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November Prayer Focus: Give Thanks to God

by Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
(James 1:17)

God blesses us with so many good and perfect gifts: Life. Salvation. His Word. His Spirit. His mercy and love. His church. Our families. Our daily bread. Hearts to respond to His love.



As we approach our thanks-giving celebration, let's shift our focus from the gifts to the giver and meditate on WHO we are thankful TO rather than WHAT we are thankful FOR.

As the redeemed, we are thankful TO God.

GOD. Our LORD and SAVIOR. The CREATOR and SUSTAINER of everything.

Infinite in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

Eternal, unchangeable, abounding in loving kindness and mercy.

God, the living god, who sees and hears and acts.

God, the one true god, who seeks a vibrant, loving relationship with us.

God, our Father, who sent his Son Jesus, to die so we could live, filled with the Holy Spirit.

To you, LORD, the living God, we give our thanks, for the overwhelming blessings of our very existence, our salvation, our sanctification, and the unfailing hope of eternity with Jesus face-to-face.

To you, LORD, the one true God, we give our thanks for your continued provision for all our needs.

To you, LORD, our God, the lover of our souls, the alpha and the omega, we give our thanks for the fellowship of believers.

Amidst the busyness of the season, help us to remember you, our amazing God to whom we give thanks. Move us to pray for the many people who celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving without knowing the one who loves them and provides for them.

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Prayer Focus – Give Thanks to God, *continued*

I will **give to the LORD the thanks** due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High. (Psalm 7:17)

I will **give thanks to you, LORD**, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. (Psalm 9:1)

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds. (Psalm 75:1)

Enter his gates with **thanksgiving**, and his courts with praise! **Give thanks to him**; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100:4-5)

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love endures

forever. (Psalm 118:29)

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But **thanks be to God**, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! [the gospel of Jesus Christ] (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:20)

Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 12:1-14)

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us **be thankful**, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:28-29)

We give **thanks to you, LORD God Almighty**, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. (Revelation 11:17)

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and **thanks** and honor and power and strength be **to our God** for ever and ever. Amen! (Revelation 7:12)

Children's Christmas Choir is Coming!

I'm not trying to rush the season here, but Christmas is coming soon and we all love to hear our children sing praise to Jesus, our newborn Savior. It's time to mark your calendars for our Children's Christmas Choir. We'll be singing in the Dec. 17 Christmas Music Worship Service. If you know a child who would like to join our choir this year, please plan to have them join us for rehearsals that begin on **Wed., Nov. 30 at 6:00** in the Large Group Area. More information on the other rehearsals and the song we will be singing will be shared in the bulletin and at Awana as we get closer to the first rehearsal.



November Awana Calendar	
2	Club – Bring a Buck Night
5 (Sat.)	OCC Packing Party
9	Club
16	Club
23	No Club – Happy Thanksgiving
30	Club – Christmas song rehearsal @ 6:00

Sail On with East Side Story

by Pastor Nate

COVID took the wind out of our sails for a time, but the breeze is blowing again on the East Side! You don't have to like sailing. You don't have to know anything about sailing. All you have to do is get in the boat.

What is he talking about?
I'm talking about loving our neighbors at Milton East Elementary. There are a number of ways to "get in the boat" – everything from eating out at Culver's during a Scoopie Night, to committing to 30 minutes a week as a mentor for an elementary aged kid. Take a look at the ways that you can be involved below. I hope that you'll consider being a part of the East Side Story this year.

1. Provide Resources for Teachers

Teachers often need to spend their own money in order to

provide the resources that the kids in their classroom need. Want to help buy books or other resources? Here's a way you can bless a teacher and bless the kids in the classroom.

2. Food at Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences can be a long haul for teachers. Want to help give them a boost? Watch for sign-ups to provide snacks or meals for teachers.

3. Staff lunch

When we first started East Side Story, one of the first projects we did was to provide a lunch for teachers. We want to continue that this year with a twist – to help make it possible for lunch along with a special speaker to encourage the teachers.

4. East Events

During the year Milton East will

put on events which could use some extra help. Add your time and muscle to the fun!

5. Prayer Walks

We already hit the year running with a prayer walk and were joined with other believers from a couple of different churches. This is always an awesome time. If you haven't done a prayer walk, why not try it this year?

6. Scoopie Nights

Show up and eat! Yes! If this is your speed, then put it in gear. We will let you know when.

