

10:00 Morning Prayer and Praise

LET US PRAY FOR YOU—Write your prayer request on a card and put it in the white wooden church.

"Let us pray" for:

- being obsessed with honoring and thanking God.
- Joan Doyal, who is in Allegheny Valley Hospital with double pneumonia.
- Cindy Miller's broken wrist, granddaughter Elane, mom Rachel.
- the thirty Haitian women receiving the first hygiene kits.
- disciple making plans for 2018 and beyond.

CCF's Unifying Mission is to:

Be and make disciples of Jesus who love God and others to HIS glory

- Using our Spirit-given gifts and resources
- Relying on His strength
- Serving with His body, family
- Following Him through His Word

**10:45 Lives that Glorify and Thank God
Colossians 3:17**

Kerry Doyal

THANK YOU, LADIES!

The first thirty feminine hygiene kits will soon be in Haiti. We have a request for more.

UPCOMING MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Ladies' Saturday Bible Study—Speak to Jessi Reed

Baby Shower for Elane—Be ready . . . date TBD

Elder, Deacon Nominations!—Prayerfully consider nominations

YOUTH [MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS]

- November 8—**Ga Ga Ball**
- November 22—**NOT meeting**

ELDERS AND DEACONS

Who are you praying about nominating to be a Deacon or an Elder? Before you ask anyone, read Titus 1 and 1 Timothy 3.

PRAY ABOUT JOINING CCF

Speak to Kerry or Scott Sutton to begin the process of committing to growing and serving together.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

National Collection Weeks have begun for Operation Christmas Child. Please continue to fill boxes and bring items for shoeboxes. We will be collecting until November 19. Then, on November 19, following the morning service, we will be having a Packing Party for the shoeboxes. It will be a great time of fellowship while packing extra shoeboxes and preparing the shoeboxes you bring in for their journey. Have questions? Please see Jessi Reed.

2017 BIBLE READ THROUGH

November 6-10

Revelation 6 through 10

November 13-17

Revelation 11 through 15

November 20-24

Revelation 16 through 20

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Living to His Glory, with Gratitude

Would you call this comprehensive: “And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything . . .”? As they say, “that just about covers it.” Some say that *Soli Deo Gloria* (glory to God alone) is similarly all-encompassing. As we begin November, approaching Thanksgiving, let’s close our Reformation Celebration—500 years!—focusing on glorifying and thanking God. Colossians 3:17, among other passages has both themes.

**“And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him. (CSB)**

What a lofty expectation, and high calling: “Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.” Our lives should fully honor Him. And, gratitude should govern our attitude: “giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Glorifying, and thanking God is a theme replete in the Scripture. Such is a life under His lordship, submitted to Him—a “seek ye first” life (Matthew 6:33).

Putting this in context (see Vine front for Colossians 3:14-17), as God’s chosen, loved ones, we are to be compassionate, kind, forbearing and forgiving (vs. 12-14). We are to live with His peace within and with others (15). Abiding in, living, sharing His word, our worship is fed by gratitude (16). Everything about our lives should be for Him, with thanks through Him (vs. 17). ➔

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Let's Strive so that Everything About Us:

➤ **Represents Him Well:** Bring No shame to His Fame

Bearing His name, we live circumspectly. "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise . . ." (Ephesians 5:15; cf. Acts 5:41)

"Whatever . . . word or deed, everything"—Sounds like 1 Corinthians 10:31—"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (cf. 1 Timothy 4:12)

Word: speech, thoughts, texts, social media
(Ephesians 4:29; James 3:1-12)

Deed: All our doings. Things left undone.
(Matthew 5:16; 1 John 4)
Sins of Omission and Commission
(James 4:17; Romans 7:14-20)

➤ **Is Thoroughly Thankful to God Through Jesus**

Humility and Honesty Help: All we have is His, from and for Him
"For in Him all things were created . . . All things were created through Him and for Him." (Colossians 1:16; cf. John 1:1-4; 14:6; Revelation 1-5)

"What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?" (1 Corinthians 4:7 –ESV)

Unlike those who reject God's truth: "For though they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or show gratitude. Instead, their thinking became worthless, and their senseless hearts were darkened." (Romans 1:21)
Because, "from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen." (Romans 1:36)

Happily: Note the joyful tone of Psalms 95 and 100

- An absence of appreciation is the fruit of a self-directed life (Romans 1:21).
- Do you seek to bring fame to His name with all of you?
- Are you regularly "overflowing with gratitude"? (Colossians 2:7)
- Build the holy habit of thankfulness. Observe **"Thanks-vember"**; daily share your gratitude.

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A MONTH TO GIVE THANKS*

*even more than you usually do

The last of the Five Solas of the Reformation lead us into a month of Giving Thanks. Colossians 3 combines them nicely. First the Solas one more time:

1. **Sola Fide**—by faith alone [all God requires of us is to believe]
2. **Sola Scriptura**—by Scripture alone [God's Word is enough, final]
3. **Solus Christus**—through Christ alone [no one else can provide salvation]
4. **Sola Gratia**—by grace alone [we're saved as a gift, not by good deeds we do]
5. **Soli Deo Gloria**—glory to God alone [it's all about Him, He is a big deal]

"Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. **And be thankful.** Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, **singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.** And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through him. **(Colossians 3:14-17 –CSB)**

Forget **"No Shave November."** Let's make this month one "overflowing with gratitude" **(Colossians 2:7 –CSB).**

Welcome, Guests! We are honored to have you with us. Please let us know how we can be of help. Also, please fill in an information card and put in the offering box.

Children are dismissed to classes after our shared time of worship. **We also have a nursery.** Infants are welcome in the service. Please be sensitive to the distraction those cute, squirmy ones can be. **Thank you.**

Let's connect! Visit our website at ccffriends.org and Facebook at facebook.com/ccffriendssarver. Pastor Kerry's number is 724-664-9193 [call or text]. Connect via e-mail at kerry.doyal@gmail.com or Facebook.