



Monthly Milestones

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Come ...

Share in

God's Blessings

with us



Women's Progressive Luncheon, Sat., Nov. 5th
Senior's Chili Cook-Off, Thurs., Nov. 10th
Journey Students Winter Jam & Overnighter Fri., Nov. 11th
Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Sat., Nov. 19th
Journey Students Turkey Bowl, Fri., Nov. 25th

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Thanksgiving

Prayer



"A hot, glistening bird commands the laden table, as grandma calls everyone to dinner. Eight-year-old Jennifer proudly lugs her July-born sister to the table. Grandpa and dad get up slowly with a long backward glance to see the tight end catch a pass and be forced out of bounds at the twenty. The game continues in the background without them.

"Who'll say grace?", grandma asks. Grown-ups look awkwardly at each other in

strained silence. Finally Uncle John snickers and parrots the word "grace", and laughter spills over the tension. Grandma steps in. "Jennifer, why don't you say the prayer you learned in Sunday School when you were in kindergarten." She recites. The feast begins."

Does that remind you of your home or Thanksgiving Dinner? I have attended many Thanksgiving dinner's as I am sure most of us have and at times that was exactly how it felt. Why would grown adults be hesitant to pray or offer thanks for what the Lord has blessed us with? Thanksgiving -- an expression of gratitude to God for benefits received -- is too often absent from our hollowed holiday. There is, however, an ancient custom which can reclaim the day. We read in Matthew 14:19, Jesus took "...*the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.*" At the Last Supper Jesus took bread and gave thanks, lifted the cup, gave thanks and offered it to His followers. Jesus always prayed before meals.

How much different would our hearts and lives be if we offered

a pray prior to every meal? Not just those times when family or friends come together, but prior to every meal we consume? Would our hearts, minds and lives be more sensitive toward the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us? I believe they would! So, why do some many, who call themselves "children of God", forget or simply neglect stopping long enough to thank Him for the food they are eating and the blessings He gives us all? I believe that a simple prayer of thanks at each family meal for the rest of the year will gradually restore an attitude of thankfulness. As our children see us humble ourselves to thank God, our Creator, they too learn to be grateful.

Someone once said:
 "Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day." I want to challenge all to consider seeking a heart-felt attitude toward the things our LORD has given unto us. The truth is, we all have been blessed beyond belief. Do we dare dedicate only one cup, one prayer, one moment of thanksgiving to our LORD while we eat, live and breath 365 days a year. Now I know that many do offer multiple

Thanksgiving Prayer, continued from Page 2

prayers daily for the things we have been blessed with, yet, I know that some do not. As we speak of prayer, one might think of worship. Although worship is not limited to prayer only - still every act of worship must be bathed in prayer. Paul says to us in Romans 12 that presenting our lives to God is worship. Perhaps during Thanksgiving we should present our lives to Him as we consume the mounds of food He gave to us. We are instructed in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to "*pray without ceasing*" (NRSV). Therefore, prayer is not only for times you "*..go into to [our] room, close the door.*"

(Matthew 6:6 (NIV)), or for the huge dinner we are about to eat. It is also throughout the day as we walk and talk with our Father in the secret place of our hearts. To seek Him and communicate with Him without ceasing. Speaking with Him, thanking Him, loving Him and allowing Him to love us.

To me Thanksgiving is the one day during the year where we begin focusing more intently on our communication with God and our attitude toward the various things God does through and for us. I have said all of this to say this; How often do we stop for just a moment and speak with God, thank Him and allow Him

to love us? Is it daily? Is it weekly? Is it monthly? It's not often enough! This Thanksgiving, this November, right now, make a choice to pray whenever possible. To speak with God regularly for the rest of this year. Spend time talking with God and asking Him to open your heart to the many things He has for you. To reveal His Word, His love, and His Grace so that you might better understand what Thanksgiving is all about! I have no doubt your life will be blessed and changed forever. See you Sunday!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Milt