7. "Hey Neighbor" mentor program

Just 30 minutes a week, and you could make a huge impact in a child's life. If you are retired this is a fantastic way to bless a child in your spare time.

November Children's Church

Nov. 5

Elisha Served as a Prophet
(2 Kings 2)
led by Tara Rotzoll

Nov. 19

Elisha Performed Miracles
(2 Kings 4-6)
led by Kathy Crandall

November Collision Calendar

2	Collision
5 (Sat.)	OCC Packing Party
7 (Mon.)	Roller Skating with Koinonia
9	Collision
16	Collision (Pizza – Invite-a-friend Night)
23	No Collision – Happy Thanksgiving
30	Collision



Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

For 29 years, Samaritan's Purse has partnered with churches and others to pack shoeboxes full of gifts and necessities along with Jesus' message of hope to children suffering from poverty, natural disasters, war, disease, and famine around the world. This will be our church's 19th year of participating in this project.

**The packing party is right around the corner...
Saturday, November 5**

Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office to schedule a time slot to pack boxes from 1-2 p.m. or 2-3 p.m. OR to volunteer at the event from 12:30-2 p.m. or 2-3:30 p.m. Anyone willing to serve is welcome! Bring friends and neighbors. Families encouraged to stay together as a family service project. Gift items and shoeboxes are supplied by our church.



Monetary donations appreciated for the shoebox supplies or to support the **\$10 postage** per box.

Our Church's OCC Shoeboxes – Impact in Africa

Last year our shoeboxes went to seven countries on four continents. That is amazing! One of those countries was Malawi. Seeing our church's address in their boxes, two different families from Malawi contacted us to thank us. One was from a nine year old boy with a two year old brother; the other was from a mother of twin four-year-olds.

Do you want to be a **pen pal** to either of these families? The more the merrier! If you are interested, contact Linda Lyke. Any age can be pen pals!

Enjoy this excerpt from the mother of the twins:

“For the past weeks they have been begging me to buy them some toys and I kept promising them that I will buy and God fulfilled it through you.”

What a beautiful answer to a mother's prayers to provide toys to her children – our church's shoeboxes!



A happy Malawi mother wrote our church to thank us for our church's shoeboxes which her twin four-year-olds received last year.

Courage to Stand Out for Christ

by Larry Schultz, Koinonia Youth Ministry

Dear Friends in Christ,
It's been a busy fall with all the activities that come along with school starting, but the busyness doesn't stop the Lord from getting His work done.

Hebrews 4:12 *The Word of God is living and active.....*

At bible study last night; a couple of the guys shared how they wanted to meet in the mornings at school to read the bible and encourage each other. While reading another young man came by and asked what they were doing. They said reading the bible. The guy asked if he could join them and not long after another guy came by and joined in wanting to get his faith back in gear.

It reminded me of a youth group I had met when I first got started in youth ministry. There were 70 kids at this youth group. I remember ask-

ing how it got started. They shared that a couple of them were in a park reading the bible together and another youth came by wondering what they were reading. They said, the Bible and that kid joined in as well as few other youth in the area. That youth group started and grew because a couple youth hungry to know and grow in the Lord through His word were not afraid to read the word in public.

I love to hear how the Holy Spirit shows up and does a work when and where He chooses to do so. John says: *No one knows when and where the Spirit will go....*

Please be praying with us that we would be used by the Holy Spirit to accomplish the Lord's saving work in young people and their families in this world that needs Him more than they know. And please specifically pray for our youth to have the courage to stand out for Christ,

and that many opportunities would arise for them to share Jesus and His word.



It was great to meet one of the guys that joined that morning bible study. He came to youth group this week and said he had never been around such an atmosphere in a group like our Koinonia youth group and he's looking forward to coming again.

May all of the Lord's people have courage and opportunities led by the Holy Spirit to see God move hearts to Him.

Lord Bless,
Larry



Thank you to all who volunteered and donated food for our week to serve at the GIFTS Men's Homeless Shelter the week of October 3rd through 6th. The men always rave about our church and how they appreciate us and the delicious food. Thank you for serving!

Dylan Dodd – Short-Term Missions Trip

Dylan is back from Costa Rica, the first portion of his short-term missions trip. He'll be home for a little over a month before he leaves for South Africa where he will be for six months.

