



Psalm 103
"Count Your Many Blessings"

The psalmist recounts why he blesses the Lord.

1. He _____ Me
2. He _____ Me
3. He _____ Me

TAKE HOME TRUTH

As God's people we're not to _____
his blessings.

Coming Up ...

December 3 – Ecclesiastes 10:1-20
December 10 – Ecclesiastes 11:1-10
December 17 – Ecclesiastes 12:1-14
December 24 – Christmas Children's Program & Choir
December 31 – Special Speaker, Pastor Keith Sova

Beginning January 14

New Expository Series on the Book of Acts
The Church on a Mission

Just a Moment

with Pastor Fred

I often say, "Sunday is the best day of the week" and I mean it. Sure I understand that every day is lived for Christ – *one man considers one day more sacred than another; and another man considers everyday alike*, Rom 15:5. Sunday is the best for me because it's on this day we come together for corporate worship and mutual fellowship. My whole week is geared towards Sunday and each Saturday night I'm eager, anxious and excited about being together. I hope you are too.

The Greek word for church means 'called out ones.' The church is a people called out of the world unto Christ. Throughout the NT the church is referred to as the Body of Christ. So as a body functions, so must the church in mutual cooperation. We're also a family, God's family, born again by the Holy Spirit into a new relationship with God as our Father with those around us as brothers and sisters. One day the church will become the Bride of Christ as we celebrate the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in glory. What a great privilege to be a part of the church – once an outsider now showered with God's mercy and grace! And it is on the first day of the week we gather together to worship and serve.

One of the church fathers, Justin Martyr, explained it this way - "On the day which is called Sunday, all who live in the cities or in the countryside gather together in one place to hear the Word read and taught, communion celebrated, and prayers offered with thanksgiving." That's what makes Sunday special.



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Becoming fruitful disciples

"LET US COME INTO
His PRESENCE
WITH *thanksgiving*"

PSALM 95:2

Prelude
Call to Worship

The Risen Christ
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Confessional Reading
Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

Thanksgiving Reading
Thanksgiving Hymn Medley

Pastoral Prayer & Scripture Reading

Bless the Lord!
O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Communion
His Mercy is More

Benediction
Special Prayer

THE LORD'S DAY
November 26, 2023

Corporate worship
is designed to enthrall us with the
comfort of the gospel, so we'll be
joyfully motivated by the call
of the gospel too.

Loving God, Loving People

Infant/Toddler Nursery

Sunday School / ABF: Mary Ann Krepps, Sue Froman
Worship Service: Karla Ruest, Diane Wilson, Gina Hart

This Week

Today

9:00am	Coffee & Fellowship
9:30am	Sunday School / ABF
10:30am	Worship Service & Communion
11:45pm	Deck the Halls
4:00pm	Israel / Palestinian Discussion

Tuesday, November 28

6:30pm	Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies
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Wednesday, November 29

10:30am	Senior Saints
7:00pm	Praise Team

Friday, December 1

7:00pm	Sweet Talk
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Saturday, December 2

6:00pm	Rescue Mission
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Announcements

Deck the Halls will occur immediately after the service. We'll need help bringing decorations from the parsonage basement to auditorium and then setting up the Christmas trees. Pizza will be served following.

Free Items! Items are located near the stairs going to the fellowship hall. Please help yourself.

Sweet Talk for young couples will be hosted by Pastor Fred and Susan this Friday at 7 pm. Please affirm with Susan if you plan on attending by Wednesday.

Tickets for the Christmas Ladies Tea can be purchased today from Diane Wilson for \$12. We need ladies to host/decorate a table and men to serve as waiters. Sign up on at the table in the foyer. This is an excellent outreach event, Friday, December 8.

What does the Bible say about the Israel-Palestinian conflict? Come Sunday, November 26 from 4-5 pm for a discussion. Please sign up at the table in the foyer.

Christmas Caroling will be held on Sunday, December 10 beginning at 5 pm. Come and participate in bringing joy to others.

Senior Saints Christmas Luncheon will be December 20, 11:30am at Buddies in Holt. For more information, see Ron Gerard.

A **Special Business Meeting** will be held next Sunday after the morning service. We will vote on the proposed strategic plan along with a constitutional change regarding quorum. The recommendation is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions - please ask an elder or deacon.

Volunteers needed at the City Rescue Mission this Saturday, Dec 2 to serve the evening meal. Sign up at the table in the foyer.

Christmas for our Shut-ins - Christmas packages will be assembled for our shut-ins on Wednesday, December 13. If you would like to share in this, please bring your items by Sunday, December 10 and leave in the church office. A list of suggested items are on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Ron Gerard.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Clara DeMass	Nov 28
Donna Kimmel	Nov 29
Hudson Price	Dec 1
Steven Blake	Dec 2

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nic & Lois Martin	Nov 30
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Prayer Requests

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

General Requests & Praise

- Josh & Carissa Bell in Senegal
- Katherine Moore - residency program
- Those seeking certification with ACBC
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually and reach out to others
- Proposed Strategic Plan

Physical Needs

- Amanda Wilson - healing from hand surgery
- Bob Helmuth - cancer, palliative care
- Cecil twins, Susan & Naomi - NICU
- Cherie VanValkenburgh - fatigue
- Cheryl Woodruff (Melissa Hurley's step-mom) - lung cancer
- Myra Fuehring (Kelly Troxell's mom) - having cardio ablation soon
- Ethan Cecil - continued healing and growth
- Jan Jackson - serious health issues, hospitalized
- Joan Allen - painful frozen shoulder
- Josh Bell - back pain management
- Paula Orth (former member) - cancer, surgery tomorrow
- Sherry Back (former member) - palliative care
- Stef Bolthouse (Froman's daughter) - endometriosis, appt Dec 22

Praying biblically - Colossians 3:15-17

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Prayer For Our Government

Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist

Prayer Individual of the Week

Donna Kimmel

Shut in of the Week

Dennis & Merrellyn Clapp



Greeters for November 26
Barb Bush
Michael & Sarah Winnie