

St. Paul's Epistle

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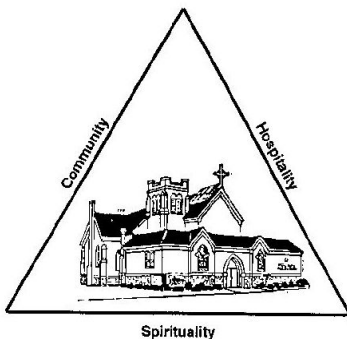
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From the Pastor's Desk

We have been Taking Time to Breathe over the last few weeks in worship, and it is exactly what the Pilgrims did when they celebrated the first Thanksgiving. They stopped and gave thanks to God, and I invite you to give thanks this month as we celebrate taking a breath and giving thanks. We are also going to talk about stewardship this month and take pledges toward our operating costs as we set our budget for 2022. You will soon be receiving a letter and a pledge card from the finance committee. We are asking that you return your pledges in church on the 14th of November and that you turn them in no later than the end of the month so we can create next year's budget.

It is also time to put together Christmas shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We got started early this year, in the Scannell house. It is interesting what changes as we put together boxes from year to year. Every box this year has a stuffed animal, which is unusual for the boxes that we pack. We also put in hats and gloves, and the older girls received handbags this year as well. Yes, we put in toys, but we also put in many other things. I think all gifts are good gifts. We have sent socks, flip flops, washcloths, toothbrushes, Legos, hot wheels, sewing kits, and if it fits, we trust God to use them to help someone know that Jesus Love Them. Pack a box this year, pray for the person who will receive it, and know you are sharing God's love.

Finally, thank you to everyone who helped out with Trunk or Treat, I hope you had fun as we shared God's love right here in Elida. Everything you do matters, and I see you hard at work here at church and out in our community.

I'll see you in the mission field.

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

The more you recognize and express gratitude for the things you have, the more things you will have to express gratitude for.

- Zig Ziglar

All Saints Sunday October 31

At this time in the church year we think about saints - people who are examples of God's love. We thank God for them and remember saints whose lives enrich our faith.

Bring a white candle in a holder to place on the altar in memory of loved ones who have passed.

Daylight Savings Time ends

November 7

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour, and change the batteries in your smoke detectors.



Food Pantry Sunday November 14

Please continue to bring in non perishable food items for the food Pantry at The Church at Allentown.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Newsletter
deadline:
the **20th**
of each month

Christian Symbol

CORNUCOPIA

Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning "horn of plenty," has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.



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Secretary	Gail Fessler
Organist	Linda Holman
Pianist	Lois Cook
Choir Director	Judy Chaffins
Custodian	Dave Decker

November 11, 2021 Veterans Day



We are planning a special recognition for military members on Sunday, November 7th, a few days before Veterans Day. If you or a family member have served in the military, we would like to know who and what branch so we can honor them on November 7th.

Please contact the church office at 419-339-3801, or email us at officeespc@gmail.com with your information.

Honoring Our Veterans

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

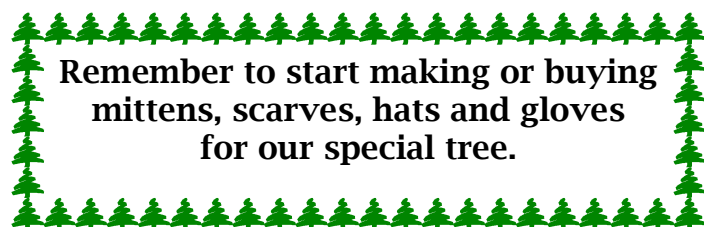


THANKSGIVING DAY
November 25

November 28



If you or your family is interested in lighting an Advent candle, please contact the church office.



Remember to start making or buying mittens, scarves, hats and gloves for our special tree.

Missions

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Pack a Gift and Pray

A shoe box filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies tangibly demonstrates God's love to a child in need. Guides for how to pack a shoebox may be picked up in the church office or online at samaritanaspurse.org. Remember to pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoebox gift, and that many children and families will come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Give

We ask for a donation of \$9.00 per box to cover international shipping and other costs, but not everyone can afford to send a gift. Your generosity beyond \$9.00 per shoebox gift will help us to reach even more children with the true meaning of Christmas and a tangible expression of God's amazing love.

Last Sunday for Shoe Box Collection is November 14.