Here is a short portion of his last report in Costa Rica:

I have been in Costa Rica for almost 6 weeks now (as of Oct 5). So three weeks ago I moved in with (a different host family from our church). They love the Lord greatly which I'm thankful for. During the three weeks I've lived with them, me and a friend have been helping serving at a local, private, Christian school helping out with the little kids. They are about the age of 8-10. The kids love us so much and we them. When we come into the school they drop everything and RUN up to us and give us a big



ole hug! When we left the school our final time visiting they were very sad. They were asking us if we'd ever come back to them and it's sad because I don't know if I will ever see them again. The kids hugged us and didn't ever want to let go.

But things are changing drastically starting Thursday October 6th. My whole team and I are leaving our families, our friends, and the city life behind to drive 6 hours away to a poor indigenous town named

Shiroles. There we will stay for three weeks where we will move in with completely different host families. There we will help our host families with work on their farms, do community projects every one in a while, and just live life with the locals. It is going to be a tough adjustment since we are moving from the city life into a town with no electricity, showers, clean water and other luxuries that I am used to. But It will be an awesome experience!

The Lord has also been growing in me a greater love for him through my fellowship with him through the Word and through prayer! He's been instilling in me the importance of my personal fellowship time with him, and it's awesome!

Seek Dylan out at church and ask him what the Lord has been doing in his heart in Costa Rica!

KWIK TRIP

CARDS make Great Christmas Gifts

Proceeds from the purchase of Kwik Trip cards supports our Outreach Ministry, helping our long and short term missionaries, among many other outreach efforts.

Plan ahead and purchase Kwik Trip cards for Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers by contacting our church office (608-868-2741 or churchoffice@miltonsdb.org).



Don't forget to use Amazon Smile for your Christmas gift purchases. A small portion of most purchases will be sent to the church if you designate it as your charity to support.

Clarkston Mission Trip

Please join Milton Seventh Day Baptist church on a Global Missions trip to Clarkston, Georgia, from Wednesday, February 22-24, 2023.

Global Missions Journeys are 3 day trips that are designed to engage believers and churches with God's heart for every nation to know him, expose them to new cultures and equip them with the Habits of a Global Christian. Cost \$300 per person.

On a Global Mission Journey you will have the opportunity to:

Eat at ethnic restaurants, shop at local markets, and visit Mosques or Hindu/Buddhist Temples to learn about other faiths
Prayer walk in local multi-ethnic communities
Interact with internationals to build bridges of understanding for future ministry
Hear about God's heart for the nations and strategies to reach them
Explore God's call to welcome, send, mobilize, pray, and go!

Please contact Linda Lyke for more information.



Because there is a minimum number of people required to book the trip, we must know who is interested by December 1st. If you know others who may be interested, please pass this on.

An Invitation for You! (YES ,YOU.)

Join Us for the 2023 SDB Winter Virtual Delegate Forum

by John Pethtel, SDB Conference Coordinator

If you are a member or participant in the Milton SDB Church, you are invited to participate in the 2023 Winter Virtual Delegate Forum (WVDF).

On January 8, 2023, at 1 p.m. (Central Time), the SDB General Council will be hosting the WVDF to allow people from SDB churches to gather together virtually (via Zoom) so that information and feedback may be shared. Information will be shared by the SDB General Council and Conference Directors and feedback will be collected from you. Yes, you. In the absence of our annual

SEVENTH DAY



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Conference Week and its sessions, an opportunity to get together just seemed like the right thing to do.

An invitation letter is on the church bulletin board in the Welcome Center inviting participation.

Registration is required to attend. You will receive a link after registering for the event. For the registration link and more information, please vis-

it seventhdaybaptist.org/wvdf.

Please contact me, the Conferences Coordinator (jpethtel@seventhdaybaptist.org; 608-752-5055 ext. 702) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there. Yes, you.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jocelyn Dutcher
- 5 Cindy Greene
- 9 Sydney Rotzoll
- 11 Rinald Kersten
- 11 Kathleen Holbrook
- 11 Zoey Kersten
- 12 Lukas Mullen
- 17 Terry Michel
- 18 Nick Kersten
- 26 *Lance & Perla Call*
- 27 Carol Aiken
- 28 Kory Geske

November




Bulletin Board

Men's Chorus
 will rehearse at 8:00 a.m. on Sabbath, Nov. 19th and sing during worship that day at 10:30 a.m.

Ladies Sit 'n Sip
Tuesday, November 8th
9:00 a.m. at Sharla's

If you have a suggestion for a different meeting date, time and location, please contact the church office.



HELP US DECORATE!

All Hands on Deck to Deck the Halls!