BACKPACKS FOR HOMELESS

Below listed items will be collected in a box located at the **INFORMATION CENTER**. Plans are to distribute filled backpacks to homeless for *Christmas*

General:

Long Socks *NEW
Silver Thermal Blankets
Gloves
Hand warmers (you find at camping stores)
Hat
6x6 or 10x10 Tarp
Rain Poncho
Trash bag (used for laundry or bulky items)

Food: NON PERISHABLES

Granola / Energy Bars
Gift Cards to McDonalds
Ready to Eat Foods (camp food that does not require a stove)
Gum
Chocolate
Bottled water and drink mix

Toiletries: (Travel Size)

Toothpaste *NEW
Toothbrush *NEW
Floss *NEW
Soap *NEW
Shampoo *NEW
Wash Cloth
Towel

Other:

Pocket Flashlight
Small book or pack of cards

Advocacy Items:

A list of shelters or upcoming health clinic
<http://compassionconnect.com/>
Street Roots Resouce Booklet
http://streetroots.org/contact_us/rose_city_resource.htm



Ministry Matters

A quick look into some of our areas of ministry.

Sunday Mornings



Sermons

- 6th, Pastor Rogers speaking:
Ephesians 4:1-16
What makes a community
- 13th, *Galatians 5:1-15*,
Freedom in Christ!
- 20th, *Galatians 5:16-26*,
Let Go & Let God!
- 27th, *Galatians 6:1-10*,
Doing Good!



Children's Church

Join us **at 10:15am** for Sunday Ignite to learn the *Old Testament Creation Story*.



Adult AM Study

There are two **9:00am** Sunday morning Bible Studies:

The Pursuit of Holiness in the *Admin. Bldg* with Pastor Ward

Life of Kings & Prophets (1 Samuel), in *Waiting Room* with Pastor Milt.

Watch for NEW Sunday Morning classes coming soon!



Contemporary Worship

Beginning at **11:20am** every Sunday morning, following the message, is a time of *modern contemporary Christian music* for worship.

Week Days



Children's Ignite!

Every Tuesday Evening

- 1st, 9th & 10th of the
Ten commandments
- 8th, The Twelve Spies
(Begin Christmas Program)
- 15th, Joshua & Jericho
(Will Do Ignite Store)
- 22nd, **Ignite Cancelled**
Thanksgiving Week
- 29th, Christmas Story

Sign-up at the INFORMATION CENTER for the opportunity to make a meal in support of the Ignite program.



Men's Group

Men of all ages are gathering in the *Admin. Bldg.*, studying the Book of Romans, *every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm.*



Journey Students

Grades 6 thru 12 meet *every Wednesday evening* beginning at **6:30pm**. "Identity" series continues thru 23rd. Advent Series starts on the 30th.



Choir Rehearsals

Practices for "The Christmas Shoes" is *every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm.*

Other Areas



Church Finances

From August (a complete month)

General Giving	18,126
Designated	445
General Expenses	19,001
Net Incomes	<430>



Missions & Outreach

Trunk or Treat will be on *Monday, October 31st* beginning at **5:00pm**. We desire to have 25 cars participating.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be served on *Saturday, November 19th*, from **11am - 4pm**.

Look for Sign-up sheets at the INFORMATION CENTER to help with these fun Community Outreach Events



Women's Ministries

Annual Planning scheduled for *Saturday, January 14, 2012*. **Tell us** (Shirley Culver, Bonny Osburn, Barb Provo or Kimberly Zenzano) your ideas or things you'd be interested in doing for the coming year.

Upcoming Event Flyers

are now available on the **INFORMATION CENTER** counter

Take one, or several, and invite family, friends or community

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	Every Monday Church Offices Closed															
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Upcoming Events

Watch announcements in the weekly Sunday Worship Folders for most current and up-to-date event information.

Women's Progressive Dinner

Meet in TCOG's parking lot at **11:30am** for carpooling on **Saturday, November 5th**. Sign-up at the **INFORMATION CENTER** today for this 4 course meal served at 3 destinations. We'll have *Appetizers at Elaine Hoitink's, Salad at Dee Guthrie's, Soup made by Bonny Osburn, Main Dish by Delpha Reiboldt and Desert from Barb Provo*. See Barb Provo for additional details.