**LIMA
RESCUE
MISSION**

November 7

**Coins for Communion to benefit
The Lima Rescue Mission**

The Lima Rescue Mission

Since 1906, Lima Rescue Mission has been sharing God's love with people in need through Christ-centered programs and services. Our primary focus is reaching out to poor and homeless men by providing physical and spiritual care in a time of crisis. The Mission also ministers to at-risk youth through a summer day camp at our campgrounds, Camp Roberts.

We are an evangelical, non-denominational organization. All funding for our ministry comes directly from individuals, businesses, churches and other organizations who want to be involved in helping people in need in our community. We do not receive any funding from the government or other agencies.

The Coins placed in the offering plate on the 1st Sunday of the month is designated to benefit a specific mission that St. Paul's supports. Your coins may be placed in the offering plates at each entrance to the sanctuary, or you may mark the amount designated on an offering envelope.

College Students

2021/2022 COLLEGE STUDENTS

Makayla Bok – Freshman

Bowling Green State University
009 Founders, 707 E. Wooster St.
Bowling Green, OH 43403-4100

Major: Microbiology

Megan Emmons – Junior

The Ohio State University – Lima Branch
1443 Latham Avenue, Lima, OH 45805

Major: Early Childhood Education

Joshua Guess – Senior

The Ohio State University
40 East 11th Avenue, Apartment D, Columbus, OH 43201

Major: Strategic Communications, **Minor:** Business

Isaac McAdams – Junior

The Ohio State University
82 West Blake Avenue, Columbus, OH 43202
Major: Integrated Social Studies Education, GR 7-12

Jenson Nagy – Apollo Career Center

21577 Monticello-Spencerville Road,
Spencerville, OH 45887

Major: Spa Technology including nails and esthetics

David and Samantha Scannell

Eastern Michigan University
24811 Pennie Street, Dearborn, MI 48125
David, Major: Psychology with Welding and Fabrication at
Washtenaw Community College
Samm, Major: Chemical Engineering

Please keep St. Paul's college students in your prayers.
They all enjoy receiving cards and letters throughout the year.



United Methodist Student Day
Sunday, November 28

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

October 3, 2021 No in-person worship	
October 10, 2021 No in-person worship	
October 17, 2021	55
October 24, 2021	56

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,879.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
October 3 & 10, 2021	\$3,890.00	\$235.00
October 17, 2021	\$2,711.00	\$90.76
October 24, 2021	\$5,040.00	\$494.00

Sunday School Attendance

October 3, 2021 No in-person worship	
October 10, 2021 No in-person worship	
October 17, 2021	4
October 24, 2021	5

Flower Calendar

November 7, 2021	Jone Lane
November 14, 2021	Art & Linda Holman
November 21, 2021	Gary & Deb Hurd
November 28, 2021	OPEN



Stewardship:

In the next few days, you will receive a letter from the finance committee asking for your pledge to the 2022 church budget. Elida St Paul's has done a great job of supporting the ministry of the church. We are asking you to continue your support by filling out a pledge card and returning it to church on Sunday, November 14th. We are called as Christians to give our time, our talent, and our prayers to the ministry of the church. We hope you will prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give. If you can not be in church on the 14th to turn in your pledge card, you can mail it back to church. Thank you in advance for your faithfulness to God and the church.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday 11/1

Psalm 9, 15, 25
Revelation 7:1-8, Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday 11/2

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Revelation 7:9-17, Luke 10:1-16

Wednesday 11/3

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Revelation 8:1-13, Luke 10:17-24

Thursday 11/4

Psalm 37
Revelation 9:1-12, Luke 10:25-37

Friday 11/5

Psalm 31, 35
Revelation 9:13-21
Luke 10:38-42

Saturday 11/6

Psalm 30, 32, 42
Revelation 10:1-11, Luke 11:1-13

Sunday 11/7

Psalm 63, 98, 103, Haggai 1:1-2:9
Acts 18:24-19:7, Luke 10:25-37

Monday 11/8

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Zechariah 1:7-17
Revelation 1:4-20
Matthew 12:43-50

Tuesday 11/9

Psalm 45, 47, 48, Ezra 5:1-17
Revelation 4:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9

Wednesday 11/10

Psalm 53, 119:49-72, Ezra 6:1-22
Revelation 5:1-10
Matthew 13:10-17

Thursday 11/11

Psalm 33, 50, Nehemiah 1:1-11
Revelation 5:11-6:11
Matthew 13:18-23

Friday 11/12

Psalm 40, 51, 54
Nehemiah 2:1-20
Revelation 6:12-7:4
Matthew 13:24-30

Saturday 11/13

Psalm 55, 138, 139
Nehemiah 4:1-23
Revelation 7:4-17
Matthew 13:31-5

Sunday 11/14

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
Nehemiah 5:1-19
Acts 20:7-12, Luke 12:22-31