We will be taking part in the **Milton Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Walk** on **Sunday, December 4th from 2-7 p.m.**

That means we will need to decorate the Sanctuary, Parlor, Welcome Center and outside front of the church between November 28 and December 2nd.

If you are willing to help, please contact Janet Butler or Britt Kersten.

Focus on Funds
 as of September 30, 2022

General Fund Balance	\$ 5,428.91
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$55,142.98
Sept. Undesignated Inc.	\$10,346.90
Sept. Total Income	\$17,680.25
Sept. Expenses	\$25,486.44
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 6,990.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$ 9,340.14



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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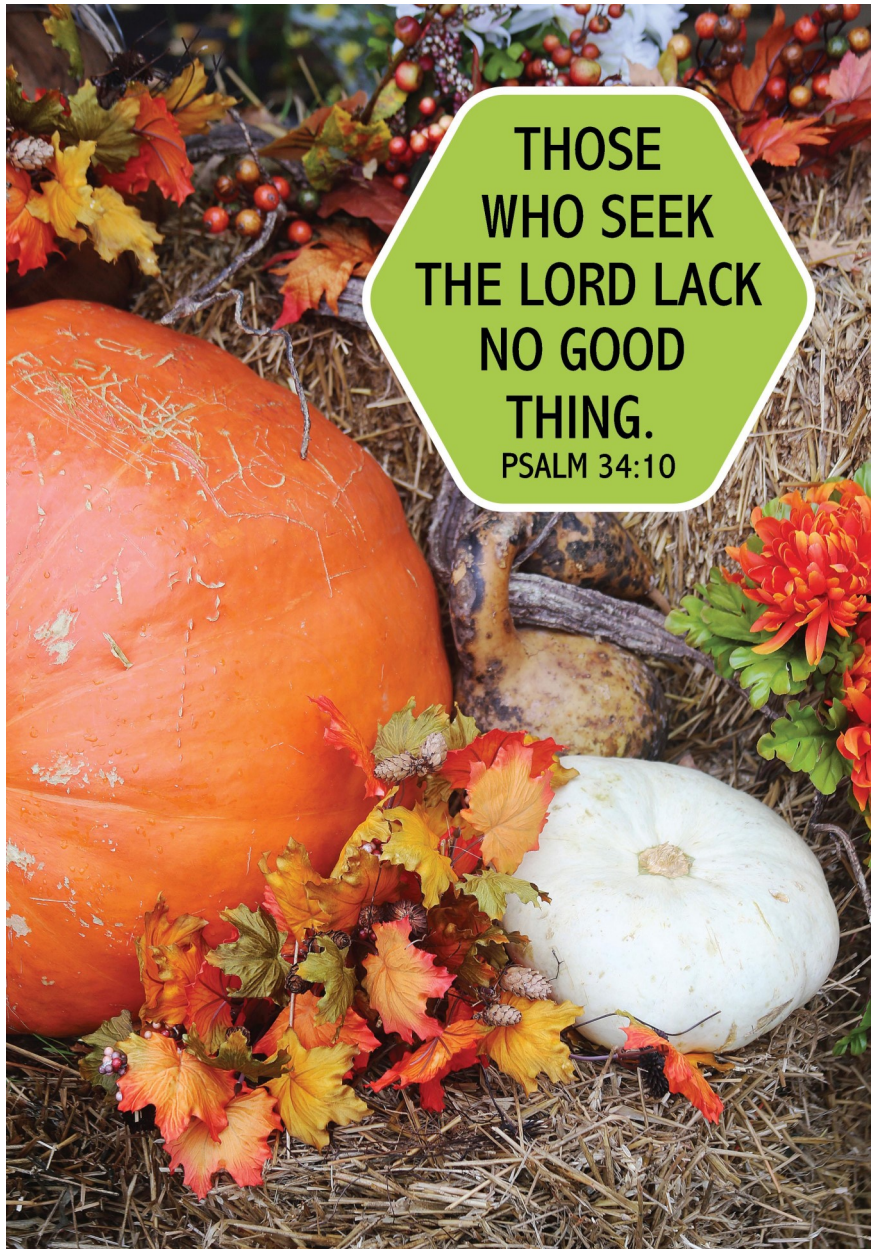
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Online Worship

Our Sabbath morning worship service is available **live** on our YouTube channel.
Go to <http://TheConnecting.Church/WorshipOnline> for the link.
We are also posting links to the sermon notes on that same page.