Journey Student's One Meal One Day

"Skip a meal, change your world" on **Wednesday, November 9th**. This annual event brings together thousands of students, as they skip a meal and give the money they would have spent to help feed hungry children. See Devin Burton for more information.

Senior's Chili Cook-Off

Sign-up at the **INFORMATION CENTER** to be a contestant. Food is to be prepared and ready for judging at **Noon on Thursday, November 10th**. There will be judging and awards. Whether cooking or not, bring along a salad or dessert to share and come prepared share in the fun and fellowship.

Journey Student's Winter Jan & Overnighter

Church van leaves TCOG's parking lot at **5:00pm** on Friday, **November 11th** for Memorial Coliseum. Show starts at 6pm. Cost is \$10.00. See **INFORMATION CENTER** for show's details. Following concert *all are invited to spend the night at the church*. Bring pillow, sleeping bag and your favorite game. See Devin Burton for additional information.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Come and join us in praise and thanks to the LORD on **Saturday, November 19th** between **11:00am - 4:00pm** for this *free* dinner. Pick-up an Event Flyer from **INFORMATION CENTER** counter to invite family, friends and neighbors.

Journey Student's Turkey Bowl

It's Mud Football time! TCOG vs. Lynchwood COG! All youth are invited to participate, or come and watch the fun. Meet in TCOG's parking lot for church van's departure at **9:00am** on **Friday, November 25th**. Be prepared for weather. Talk to Devin for more details.

A Glance Ahead

Future Dates to Keep in Mind



DECEMBER

- 2-3rd, Community Christmas Bizarre
- 11th, Christmas Cantata Performance
- 16th, Senior's Dinner @ Old Spaghetti Factory for Christmas Boat Parade
- 17th, Women's Christmas Event
Christmas Food Boxes Delivery
- 24th, Christmas Eve Service
- 25th, Christmas Day
- 27-30th, Ntn'l Inspirational Youth Conv
- 31st, New Year's Eve Celebration

JANUARY 2012

- 1st, Year Years Day
- 14th, Women's Ministry Annual Planning
- 16th, Martin L. King Jr. Day

Please be in prayer for TCOG Nominating Committee as it looks to fill the following open positions:

- Fellowship Committee Chair
- Missions & Outreach Committee Chair
- TCOG Vice Chair
- TCOG Secretary

Nomination Forms, to recommend a person to the Committee, are available at the INFORMATION CENTER.



ATTITUDE OF THANKFULNESS

November, filled with all of its fall colors, brought memories of a Southern Idaho farm, the aroma of a Thanksgiving Dinner being prepared and a wonderful mother who gave so much to our family. That was years ago and suddenly reality dawned that those days are long gone. But, God has been so good to Mary & I this year. We have so much to be thankful for. For a starter, two new Great Grand Sons and a congregation that has lovingly accepted us into its fellowship. We had a good move with lots of help about a year ago. We have a new home close to our daughter and Son-in-Law, both of which are very helpful to us. So, when Thanksgiving rolls around, we count our blessing and thank our Heavenly Father who put it all together; making it possible to become a part of the Tigard Church of God family.

Becoming more mature is not a process that is easy for the weak of heart. If we trust in the LORD and his daily

presence in all of our challenges, let me tell you, He is faithful and will carry us through. Age is not a physical thing, even though we do begin to fall apart, it's an attitude. We are as young as we want to be. I have known people who, at the age of fifty, were old before their time. I've also known people who, in their nineties, were young in spirit and will not let society tell them they were old. Let me tell you about two such individuals: One is serving as a full time church secretary, not ready to quit, and her husband is a bank security guard who does not want to give up his job yet because they are too young to quit at only seventy-eight years of age. Another ninety-nine year old man I know just renewed his driver's license for *five* more years. He still drives around Pasadena, CA, and to church in Glendale, every Sunday. If you want to be old you can be, but I want to stay young, not in body but in mind and spirit. I will, by the Grace of our LORD.

