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**Sunday Worship Service 9:15 AM**  
**Bible School 10:45 AM**

Giving thanks is obviously not a seasonal thing, but Thanksgiving only comes once a year. And in light of this Thanksgiving, I want to offer thanks for a couple of things for which I am especially thankful.

First of all, I am very thankful for the trip to the holy land you gave me and Marilyn for fifty years of ministry at CCC. As I've said before, it was an absolutely amazing trip. I don't know how it could have been any better, and I trust I'll be sharing our experiences and the insights we gained for years to come. But as thankful as I am for the opportunity to go there, I am even more thankful that we got home when we did. Jesus said we shouldn't be frightened when hearing of wars and rumors of wars, but I am certainly grateful we weren't there when the current war broke out.

The next thing for which I am especially thankful is your giving that has made it possible for us to send special gifts to the missions we support. It has long been our desire to send 25% of the tithes and offerings we receive to missions, and we plan our financial projections accordingly. Your giving, however, has exceeded our expectations for the past several years.

In 2020 we were able to send an additional \$10,000 to Haiti to help build a septic system for the school. In 2021 we sent \$5,000 to Ati for water treatment systems after learning she was continuing the work of Asian Christian Mission, and an extra \$5,000 to Haiti for earthquake relief. Last year we sent Ati \$8,000 so she could send fifty students for extensive training to evangelize in their home villages. And just last month we sent Ati \$10,000 for more water treatment systems, to provide for more evangelists in Jerwang villages, and to secure teaching material needed for Sunday Schools and youth programs. And we sent \$5,000 to Casas por Cristo to help build a facility that will enable them to more efficiently build homes for poor Christians in Guatemala.

As I said, I am very thankful. I am thankful for you, and I am thankful for the privilege of serving in such a loving and giving congregation.

God Bless, Rick



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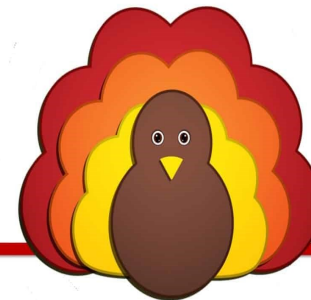
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# THANKSGIVING POT-LUCK DINNER

Sunday, November 19th

Program begins at 5:15 and dinner at 6:00

Please bring food  
items at 5:00, cut  
and ready to serve.



Please bring canned fruit,  
vegetables, soups and  
pastas, hamburger helper,  
rice and cereals for the  
Chatham Food Pantry.

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STATISTICS		
	10/1	
Worship		117
Offering		\$17,812.18
	10/8	
Worship		97
Offering		\$2,587.18
	10/15	
Worship		112
Offering		\$10,932.20
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Worship		102
Offering		\$3,589.00
	10/30	
Worship		115
Offering		\$4,124.20

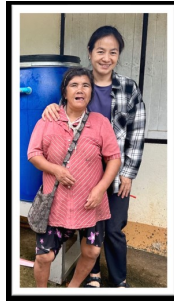


## The Soul Shepherd

A film by Joel Kramer, the author of the archaeological book that is guiding our Sunday evening study, will be shown at 5:15 before our Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19th. The film is a beautiful look at the relationship between sheep and their shepherds in the Middle East, and pictures the relationship Jesus offers to us, for which we will be eternally thankful.

### KEITH WOOKMAN TO VISIT

Keith Wookman, who we supported from training to certification as a missionary pilot, will be with us on November 26th to give a report about his current activities during the worship hour and share stories during Sunday School.



### A NOTE FROM ATI YANGMI

Someone hugged me from behind and said, "Thank You!" I turned around to find a beautiful lady with a big smile who introduced herself as Ahmee. She told me, "I am disabled and cannot easily travel to town like other people. I also have no way to make a living so I cannot afford to buy bottled water either. Our water comes from the mountain and during the rainy season, the water becomes red and muddy and it tastes terrible. I have lived in this village my whole life, and this is the first time I have access to clean drinking water. So, I just wanted to say thank you so much!"

"Even in the dry months when the water looks clear, it has a lot of limestone so even after we boil it, we have to let the water sit and settle for a few days before we can drink it. Thank you so much for installing this drinking water system for us. People who live in the city may not realize how fortunate they are to have clean, drinking water and therefore may not appreciate it. But for us, clean water is invaluable! We have been waiting for you for over a year and you finally came, so I want to say Thank you so very much!"

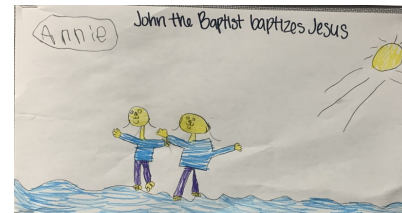


### High School Youth Group

Let's hope for a beautiful fall evening on Friday, November 10th so we can have a bonfire here at the church. It gets dark early that time of year, so I am planning on some indoor activities as well as sitting around a nice big fire. Here is what I am thinking.....

We meet here at the church around 5:30pm. Shortly thereafter, we have our first annual high school corn hole tournament in the fellowship hall. Start thinking of a partner now! Then, either during or after, we get some hot dogs roasting on the fire to compliment the other snacks we'll have available in the fellowship hall.

As the evening progresses, we'll mix in some more games inside with bonfire time outside until we break out the smores as a nice way to end our time together. Invite anyone you would like to from school. We will have plenty of room round the fire!



Be sure to stop by the K-1 Bulletin Board to see some recent artwork generated from the class. The kids chose from a variety of important Biblical events with the challenge of then illustrating them through artwork. They did great! This particular picture was drawn by Annie Willey and she did a wonderful job! Thanks Anna Hunley for investing into these young ones during Sunday School this year!



### Junior High Youth Group

Has anyone been to Malibu Jack's here in Springfield yet? If not, I hope you are available on Saturday, November 11th so we can go enjoy this new recreation center together as a group. Even if you have already been, it looks awesome and I am sure you won't mind going again.

But, before we go have fun for ourselves, we are going to go serve others beginning at 2:30pm that afternoon. Our service project will take a couple hours, then we can decide where we want to grab a quick bite out or eat at Malibu Jack's. I'm not for sure when we will be finished that evening, but it should be no later than 8:00pm. We will be discussing more details as we get closer to November 11th!



It appears that Saturday, November 25th is the best night to gather here at CCC for an evening of fun and games. Everyone is invited as subgroups can play a variety of games ranging in difficulty. We'll find one just for you!

Also, since we all might have some leftovers from Thanksgiving, bring those too! We'll finish up all the delicious pies and cookies leftover from our celebrations and if needed, we'll order some pizza. Let's plan on gathering around 5:30 that evening.