Monday 11/15

Psalm 56, 57, 64, 65
Nehemiah 6:1-19
Revelation 10:1-11
Matthew 13:36-43

Tuesday 11/16

Psalm 61, 62, 68
Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 42b-47
Revelation 11:1-9
Matthew 13:44-52

Wednesday 11/17

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
Nehemiah 13:4-22
Revelation 12:1-12
Matthew 13:53-58

Thursday 11/18

Psalm 70, 71, 74, Ezra 7:1-26
Revelation 14:1-13
Matthew 14:1-12

Friday 11/19

Psalm 69, 73
Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36
Revelation 15:1-8
Matthew 14:13-21

Saturday 11/20

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
Ezra 9:1-15
Revelation 17:1-14
Matthew 14:22-36

Sunday 11/21

Psalm 34, 93, 96
Ezra 10:1-17
Acts 24:10-21, Luke 14:12-24

Monday 11/22

Psalm 77, 79, 80
Nehemiah 9:1-25
Revelation 18:1-8
Matthew 15:1-20

Tuesday 11/23

Psalm 78, Nehemiah 9:26-38
Revelation 18:9-20
Matthew 15:21-28

Wednesday 11/24

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120
Nehemiah 7:73b-8:3, 5-18
Revelation 18:21-24
Matthew 15:29-39

Thursday 11/25

Psalm 23, 27, 85, 86
Revelation 19:1-10
Matthew 16:1-12

Friday 11/26

Psalm 88, 91, 92
Revelation 19:11-16
Matthew 16:13-20

Saturday 11/27

Psalm 87, 90, 136
Revelation 20:1-6
Mark 16:21-28

Sunday 11/28

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Luke 21:5-19

Monday 11/29

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Amos 2:6-16
2 Peter 1:1-11, Matthew 21:1-11

Tuesday 11/30

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11, Amos 3:1-11
2 Peter 1:12-21
Matthew 21:12-22

When we put *God* first,
all other things
fall into their proper place.

Prayer

Make A Stand!

By Corinne Piper

War is a way of life in many parts of the world. Death, destruction, persecution are daily experiences of many. Yet, it is in these parts of the world that the Christian faith is growing fastest. Perhaps these Christians see real Evil. Here, Jesus may be love but He is also the warrior God of the Psalms who strikes down enemies here and now or in time to come. This is the faith that Christ will have the last word, that Evil and death will not be the end. This is the faith that God is real enough to argue with and yet, in the end, bow to His will. These Christians have a clear idea of what victory in Jesus is.

Why is it so hard for me in my safe place to have that faith? Maybe it is because I have the luxury of time, wealth, health, leisure to doubt. Without life and death experiences every moment, I fall prey to judging my life and faith by cultural beliefs always finding an "rational" answer; thinking there is not a realm of unknowable. Over the years, I have developed completely rational thought profess into a "spiritual stronghold", "something that is always working against us." (*Intimate Intercessor*, pg. 118).

The ways to overcome a "stronghold" is:

- 1) identify our lack of action is by recognizing we have a specific problem.
- 2) confess to God [confess?
- 3) Reject sin and it's influence and
- 4) Repent – which means I will literally turn my back on my behavior and change!

Perhaps you have come to the same realization as me that I have *unbelief* as a stronghold. Rhodes related this so beautifully and fully in *Intimate Intercession*, p. 124-127. We live in a skeptical culture, we don't see the results in prayers, we are afraid to REALLY give ourselves to the Spirit, even doubting God exists. Recognizing this stronghold and confessing it to God is key. But also key is deciding to take a stand and reject and repent. I do not have to reject science and reason but I do need to look for God in both the explainable and the unexplainable. I must become like those who face daily challenges and declare my belief and truly fight against unbelief. Sometimes that may mean "fake it 'til you make it" or holding in my heart the verse "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief." With the Lion of Judah leading we can overtake any stronghold and free those within.

Join us on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room
to pray for those on our prayer list by name.



