

The Somerset Christian



**Give thanks to the
Lord for He is good;
His love endures
forever.
Psalm 118:1**

November 2019

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Shepherds View

It's November already, where has 2019 gone? November is the month we set aside a day we call Thanksgiving. We are taught that Thanksgiving started when the pilgrims and the Indians came together and sat down at a feast to give thanks and celebrate the harvest.

In the U.S. we still give thanks, but the day is also shared by family, parades, football, lots of good food, and a bad travel day.

Even though we set aside one day every year we call Thanksgiving, it is important that we remember to give thanks to God every day. This is a simple thing we can do without even thinking about it. We just simply have to remember where our blessings come from. For example: we might stop and give thanks to God when we hear an answered prayer, when we hear of a newborn child being born, when something good has happened to someone or when we witness something as simple as the beauty of God's creation in a sunrise, sunset, or beautiful day, etc.

In keeping with Pastor Shae's sermon this past Sunday, we need to be thankful that we have access to God's Word! Are we taking time each day to read and study the Bible?

There are four weeks left until Thanksgiving, below you will find four scriptures that deal with giving thanks. Please challenge yourself to pick one scripture each week and study that scripture. Study the scripture before and after it. Hopefully you will be blessed by the time you have taken just to slow down and read the Bible.

1. Psalm 100
2. 1 Corinthians 15:56-57
3. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
4. Colossians 2:6-7

The Elders are thankful we have an opportunity to serve God and His people.





Mission Opportunities

Christmas Gifts for the Children of Grundy Mountain Mission

Grundy Mountain Mission functions as a full childcare facility (home, church and school) for children with legitimate needs regardless of the child's race, age, color or creed. Grundy Mountain Mission is located in the mountains of Virginia.

Grundy Mountain Mission (GMM) exists entirely on the generosity of supporters, they accept no government funding. They face daily demands of feeding, clothing and educating hundreds of students - most of whom will never receive a care package from home.

We have received 20 names of children to provide with a Christmas Gift. If you would like to purchase gifts for a child, stop at the Ministry table in the café area on November 10th and November 17th and sign up. You will receive clothing sizes for your child and the number one gift on their wish list. Please consider helping out a child this Christmas.

Don't forget we continue to collect money for laundry soap for GMM. You can drop donations in the Laundry Detergent bottles located in your Sunday School Class or at the information station. For more information on Grundy Mountain Mission go to their web page at mmskids.org.

Local Mission Opportunities with Cutting Edge Relief (Rescheduled)

“And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in”. Isaiah 58:12 (KJV)

November 9th Depart FCC at 6:30am returning at approximately 3:30pm.
Lunch will be provided.

We will be working at the Wilkinsburg Mission Apartments which provides housing for urban missionaries wanting to serve in Wilkinsburg and the Pittsburgh area. We will be doing repair work, repainting & updating rooms and installing a new kitchen as well as misc. repairs to drywall, trim, plumbing, and paint.

Questions: Please contact Mike Costea (814-279-0263) or Karen Costea (814-442-6303)



People from the community - 965
Cars decorated and handing out candy - 20
Hot dogs - 350
Hug drinks - 240
Chips - 360 bags
Hot chocolate - 6 gallons

Showing the love of Jesus to God's children in Somerset - PRICELESS!

To all those who participated and helped with Trunk or Treat this year - **THANK YOU!** An event this big does not happen without your help. Well done FCC Family!

Children's Christmas Play December 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The Christmas Story

Sign-ups at
the Kid's
check-in
Table



**For all children
ages 2 through
5th grade**

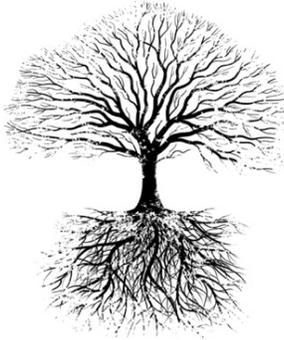
There are only 2 practices for the play. The first one is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m. and the second one is scheduled for Friday, December 13 at 6 p.m. Please see Tammy Schrock or Christy Hay with any questions.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8



Thrive News

by Shae Frazier, Student Pastor



November is quickly approaching and so are some exciting events for FCC Student Ministries. On Friday, November 15th there will be a junior high exclusive nerf war here at the church. We will have pizza, drinks, and an all-out nerf-war at FCC. We will also have our monthly prayer breakfast on November 22nd. As well as those events, our high schoolers will have an event on Saturday, November 23rd where we will go to sky zone trampoline park in Monroeville, PA. Be on the lookout for sign-ups for each of these events! Thank you for your continued support and prayers for Thrive Student Ministries!



Devotion

From Jesus Calling by Sarah Young

LOOK TO ME CONTINUALLY for help, comfort, and companionship. Because I am always by your side, the briefest glance can connect you with Me. When you look to Me for help, it flows freely from My Presence. This recognition of your need for Me, in small matters as well as in large ones, keeps you spiritually alive.

When you need comfort, I love to enfold you in My arms. I enable you not only to feel comforted but also to be a channel through whom I comfort others. Thus you are doubly blessed, because a living channel absorbs some of whatever flows through it.

