



The Spirit of Strawberry Baptist Association

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Happy Thanksgiving! I wish everybody a safe and **Happy Thanksgiving**; time spent enjoying the Food, Family, Fun, Fellowship & even Football. We remember the story in our history books of the first Thanksgiving where the Indians shared their food with the Pilgrims and they all gathered around the table to Give Thanks to God for His Many Blessings. **Thanksgiving** is a time for Giving Thanks, for Praising God for His many Blessings. God has Blessed us in so many ways, spiritually, financially, materially & physically. The chorus to the Hymn goes, **“Count your many blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done!”** Sometimes we forget, because of the Grace of God, I am Saved, Sealed & Secure in God. Let me share with you **10 Reasons to Praise God. We are So-o-o Blessed!** Let’s look at **Ephesians chapter 1, verses 3 through 14**

I am a Child of the King – Saved by the Grace of God. God has Saved us by the Good News of the Gospel, (vs. 13) all we have to do is Believe, the Hymn says, “Trust & Obey.” Acts 16:31 Believe on Lord Jesus Christ and you will be Saved. Eph 2:8-9 For by Grace are you Saved through Faith, it is the gift of God, not of works lest anyone should boast. Just as God Chose us before the foundation of world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. (vs. 4) 2 Thess 2:13 From the beginning God chose you for salvation. God Adopted as children & heirs with Jesus. (vs. 5) John 1:12 As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God. Rom 8:17 If Children, then heirs & joint-heirs with Jesus. Wow! Then God Accepted us into His beloved Family of Believers (vs.6) Acts 10:35 whoever fears Him, (loves Him, trusts Him, Believes in him) & works righteousness is accepted by God. **“I’m so glad, I’m a part of the family of God,” Saved, Chosen, Adopted, Accepted by God.**

I am a Child of the King – Secure in the Love of God. John 3:16 For God so Loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son. We are Redeemed by His blood, (vs. 7) through His Death on the Cross. 1 Peter 1:18-19 you were not Redeemed with

corruptible things, but with the precious Blood of Christ. God has Forgiven us of our Sins, (vs. 7) by the Sacrifice of His Son. 1 John 2:12 I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for His name’s sake. God has given us Wisdom & Spiritual Understanding. (vs. 8) Col 1:9 that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom & spiritual understanding. And God also has Made Known to us the Mystery of His Will, (vs 9-10) I am Saved by the Grace of God, and I get all the Promises of God, just like Abraham. Col 1:26-27 to you He has made known the mystery of the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ***I get to Go to Heaven, because I am Redeemed, Forgiven, endowed with Spiritual Understanding & Know why God would choose to Save someone like me.***

I am a Child of the King – Sealed by the Holy Spirit of God. God has Inherited us, Saved us, Adopted us, given us Heaven. (vs. 11-12) He did this for us, All because of His Grace, so we could Praise Him forever & ever. 1 Peter 1:3-5 God has begotten us to a living hope, to an Inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, that does not fade away. (*How long is everlasting life?*) God has Sealed with the Holy Spirit, (vs. 13-14) Heaven is guaranteed. 2 Cor 1:22 who (God) has sealed us, given us His Spirit as a guarantee. The Holy Spirit is the Guarantee of our inheritance until the Redemption of our physical bodies. (vs. 14) That’s why **you Can’t Lose your Salvation** – the Word of God would have to Fail (*Bible*), the Love of God would have to Fail (*Jesus*), & the Power of God would have to Fail (*Holy Spirit*). ***Inherited by God, just like I was His own child, & Sealed by the Holy Spirit, because I am His Child, a Child of the King.***

Thanksgiving is a time to **Praise God** for who He is, & to **Thank God for His many Blessings. 10 Ways God has Blessed us – Saved, Chosen, Adopted, Accepted, Redeemed, Forgiven, Spiritual Understanding, Know God & His Will, given an Inheritance & given the Holy Spirit as a down payment on Heaven. I am **Saved, Sealed & Secure, because I am, A Child of the King.** *Vernon***

The Strawberry Baptist Association welcomes our new Mission Coordinator, Rev. Vernon DeLong. He will be working with all churches to seek opportunities to unite churches in mission activities.

Attention all Pastors:

The SBA WMU is hosting a Pastors Appreciation dinner for all Pastors and their wives on Thursday, November 3rd at Bedford Baptist Church at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 11th to Teresa Waldron 540-204-2298 (stampinteresa@gmail.com) or Debbie Radlbeck 757-373-8962 (radlbeck@hotmail.com) Come join us for fellowship and relaxation. We hope to see you there.

Bedford Community Christmas Station

is in need of the following items: gently used coats, new items such as fleece blankets, pajamas, soap, dolls, action figures, toddler riding toys, bath and kitchen towels, diapers, wipes and the list is too long for this box. You can also give a financial donation. This is an organization which helps Bedford County and provides a variety of services throughout the years. All donations are needed by November 16, 2022. Thank you for your help.

A Place for You
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Help needed!

SBA WMU will be hosting the Pastors Appreciation Dinner November 3rd at Bedford Baptist church at 6:00 PM. We are looking for **volunteers** to help with serving and providing food. The items needed are: **Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Sour Dough Bread and 4 desserts.** Contact Teresa Waldron at 540-204-2298 (stampinteresa@gmail.com) or Debbie Radlbeck at 757-373-8962 (radlbeck@hotmail.com).

Remember to finish your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Collection dates are November 14-21. Check with your church for your dedication date.



Church News

Bedford Baptist

*As we begin this busy season, we are reminded of all the things that God has provided.

*We are pleased to host the WMU Pastor Appreciation Dinner at Bedford Baptist on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 6 pm.

*We will honor our Veterans on Sunday, November 6 during Morning Worship. We encourage visitors to take part in this time of celebration for all who have served our Country.

*On Nov. 12th we are pleased to host the Woodmen of The World Thanksgiving Meal at 5 pm. Also, Youth Game Night will be held in the home of one of our youth leaders.

*On the 13th, we will have the Shoe Box Packing Party after morning worship. The Youth Department will provide transportation for parking at the Women's Club Annual Craft Show at Liberty Middle School on Saturday, November 19th.

*On Sunday, November 20th, we will have our Shoe Box Dedication during morning worship and at 3:00 pm we will host the Community Thanksgiving Service at the Bedford Baptist. We hope you will make plans to attend

We are pleased to have several members attend the BGAV Conference on Nov. 14-16th in Hampton, Va.

Timber Ridge

*We hosted Trunk-or-Treat in the church parking lot and passed out lots of candy and information about our church, inviting those without a church home to join us

*. Our Youth attended Scaremare.

* Upcoming Youth Events also include: November 6th: Bonfire/Game night and November 18th: Youth Thanksgiving Dinner and Fellowship

*We filled 100 Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We are also collecting hygiene products for a mission's project in Haiti.

*Several from our church recently went to see the drama, "David", at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA.

* Our choir will present the Cantata entitled, "Always a King", during the Worship hour on Sunday, December 18th. A Christmas luncheon will follow in the fellowship hall.

*Our WMU completed 1,000 hygiene pads for girls in Haiti.

*We volunteered at Quilt Camp and at Centerfest.

*We did Birthday cake and ice cream for the October Birthdays for the Bedford County Nursing Home.

*We are in the process of giving donations to Otter River Elementary School backpack program

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Ministry Opportunities

November

- 11/1 Pastors' Meeting – 11 a.m.
- 11/08 Election Day
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Day

Birthdays

November

- 11/22 Brian Sheehan (*Pecks*)