Methodist History

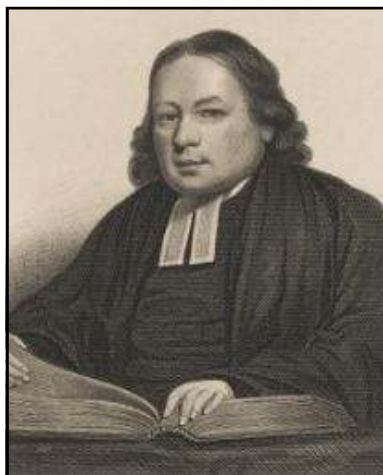
Thomas Coke

September 9, 1747 – May 2, 1814

The first Methodist Bishop and is known as the Father of Methodist Missions

Thomas Coke was born September 9, 1747, in Brecon, South Wales, which has a strong Welsh tradition. He attended Jesus College, Oxford University, graduating with a bachelor of arts, then a Master of Arts and, a doctorate in Civil Law. He first worked as a Burgess and Bailiff in Brecon, then as an ordained Anglican curate at South Petherton in Somerset, in 1772. He had already allied himself with the Methodist movement and this made for trouble when a new rector arrived in the parish. Coke had begun to hold cottage services and open services of the sort promoted by Wesley. He was dismissed from his post on Easter Sunday in 1777, for his Wesleyan leanings. He returned to Petherton in 1807 and preached to a crowd of 2,000. John Wesley found in him a valued legal mind, a gifted evangelical preacher, a skilled administrator, and one of John Wesley's closest assistants. Wesley called Coke "the flea" because he seemed always to be hopping around on his missions.

After serving as superintendent of Methodism's London circuit in 1780 and first chairman of the Irish Conference in 1782, Coke was ordained and appointed by Wesley in 1784 as superintendent for the work in the newly independent United States. A title soon replaced by that of Bishop despite Wesley's strong disapproval. Since Coke was already a priest or presbyter in the Church of England, some interpret this consecration as the Equivalent of episcopal consecration. Coke convened the organizing conference for American Methodism at Baltimore, Maryland, in 1784 and, with authorization from Wesley, ordained Francis Asbury and consecrated him joint superintendent. The church was constituted as an independent body under the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On 27 December 1784, Coke ordained deacons and presbyters and consecrated Asbury bishop: Coke and Asbury are regarded as having been jointly the first Bishops and Superintendents of the Methodist Church in America. Through nine subsequent visits to the growing church in the United States, Coke symbolized the unity of Methodists on both sides of the Atlantic.



Hymn History

For All the Saints

"Then Sings My Soul" Book 2, By Robert J. Morgan

1864

But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever. Daniel 7:18 (NKJV)

William Washam How was born into a wealthy British home just before Christmas in 1823. His father was a lawyer and his grandfather a preacher. William attended Oxford to study law, but after graduation he entered the Anglican ministry. He proved very capable and was offered the Bishopric of Manchester; but he turned it down without even telling his family of the offer. He also refused the Bishopric of Durham, England, with its large salary and prestige. He wanted to serve in humbler places.

In 1851, he became a country parson in the rural parish of Whittington near the Welsh border. He labored there for twenty-eight years, during which time he wrote most of his nearly sixty hymns. In 1879, he moved to London and began working tirelessly among the poor as an assisting (suffragen) Bishop.

He was called the "Omnibus Bishop" for he refused to ride in the private coach afforded bishops. He preferred public transportation. He was also called "the Poor Man's Bishop" because of his concern for the poverty-stricken of Victorian London.

William tended toward liberalism in his theology and was influenced by the intellectual trends of his day, including the theory of evolution. His son once said, "My father considered evolution to be the wonderful way in which 'the Lord formed man out of the dust of the ground.'"

Nevertheless, William was a passionate soul-winner and an evangelical hymnist. He once said a minister "should be a man pure, holy, and spotless in his life; a man of much prayer; in character meek, lowly... devoting his days and nights to lightening the burdens of humanity." And he said about his poems: "A good hymn should be like a good prayer—simple, real, earnest, and reverent."

In 1897, How was asked to write the national hymn for the British Empire's observance of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, but he had little time to enjoy the honor. He died on August 10 that year while vacationing in Ireland.

One of William's greatest hymns is "For All the Saints," originally titled "Saints Day Hymn—Cloud of Witnesses—Hebrews 12:1." It was written for All Saints' Day (November 1) and is often used as a processional in church services on that day due to its majestic tune. It was first published in 1864 in Earl Nelson's *Hymns for Saint's Days and Other Hymns*.



Connecting With ...