You see, Mary and I have much to be thankful for and you do to.

We need to re-read the song "Count Your Blessings" more often, because we are a blessed people if we know the LORD in a personal relationship. Let's have a great month serving the Lord, one another and others in our communities.

Pastor Rogers.

A note of Thankfulness:
Mary and I wish to Thank all who sent notes and cards during Pastor Appreciation Month.

On another thought: The senior ministry is sponsoring a chili cook-off pot-luck at TCOG on *November 10th* at Noon. We've enlisted two able judges, at least they claim to know chili (pastors Milt & Devin). Prizes will be awarded to the two winners. Whether you make chili or not, come along with your special side dish (salad or desert) to share. Then on *November 15th* the seniors will be hosting the Ignite program attendees for dinner. If you can help, see me.

Did U Know?

So ... How Did it Go ... ?

There's Something new in the Fellowship Hall !



To offer opportunities for our church family to post community notices for other church family members that may be interested.

Items such as help wanted, looking for work, looking for rentals/renters, possessions to buy/sale/exchange.

The board's purpose is to offer another area of support within our church family.

Complete a form & give to:

Pastor(s)-Devin or Milt
Council Chair-Ed Whitehead
Council V.Chair-Charlie Osburn
for **approval prior to posting.**

Women's Beach Retreat, Sept. 23-25th



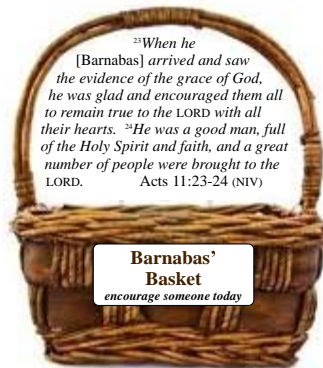
A time of renewal, inspiration and fellowship, with a bit of fun thrown in for good measure!



Nick Zenzano's Eagle Court of Honor, Oct., 22nd



Thank You
to those that attended &/or sent cards to Nicholas for this special occasion. It was a nice ceremony and reception.



*Have you noticed how much easier it is to know where to park your vehicle our newly **re-stripped church parking lot?**
A Special Thank You to Dave Dobbins and Vic Nelson for the beautiful work done on.*

If you'd like to share pictures of an event at TCOG in the Monthly Milestones, please contact Kimberly Zenzano.

Looking for pictures of Trunk or Treat, and other events during the month of November for the December issue.

Our Pastoral Relations Committee

Greetings to all who worship at Tigard Church of God, our church family!

A few individuals have asked about the Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) meetings and who are the current participants?

The PRC meets twice a year or as needed. As of this article we have yet to meet since the beginning of this fiscal year. A meeting is being scheduled. If you feel there are issues that the PRC should be aware of, you may contact one of the committee members:

Gail Linden as chair,
Bob Muller,
Ray Wolf,
Gertie Johnson or
Ruth Walton.

As PRC Chair, I would like to offer a few suggestions for thought. When we meet to consider the work of the kingdom, we are here to discover real answers to questions such as;

- What issues will make a difference in discovering what Jesus wants for this ministry?
- Will the discussion of this issue further the work of the kingdom?
 - Is this issue something “I” want my way or what God wants?
 - Will this issue potentially hurt someone or build someone up?

- Does this advance the work of the church or slow it down?

These are just a few of the many thoughts and questions each of us should consider as we bring issues to attention of the PRC for consideration.

The PRC was formed to strengthen the work of the LORD within the church. To handle issues between staff, staff and church participants or between church participants, as needed. If you believe there is an issue the PRC should know about, then contact me, or one of the committee members, so we might intervene when it is appropriate.

The LORD is working mightily in this ministry as people are growing, maturing and changing daily. New families are coming along with children, youth and others who wish to worship the LORD. Please be in prayer for the work of this ministry so the LORD will bless all who participate as we reach out to our community. It is our desire that everything we do is done unto the LORD to advance the work of His kingdom.

