

# PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Dear Friends of Faith,

WE ARE TRULY THANKFUL you have come today. Some have driven for 30-40 minutes just to be here. You have passed a number of churches to get to this one and we are truly humbled and blessed by your coming.

Don't forget that one week from tomorrow, on Monday, November 19 is our 23 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, at the BRIDGTON COMMUNITY CENTER, on Fee Fee north of the Rock Road.

Please let us know how we may help you.



**K**ING DAVID the second, and most beloved King of Israel, was called by God "A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART." 1 SAM 13:14.

He was far from perfect. He sinned grievously. He failed miserably. He suffered greatly.

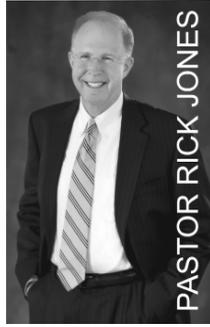
But God picked him to succeed Saul—a man who first stood "head and shoulders above the people" but ultimately rejected the favor of God for the favor of men. King David was daring. King David was ambitious. King David was determined.

It would be easy to put together an ad campaign for David. He single-handedly challenged and defeated Goliath putting the entire Philistine army on the run. He loyally served King Saul even when Saul tried to kill him. He transformed the city of Jerusalem into a world-class capital. Under his leadership the nation's borders were secured and the twelve tribes were united. Israel's economy grew. And the Law of God, the Prophets of God, and the Priests of God were all highly esteemed.

Unfortunately, it would be just as easy to put together an ad campaign against him. David's family was a wreck. He had eight wives and 19 sons. He was an adulterer. He essentially ordered the death of Uriah, the husband of Bathsheba—a beautiful woman with whom he committed adultery and conceived a child. His sons were charged with rape and with insurrection. He disobeyed God's command to count the people. Who wants a King with such a sordid personal life?

It is in David's first Psalm that we see what God saw in this flawed man. David was a man "after God's own heart." When confronted by God He humbly repented. When recognized by God He rejoiced in God. When restrained by God He submitted to God. And over and over and over again He gave thanks to God! It was the set of his soul to offer thanks, to give praise, and to testify of God's goodness.

I am praying that your Pastor will be a thankful, praising, testifying



Please turn off the ringers on your cell phones. You are welcome to text PR a question 314-607-1424.

Pastor. I'm praying that our congregation will be a thankful, praising, testifying congregation.

We do not have to give thanks for God's mercy. We do not have to give thanks for God's grace. We do not have to give thanks for God's love. We do not have to give thanks for Christ's sacrifice. We do not have to give thanks for the Holy Ghost's presence in our lives. We do not have to give thanks for conviction and God's Amazing Grace. We do not have to give thanks for an open altar where we can pray and find God's forgiveness. We do not have to give thanks for peace with God. We do not have to give thanks.

**B**ut the Scriptures couldn't be plainer. When people are not thankful terrible things begin to happen. The Apostle Paul, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, observed that when people are not thankful...they become vain in their imaginations, ...their foolish hearts are darkened, ...they think they are wise, but they are actually fools, ...they begin worship created things more than the Creator of all things, ...their thinking is perverted...their attitudes are pathetic, and ...their actions are pitiful... (Read Romans, Chapter 1)

But when we do give thanks...

**GOD IS HONORED BY OUR WILLING HEARTS** *And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will.* Leviticus 22:29

**GOD HALLOWS OUR THANKSGIVING WITH HIS PRESENCE** *It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD.* 2 Chronicles 5:13



**GOD COMFORTS THOSE WHO PRAISE HIM!** *For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.* Isaiah 5:13

**GOD DELIVERS THOSE WHO THANK HIM!** *But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.* Jonah 2:9

**GOD ANSWERS THE PRAYERS OF THOSE WHO THANK HIM!** *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus...But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.* Phil. 4:6-19

**WE ARE DOING THE WILL OF GOD!** *In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.* 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**AND, WE ARE JOINING THE RANKS OF THE REDEEMED THROUGHOUT ETERNITY!** *Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.* Revelation 11:17



*That we may give thanks to thy holy name and glory in thy praise*

1 Chronicles 16:35



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## FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Welcome to FCC!

We trust you sense God's presence and that you feel very welcome here.

Please let us know how we may help you.

11:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP  
& SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRE-SCHOOL-HIGH SCHOOL  
FREE NURSERY AVAILABLE OFF THE ENTRYWAY

6:00 p.m. EVENING PRAISE  
POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP THIS EVENING AFTER CHURCH  
BRING ALONG A SNACK OR SWEET!



### - THE APOSTLES CREED -

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; descended into the grave, the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

### Scriptures of the Month

Each month we are encouraging God's people to memorize a passage of Scripture  
23 Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. 24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations...worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. 34 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever..

I CHRONICLES 16:23-34

## FCC NEWSLINE

Important Announcements and Updates

**+ THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY!** Please introduce yourself and let us know how we might keep in touch and help you  
**+ POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP TONIGHT AFTER CHURCH** Bring along a snack or a sweet or both!

**+ WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COOK AND PREPARE 5 TURKEYS AND 1 HAM** for our Annual Thanksgiving Feast **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7PM AT THE BRIDGETON COMMUNITY CENTER.** Everyone is invited to this traditional carry-in feast. The church will provide table service and meats, you bring along salads, sides, and sweets!

**+ THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD!** Your generous offerings are important as we must raise \$2,000 this weekend. Thanks for praying and giving.

Month of Nov.	Monthly Need	2018 Total	2018 Goal
\$1,810.00	\$10,000.00	\$115,122.00	\$150,000.00

We pray you will consider giving today. You may give to our PayPal account using email FCCStLouisMO@gmail.com.

**+ A 15 PASSENGER VAN REPLACEMENT WILL BE AT LEAST \$3,000** If you believe the Lord would want you to help us with this offering please designate your gift.

**+ CHRISTMAS PLAY & CANDLELIGHT SERVICES ON DECEMBER 23, 6PM** The children's program will be on Sunday, December 16.

## FCC PRAYER & PRAISE

Reports of Answered Prayers and Your Requests

- JOIN IN PRAYING THAT THE SERVICES TODAY WILL BE BLESSED BY GOD and that hearts will be changed by the power of Christ within!
- JD GILLHAM is at GARDEN VIEW ASSISTED LIVING.
- Pray for SISTER GRAHAM'S precious family.
- BILLY BARNES' UNCLE GLEN is at NHC on Hospice.
- JANE FEGER'S SISTER
- HEATHER EVAN'S FATHER
- STEVE AND PEGGY SUE ROBINSON appreciate our prayers. She fell and broke both ankles.
- ANN MATLOCK
- PASTOR PHIL WARREN'S MOTHER and Family.
- CHRISTY DODSON
- GABRIEL JAMES
- REBECCA GOBER
- RUTH GEORGE is HOME!
- NEIL GOODRICH
- YVONNE MASON
- JENNIFER FEGER'S family.
- HEATHER EVANS
- AL LOCKHART
- BETTY JO HENDRICKSON
- SANDY WILSON
- GRANNY FARMER
- SIS. BEVERLY NELSON
- PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH. And remember the Christians in Pakistan.
- SHARON NICKELSON
- THE FINANCIAL NEED OF THE WORK is large. Help us pray.
- PRAY FOR THE USA!
- PRAY FOR REVIVAL!

## YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING FEAST

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7PM AT BRIDGETON COMMUNITY CENTER  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THIS CARRY-IN FEAST!



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