Steve and Tracy Sdao, was an escort for Elida's homecoming court. Tracy was Elida's homecoming Queen in 1979.



Thank you to all who donated plastic bottle caps that were recycled into benches, placed around the new Elida Elementary School.



Prayer Shawl

A prayer shawl and a quilt were blessed on Sunday, October 24 for 2 people needing extra comfort and warmth.

The People of St. Paul's

Thank You

St. Paul's Church Members,

I want to thank everyone for the many cards I received while on the Honor Flight. It was a great experience and your thoughtfulness added to the day.

A special thank you to Deb and Gary Hurd for all they did to make my day extra special, and encouraging me to make the trip. I will treasure our friendship and the picture for years to come.

*Thank You,
Larry Moser*



Remember in Prayer

*Recovering from Surgery or
in the Hospital*

Jan Soddors

*Those in Need of Healing,
Support, Strength &
Encouragement*

Jan Soddors

In the Military & Missions

Nathan Stewart

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

Our sympathy to Brad and Slone whetstone Family on the passing of Brad's father, Gene Whetstone, on October 12. A memorial service was held on Saturday, October 16. Cards may be sent to 21577 Monticello-Spencerville Rd., Spencerville, OH 45887.

St. Paul's Vision Statement:

Is for the Elida community to be led to Christ through words and deeds enabling youth to have purpose, families to be nurtured and supported, and senior citizens to feel valued.

Our Biblical Purpose Statement:

Elida St. Paul's United Methodist Church exists as God's people embracing His grace through humble service to all.

Meetings

November 1, 2021
PPR Meeting..7:00PM

November 2, 2021
Trustees...7:00 PM

November 3, 2021
Worship Mtg.10:00 AM

November 8, 2021
Ad Council/Finance
Mtg..7:00 PM

Missions TBA

Sundays
Prayer...9:30 AM
Worship...10:00 AM

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir..7:00 PM

November 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Margie Best Cody Warris	2	3 Holly Cook Jacinda Fried	4	5	6
7 Jone Lane	8	9 Jonathan Cook Joshua Guess	10 Kylee Loose	11 Virginia Hollar Jenson Nagy	12 Logan House	13 Dillon Staas
14	15	16	17	18 Dennis Bowsher	19 Audrey Cook Gary Grigg	20 Brinley Edwards Brody Edwards Rudy Segovia Marty White
21	22 Jason Lane Christie Lewis Tony Lozano Samantha Whetstone	23 Piper Kinney Jennifer Loose Tony Shoup	24	25	26	27 Terry Bok
28	29	30				



St. Paul's Featured Recipes

Potluck Potatoes

By Esther McKinney

Ingredients		Instructions
1 (32 oz.)	Hash brown potatoes, frozen	<p>Preheat oven to 350 degrees.</p> <p>Combine first 7 ingredient. Pour into buttered 13x9 baking dish.</p> <p>Combine corn flakes with melted 1/4 cup butter. Spread over top of potato mixture.</p> <p>Bake for 45 minutes.</p>
1 can	Cream of chicken soup	
1 pt.	Sour cream	
2 cups	Cheese, shredded	
1/2 cup	Butter, melted	
1/4 tsp.	Pepper	
1 tsp.	Salt	
1/2 cup	Onion, chopped	
2 cups	Corn flakes, crushed	
1/4 cup	Butter, melted	



Sweet Potato & Pineapple Casserole

By Linda Holman

Ingredients		Instructions
2 (1 lb. cans)	Sweet Potatoes, undrained	<p>Preheat oven to 325 degrees.</p> <p>In a large bowl smoothly mash the potatoes.</p> <p>Add pineapple, nutmeg, salt, brown sugar and butter; mix with fork until well combined.</p> <p>Pour into 1 1/2 quart, shallow baking dish, spread evenly.</p> <p>Crunchy Topping: In medium bowl, mix sugar with butter. Add cornflakes; mix until cereal is well coated. Sprinkle evenly over sweet potato mixture.</p> <p>Bake uncovered, 40 minutes or until topping is brown and crisp.</p> <p>*Also good without pineapple.</p>
1 (8 3/4 oz. can)	Pineapple, crushed, undrained	
1/8 tsp.	Nutmeg	
1/2 tsp.	Salt	
2 Tbl.	Light brown sugar	
1/4 cup	Butter, melted	
	Crunchy Topping:	
1/3 cup	Light brown sugar, packed	
1/2 cup	Butter, melted	
2 cups	Cornflakes	

