



**NORTH STREET**  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Happy  
Thanksgiving!*

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due TODAY.

They will be distributed to go out to bless a child and teach them the Love of Christ.



## Give Thanks Always

Have you ever been forced to play the thankful game? The one where you go around the table and everyone has to say something they are grateful for. The idea of being forced to play it helps paint the picture of gratitude for us. The Bible doesn't leave thankfulness as an option we can choose to have or not have. 2 Thessalonians 2:13 says - "But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth."

The first line of that verse says, "we ought always." That means that we should, or it's a responsibility of ours, to be thankful always. However, while thankfulness is a duty of believers, if it feels burdensome, then one doesn't get it. Think of a kid being forced to play the thankfulness game, yet he doesn't want to, and he spouts off something he is thankful for while having a bad attitude. There is no real gratitude as the exercise of expressing thanks burdens him. In opposition to that thought, imagine giving that same kid a present that he really wants. When he opens it and is filled with excitement, he doesn't have to be told to say thank you. He expresses his thanks not because he feels it is a duty but because he is overflowing with the feeling that he was treated well. This is the Christian before God. In this one simple verse, Paul emphasizes that they are "beloved of the Lord." He also points out that God chose them and is sanctifying them through the Spirit. So, the pattern of this verse is that there is a duty to give thanks to God over the church of Thessalonica because of the way God treated them. For the Christian, that's our reality. We have been chosen by God and are now God's beloved. You don't deserve that at all, but that should fill you with an overflowing emotion of being given what you don't deserve. That leads to thanksgiving, which is our duty, but it certainly isn't a burden.

If you are in need to be let into the church, please contact: Terry or Shannon Hartman, Pastor Jake, Dennis Muir (when he is back in PA J) or Tammy Parasida.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:30 Bible Study	6:30 Men's Bible Study	6:30 Women's Bible Study	6:30 Rooted 6:30 Psalms Study & Prayer	10:30 Senior Bible Study 5:30 Bell Choir Practice 7:00 20's & 30's Bible Study	7:00 Friday Bible Study	5:00 Community Meal (2nd & 3rd of every month)





## **Attention Seniors**

The Annual Senior Banquet is scheduled for **December 7th at 5:00pm**. We will be having a gospel concert performance following dinner. This is for all seniors who want to participate. Please see Jane Ogden to get signed up and come enjoy one another at this yearly event.



## **Hope Renewed CHRISTmas Celebration**

This year, we will have a CHRISTmas Celebration on **Friday, December 13th at 6:00pm**. This is meant to be a fun evening of fellowship for our church family. This is an event for all ages, so bring the whole family. We will be eating together with a catered dinner of stuffed chicken breast. This will be followed by some fun/entertainment and an Ice Cream Sunday Bar. We need a **head count** for the caterer by **December 8th**, so sign up on the sign up sheet if you are coming. We also plan to have a cookie table so if you are willing to make some cookies, please let Kelly McDeavitt know.



## **Families of North Street**

Don't forget to join us the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of every month.

~Dinner is at 6:00pm, followed by Bible Study & fun for the kids.

There is something for all ages.

December 11th   January 8th   February 12th   March 12th   April 9th

**Notes**