Respectfully,

Gail Linden, Chair
Pastoral Relations
Committee

The Christmas Shoes



A Dramatic Musical

with a
powerful message
about discovering the
meaning of Christmas!

Mark you calendar today

Two performances

Sunday

December 11, 2011

3:00pm

&

6:00pm

*refreshments will be served
following presentation*

Little Challenges

Word Search

1 Chronicles 16: 8-11, 23-24, 31-32, 34-36 (NIV)

⁸Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the _____ what he has done. ⁹_____ to him, sing _____ to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ¹⁰_____ in his holy name; let the _____ of those who seek the LORD _____. ¹¹Look to the LORD and his _____; seek his _____ always. ²³Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. ²⁴_____ his glory among the nations, his _____ deeds among all peoples. ³¹Let the _____ rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "the LORD reigns!" ³²Let the _____, and all that is in it; let the _____ be _____, and everything in them! ³⁴Give _____ to the LORD, for he is _____; his love _____ forever. ³⁵Cry out, "Save us, O God our _____; gather us and _____ us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, that we may glory in your praise." ³⁶Praise be to the LORD, the God of _____, from _____ to everlasting.

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Look It Up

Gardens of the Bible



As we harvest our crops during this time of year, our gardens are also places to reflect on the abundant blessings God has given. Discover the names of these Gardens in the Bible and what happened there:

- Ezekiel 28:11-17 _____
- _____
- _____
- Genesis 2:8-3:24 _____
- _____
- _____
- Matthew 26:36 _____
- _____
- _____
- John 19:41-20:18 _____
- _____
- _____

**SALUTING
OUR
VETERANS**

Our Country's Emblem

God bless our country's emblem
That floats o'er land and sea;
God bless each waving star and stripe,
And the men who kept it free -
Men who, 'mid smoke of battle,
And murderous shot and shell,
Held high the gleaming colors
Of the flag they loved so well.

-Anonymous

Answers

Word Search

⁸Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the **nations** what he has done. ⁹**Sing** to him, sing **praise** to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ¹⁰**Glory** in his holy name; let the **hearts** of those who seek the LORD **rejoice**. ¹¹Look to the LORD and his **strength**; seek his **face** always. ²³Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. ²⁴**Declare** his glory among the nations, his **marvelous** deeds among all peoples. ³¹Let the **heavens** rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "the LORD reigns!" ³²Let the **sea resound**, and all that is in it; let the **fields** be **jubilant**, and everything in them! ³⁴Give **thanks** to the LORD, for he is **good**; his love **endures** forever. ³⁵Cry out, "Save us, O God our **Savior**; gather us and **deliver** us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, that we may glory in your praise." ³⁶Praise be to the LORD, the God of **Israel**, from **everlasting** to everlasting.

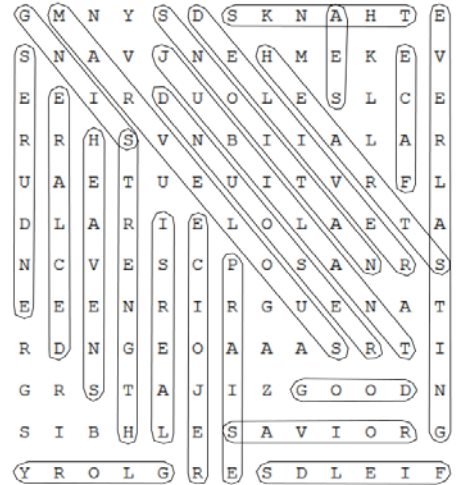
Look It Up

Ezekiel - Garden of God, where Lucifer lived before he was thrown out of heaven.

Genesis - Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve enjoyed paradise until they gave in to the serpent's temptation.

Matthew - Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed the night before he was crucified; the place where Judas betrayed Him with a kiss.

John - Garden of Resurrection, where Jesus was buried after the crucifixion and where the women came to anoint his body with spices, only to discover his tomb was empty.



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