My constant companionship is the pièce de résistance: the summit of salvation blessings. No matter what losses you experience in your life, no one can take away this glorious gift.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. - Psalm 105:4

Church News

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00am

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00am



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARD

- Bring in Christmas cards for service men & women overseas through Sunday, November 3rd. Drop them in the boxes in the Adult Sunday school rooms.

DONUT SUNDAY

- Join us for donuts on Sunday, November 3rd 8:30am in the fellowship hall hosted by Bill & Tammie Gerhart.

CHURCH RESERVED November 9th.

MONTHLY LEADERSHIP MEETING

- Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00pm for Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses.

WOMEN'S HAPPENING EVENT

- Progressive Dinner on Saturday, November 16th. See page 3 for details.

TNT GET TOGETHER

- The Dynamite Seniors of FCC meet on Wednesday, November 20th at 11:00am. Director: Sandy Pyle. All are welcome for a Dutch treat lunch and fellowship.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- Thursday, November 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

MEMBER NEWS

- Luke Aaron Rohanna was born on October 8th weighing 10 lbs. He was 22 3/4 inches long and was welcomed home by big brother Henry. Parents are Aaron & Lorelle (Marker) Rohanna. Grandparents are Rick & Erika Marker and great grandmother is Mary Meekins.
- Robert Steadman was baptized on October 10, 2019.
- Rose Marie Heiple went home to the Lord on October 8, 2019.
- Ron Beal went home to the Lord on October 22, 2019.

ONLINE GIVING

- Go to www.somersetfirstchristian.org - Click: Online Giving - Enter the amount you want to donate - Enter the frequency you want to give - Enter the date your offering is to be withdrawn from your checking or savings account - Click continue and set up your online giving information (bank, bank acct. #, etc.).

FLOWERS

- **November 3** In memory of Henry & Sara Ash.
- **November 10** In memory of Jan Jubin by her family.
In memory of Linda Beal by family.
- **November 17** In memory of Clarence Hoffman's birthday from family.
- **November 24** In memory of Sarah Meredith by sister Mildred Will.

NEW ADDRESS

Chase & Megan Hill
1004 Mallard Way
Washington, IL 61571

Called to Serve

NURSERY: SUNDAY SCHOOL

11/3 Reuben Watson, Ann King
11/10 Tom & Tammy Minnick
11/17 Sue & Aubrey Slope
11/24 George Perras, Teckla Miller

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

11/3 Becky Knopsnider
11/10 Denise Ferris, April Morocco
11/17 Becky Knopsnider
11/24 Becky Knopsnider

NURSERY: WORSHIP SERVICE

11/3 Carlyle & Chelsey Meekins
11/10 Teresa Baker, Donna Kern
11/17 Tiffany St. Clair, Barb Kleinert
11/24 Sue Slope, Mark Meekins

TINY TOTS NURSERY

Rachel Dave, Pam Hauger

WEE WORSHIP

11/3 Melissa Wilson, Deb Barndt
11/10 Molly Meekins, Matt/Sarah Rouch
11/17 Mary & Steve Gerhard
11/24 Tracey & Roger Baer

JUNIOR CHURCH

11/3 Rick Marker, Tim Baker
11/10 Christy Hay, Erin Baker
11/17 Jesse & John Landis
11/23 Teckla Miller, Noah Gerhard

INFORMATION/CAFÉ

Pat Miller, Sandy Knepper

GREETERS

Joyce Lee, Sandy Pyle

PARKING LOT GREETERS

Karl Sherbine, Nate Kleinert

MEDITATIONS

11/3 Shane Lenhart
11/10 Terry Fisher
11/17 Sarah Rouch
11/24 Shae Frazier

SERVING AT THE TABLE

	Offering	Communion
11/3	Dave Barndt	Rick Marker
11/10	Bill Gerhart	Dave Barndt
11/17	Karl Sherbine	Bill Gerhart
11/24	Doug Huston	Karl Sherbine

HOMEBOUND VISITATION

	East	West
11/3	The Schrock's	The Knepper's
11/10	The Costea's	Rick Marker
11/17	The Ferris's	Shane Lenhart
11/24	The Gerhart's	The Slope's

PRAYER TEAM

11/3 Karen Walters & Reuben Watson
11/10 Mike & Karen Costea
11/17 Matt & Sarah Rouch
11/24 Jim Moon, Joyce Lee

COMMUNION PREPARATION

11/3 Jen Riggs
11/10 Rita Fisher
11/17 Jeff & Christy Hay
11/24 April Morocco

VAN MINISTRY

11/3 Brandon Lambert
11/10 George Perras
11/17 Rick Marker
11/24 Terry Fisher

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*If you cannot serve on your schedule day  
please contact:*

† 5:15 Team: Bill Gerhart  
† Communion Preparation: Rita Fisher  
† Greeter & Information/Café: Cheryl Clementi  
† Parking Lot Greeters: Mike Costea  
† Prayer Team: Karen Walters  
† Van Ministry: Cheryl Clementi