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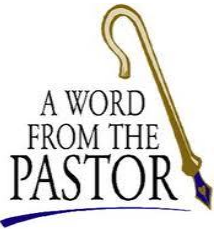
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I shared the following story during a sermon recently. The story touched my heart when I first came across it; and some of you mentioned that it touched your heart as well.

As we move into the Thanksgiving season, I thought it would be good to share that story here:

In the fall of 2000, former megachurch pastor Ed Dobson was diagnosed with ALS (or Lou Gehrig's disease), a degenerative disease with no known cause or cure.

In 2012 Dobson shared his ongoing struggle to give thanks while living with an incurable condition. He wrote:

There are many things for which I am not grateful. I can no longer button the buttons on my shirt. I can no longer put on a heavy jacket. I can no longer raise my right hand above my head. I can no longer write.

I can no longer eat with my right hand. I eat with my left hand, and now even that is becoming a challenge. And over time all of these challenges will get worse and worse.

So what in the world do I have to be grateful for?

So much.

Lord, thank you for waking me up this morning. Lord, thank you that I can turn over in my bed. Lord, thank you that I can still get out of bed. Lord, thank you that I can walk to the bathroom Lord, thank you that I can still brush my teeth ...

Lord, thank you that I can still eat breakfast. Lord, thank you that I can still dress myself. Lord, thank you that I can still drive my car. Lord, thank you that I can still walk. Lord, thank you that I can still talk.

And the list goes on and on. I have learned in my journey with ALS to focus on what I can do, not on what I can't do. I have learned to be grateful for the small things in my life and for the many things I can still do.

Ed Dobson passed away in 2015 from ALS. While the disease stole his body, it did not steal his faith.

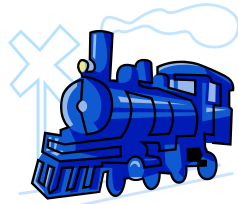
There is much in life we do not understand, be we have a God who is all-knowing, all-wise, and all-loving who deserves our praise and adoration regardless of the difficulties we happen to be going through.

It is only through faith we can say with the Apostle Paul, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Happy Thanksgiving
Pastor Brian

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Young	2nd
Diana Lott	5th
Leilani Dalme	5th
Nell Sparks	6th
Noah Fox	8th
Christine Fox	18th
Loyce Anderson	22nd
Terri Byrd	23rd
Jimmie Hudson	23rd
Susan Merriott	25th
Micah Wagar	27th



CHARLIE'S CHATS

We are working on the Christmas Program 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!

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL



Classes for All Ages This Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

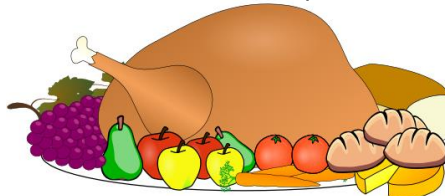


National Collection Week November 13-20, 2017

Now is the time to pack shoeboxes that will bring good news and joy to boys and girls around the world!

Church

Family



Thanksgiving

Dinner

November 19th After Morning Worship

Bring your favorite covered dish!

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.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, November 4th from 12 to 2 p.m. In the Fellowship Hall



What **ARE** You Thankful for?

