



Give Thanks In All Circumstances

In the book of 1 Thessalonians, as Paul is closing his letter and saying good bye to his audience, he gives the church of Thessalonika some final thoughts: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

We are quickly approaching the Thanksgiving season, and there is no doubt that this Thanksgiving will be quite different from any we have had before. Many of us will be forgoing our usual holiday traditions for the sake of being safe and responsible in a time of pandemic. I know, at the very least, Thanksgiving at our house will be quite different due to the unusual circumstances that this year has brought us.

But there is one thing that will not be different: we will still give thanks. After all, Paul didn’t say, “Give thanks when it is easy and you feel good.” He *did* say, “Give thanks in all circumstances.” That is what I plan on doing! After all, even in hardship and struggle we all have much to be thankful for. We have the love we hold for one another. We have a church that has found a new way to be the church and adapted to a new way of doing things. Most of all, let us be thankful for the hope that we all have in Jesus Christ.

Another thing we have to be thankful for is the opportunity to serve our community and shine the light of Christ in dark places next month. We will be serving Thanksgiving meals across Sand Springs and vicinity as we usually do, albeit in a slightly different way. We also need *your* help to make this happen. As always, we need pies. What is different this year is that we are requesting that you buy store-bought pies rather than make them yourself, as a safety measure. If you would like to bring a pie (or two! or ten!) please drop them off at The Well on the day before Thanksgiving between 9 AM and 6 PM.

Also, we will need help delivering the food. This year we are delivering in a fashion similar to food delivery apps in that we will leave the food on the doorstep rather than hand deliver. This way we can maintain social distancing and still provide an important service to our neighbors. If you would like to help deliver this year, please come to The Well parking lot at 10 AM on Thanksgiving day.

I am so thankful for all of you, my friends and church family. I am thankful for this way in which we can show people the love of Jesus through Thanksgiving meals. Most of all, I am thankful for God who conquers all things.

Now, if I may borrow from Paul’s benediction: “May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.”



KidZone News

To our Kidzone Kids We hope that you all had a great Fall break. We wanted to let you know that we are going to do Christmas stockings again the year for

our friends at Sand Springs Community Services. We will need your help. Our plan is to get together in small groups at the Caleb House to work on our project. We will get in touch with your parents soon.

We miss seeing everyone. Remember Jesus loves you and is always with you.

Love & prayers-
Miss Debbie & Miss Marty

TITHES & OFFERINGS...

Mail your checks to SSUMC, 319 N. Main St. in Sand Springs, OK 74063 or give online at: <https://sandspringsumc.org/>

Click on the "Giving" link in the top right hand corner and fill out the information and click "Continue."

Roof Checks: Memo: "Roof Repair" on the check.

Come and Go Baby Shower for Sara Riker

Saturday, Oct 24

2pm-4pm at The Well

Sara, Brett and Drew are expecting a sweet baby girl in December. Sara isn't registered anywhere but is requesting all sizes of diapers, baby wipes and gift cards. Also, baby girl clothes, hair bows, and things like that would be very much appreciated!

We'll be outside,
weather permitting.

Please bring a mask and plan to maintain social distance.

If the weather doesn't cooperate we'll be inside and a mask will be required.

Contact Amy with any questions

"The Prayer Box"

Philip Comer, Maureen Gibson, Sylvia Johnson, Ralph Rand, June Brown, Martha Scudder, Betty & Linda Lund, Wava Burt, Ralph Ward, Gordonna Fisher, Harry Alford, Jim & Vi McAllister, Barbara McClintock, Montie & Betty Box, Bruce Warren,
Prayer Chains And Unspoken Requests

Sunday Worship Continues

Our worship service is streaming live on Facebook every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. If you are not on Facebook, you can watch it later in the day once it is uploaded to YouTube. We encourage everyone to continue to participate in worship. It is a saving grace during a difficult time!

