankful!

I am thankful for Elm Grove Baptist Church. As Carole and I begin our fifth year with you, we are thankful for what we have experienced with you and are looking forward to seeing how God will continue to work in and through our fellowship in 2014.

The shepherd loves the sheep!
Pastor Brian

Happy Moments,
Praise God.
Difficult Moments,
Seek God.
Quiet Moments,
Worship God.
Painful Moments,
Trust God.
Every Moment,
Thank God.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Young	2nd
Pam Marange	4th
Diana Lott	5th
Leilani Wray	5th
Nell Sparks	6th
Noah Fox	8th
Brett Frazier	8th
Vicky Ray	10th
Christine Fox	18th
Erin Phipps	21st
Loyce Anderson	22nd
Jimmie Hudson	23rd
Susan Merriott	25th
Linda Brown	29th
Robert Payne	29th

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick & Jessica Humphrey	17th
Dean & Bobbie Branch	17th
Bob & Marie Gilligan	24th



CHARLIE'S CHATS

We are working on the Christmas Program *On Christmas Day* every Wednesday starting at 6:30. Thanks to all of you who are so faithful to come to all the rehearsals! We welcome anyone interested in joining us! It's not too late...there's a place just for YOU!

We encourage you to come to our Family Fall Festival Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be games for the kids, bounce house/slide, hot dogs to eat and best of all...it's FREE!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make the Connection with Others This Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	
Children's Worship	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir	6:30 p.m.



Family Fall FESTIVAL

**OCTOBER 31ST
6 TO 8 P.M.**

JOIN US FOR
FUN ■ FOOD ■ FELLOWSHIP
Needed: Candy & Volunteer Workers



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY **Nov. 9th**
Fellowship
Saturday, November ~~2nd~~
from 1 to 4 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall

Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 6th
at 5:30 p.m.
Monthly Business Meeting
Sunday, November 17th
After Morning Worship



Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child
Shoe Box Pack & Pray Party
Sunday, November 10th
immediately after Morning Worship



**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 3RD**



Welcome To our Church Family

**Pam East
Chanin Boudreaux**



Church-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner
November 24th
After Morning Worship
Bring your favorite covered dish!



Our prayer for you this season is that your hearts and lives will be increasingly thankful to the Lord for His eternal love, grace, peace, and presence in your life.

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