KIDZ KORNER

PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

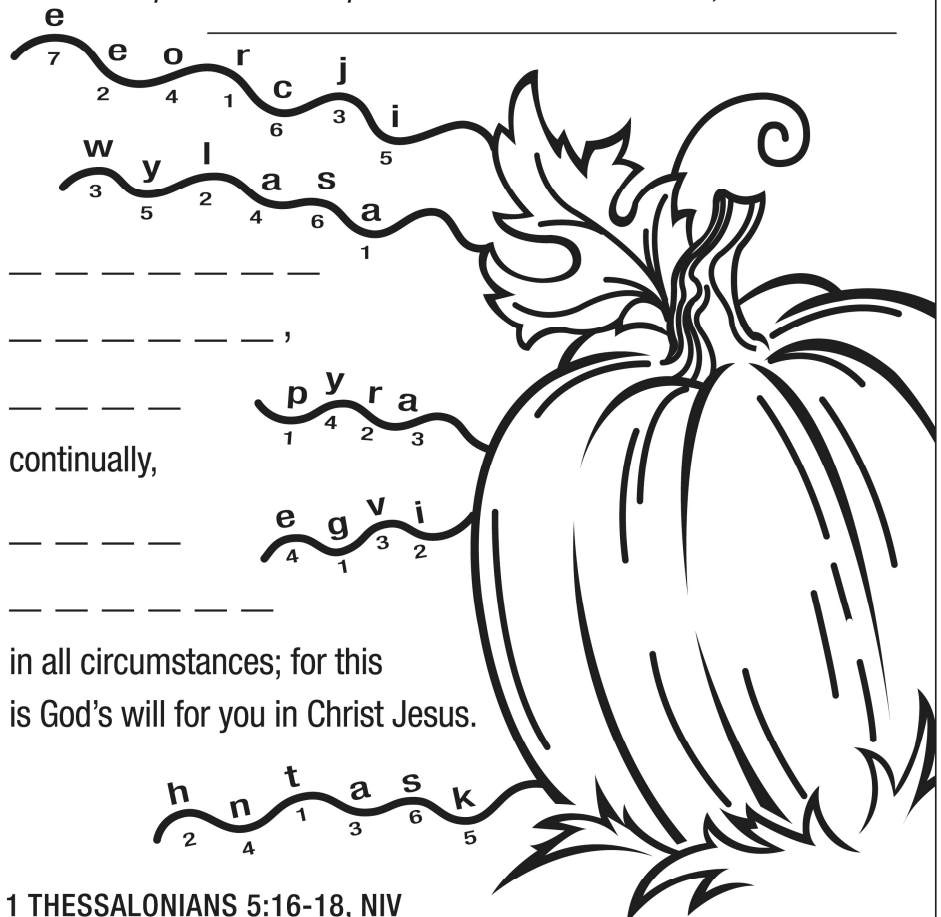
1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.



continually,

in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

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Living Our Faith

Where Do You Live?

A man who resided near the border of two states had been told for years his house was in Minnesota. But when a new survey revealed that he actually lived in Wisconsin, he proclaimed, "Thank goodness! I never could bear those cold Minnesota winters."

Defining where we live certainly affects our attitude. Followers of Jesus, or saints, consider their true home to be in God's dynamic presence. St. Paul was so connected to God through prayer that mystical experiences left him not knowing whether he was in or out of his body (see 2 Corinthians 12:1-10). Living with one foot in heaven and the other on the way there, Paul could know peace. "Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's," he concludes (Romans 14:8). Christian saints who are still living on earth can rest assured: Our true home is always with the Lord

A Blessing or A Curse?

Holocaust survivor and devout Christian Corrie ten Boom recounts how her sister Betsie thanked God for the fleas infesting their packed barracks. When Corrie resisted the idea, Betsie pointed out that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to "give thanks in all circumstances."

Still, Corrie wasn't convinced — until the sisters realized the infestation kept the guards away, giving prisoners in those quarters freedom to worship and pray. The biting pests, which seemed like added misery, became a blessing.

Anger and bitterness sometimes cloud our vision, causing us to forget to thank God *in* all situations, though not necessarily *for* them. Other times we don't wait long enough for blessings to be revealed. But faith is like waiting through a storm, knowing a rainbow is coming eventually. Meanwhile, the Lord holds an umbrella for us, and the closer with him we walk, the less wet we'll get.

—Julie Lee