

Central Baptist Church of Westerly, 16 Elm Street, Westerly, RI 02891

# THE GOOD WORD

Carrying News of God's Work into the Community and World  
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## Worship With Us At Central Baptist



**Sunday Worship Service  
10:30 AM**

Our services can be seen on Facebook Live or on YouTube. Access is always available through our church website: [www.cbwesterlyri.org](http://www.cbwesterlyri.org)

## NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?



Call 401-596-4929  
Call the church before noon on Saturday.

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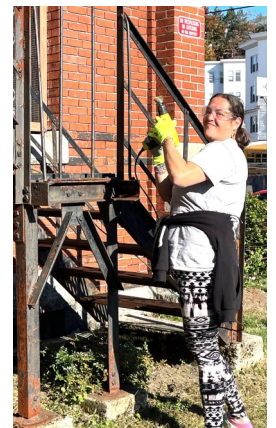
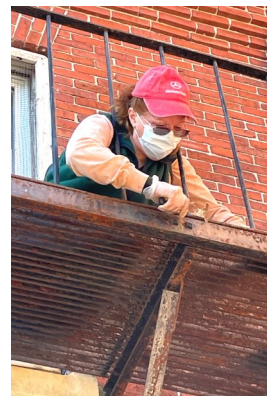
### **Website:**

<http://www.cbwesterlyri.org>

## Short Term Mission Team Works with a Native Son in Lynn, Massachusetts



Ten of us traveled up to Lynn to work with Pastor Peter Balentine at the Washington Street Baptist Church. This old church is in a largely immigrant community and is making a big impact for Christ.



**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Cal Lord, Jr., Pastor  
 Assoc. Pastor, Enrique Newman  
 Lynn Johnson, Music Director  
 Dorothy McClure, Administrator  
 Ray Deptulski, Jr., Custodian  
 Sofia & Gianna Scarano

**Church Office Hours**  
 Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



**NEWSLETTER TEAM**

Suzanne Vanaman  
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 Dorothy McClure  
 and  
 A host of other contributors

**Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for *The Good Word*, are due the **15th of the month.** Please submit articles as a WORD document if possible.

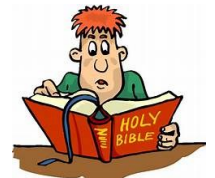
**e-mail all articles to:**  
**Suzanne Vanaman**  
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**November 3rd - Set your clocks back**

**Small Group Bible Studies**  
**There is one for you!**

1. Book of Ecclesiastes - Monday nights, 6:30PM, Third Floor Classroom.
2. Young Adult Bible Study - Tuesday nights, 7:00PM, Parlor.
3. Sisters in Scripture - Wednesday nights, 5:45PM, Parlor.
4. Seeing Christ in the Old Testament - Sunday mornings, 9:00AM, Chapel.
5. Essentials of Faith ~ Women - Thursday mornings, 10:00AM, Chapel (begins November 7th)



**CHURCH MEETINGS**

**November 11**  
 5:30PM Board of Christian Education

**November 12**  
 6:00PM CNS Board

**November 18**  
 4:30PM Board of Trustees  
 7:00PM Board of Deacons

**November 25**  
 5:30PM Church Council



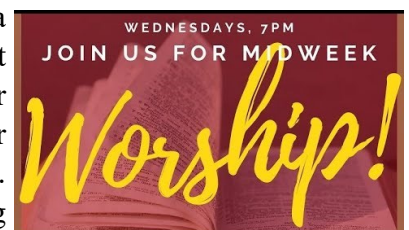
We can help you create a foundation of faith for the kids with our Kids Church Program. Kid's Church is a revamped Sunday School experience designed for children to connect with God in a way that speaks to them. With fun, worship, Bible lessons and creative activities, children can grow in their faith while having a great time.

**Can't wait the have them join us Sundays at 10:30am.**

**Wednesday Evening Worship Service**

**Can't make it to worship on Sunday morning?**

Consider making Wednesday worship your alternative. The service begins at 7:00PM in the Chapel. It is a little shorter, lasting about 45 minutes. It features a short message, a time of prayer and some singing. Pastor Cal and Pastor Enrique will be leading the services. Come join us for our Wednesday evening service.



November 2  
 8:00 AM  
 Fellowship Hall  
 All men invited

# PASTOR CAL'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

If life was a race, we'd be entering the last lap of 2024. It has been a good year and we are running at full speed as we close out the year with meaningful worship, a number of opportunities for spiritual growth, and time for fellowship and fun. We have been intentional in what we have been doing, echoing the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:26 where he says, "Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air..." In the past year, we have seen our youth, men and women's ministries grow. There has been a new approach to Kid's Church on Sunday mornings. Our bus ministry is up and running. We have kicked off a series of monthly potluck suppers and continued with a number of small group opportunities. In January, we will kick off a new ministry for senior adults. We are so fortunate to have so many volunteers stepping up to serve and lead. That is how it should be. The Apostle Paul likens the church to a body in 1 Corinthians 12:12 where every member has an important role to play. We all have gifts and abilities. We function best when each one takes their place. On our recent short term mission trip to Lynn, Massachusetts, everyone contributed. We all found an area where we could make a difference. Every member of the team played a vital role in the mission.

We will be focusing on the parable of the Good Samaritan in November. The story tells of a man who saw a need and filled the need. He simply reached out to the man and did what Jesus would have done. Jesus tells us that we should do the same. That's what ministry is all about. We want to make an impact in our community. So we will be asking you to prayerfully consider how you will invest your time, talents and financial resources into the ministry that God has given us here at Central. You have been so generous and faithful over the years. I am grateful for that.

As we enter the new year, we want to do more to share the Gospel and to invite more people around us to get to know Jesus. Along with your gifts, I am going to ask you to be more intentional in inviting people to worship, small group studies and our various fellowship groups. They will come if you invite them. But let's not wait until next year. Let's start now. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to our Thanksgiving and Christmas services. Let's close out the year strong and begin planting the seeds of faith right now.

Pastor Cal



Anchor Youth met last month around a campfire to talk about the challenges of being a teenager in today's society. At their next meeting they will enjoy a Thanksgiving celebration.



I was honored as the Grand Marshal of the Westerly Pawcatuck Columbus Day Parade and rode on the 1953 Seagrave Fire Engine.



Rev. Kathryn Palen was our guest at our first monthly potluck supper. She spoke to us about navigating the third of life.



Jake Zummo and Paul Georgetti made sure we had a hearty breakfast at the monthly men's gathering.



Jean Smith and her family enjoyed Steak & Shrimp Dinner at our Mission Honduras fundraiser.

## Central Baptist Church of Westerly

### Board of Trustees



I have been busy preparing the preliminary 2025 spending plan for the October business meeting. We are looking for anyone interested in joining the Board of Trustee team. We meet on the third Monday of the month at 4:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please contact me, Bob Burnside, (860) 460-7944. Also, if anyone has ideas about how the Board of Trustees can better serve the church family, don't hesitate to attend a meeting and let us hear how we may help.

Respectfully,  
Bob

### Treasurer's Report

	September 2024 Actual	September Plan	Year-to-Date Actuals	Year-to-Date Plan	Annual Plan
Total Income	45,428.61	43,212.18	383,927.49	383,484.62	532,946.00
Total Expenses	41,582.55	43,254.85	378,788.13	405,229.15	532,397.00
Net Ordinary Income	3,846.06	(42.67)	5,139.36	(21,744.53)	549.00

Overall, the financial picture is very positive with year-to-date revenue ahead of the year-to-date expenses. At the end of September, the year-to-date revenue was essentially equal to the planned giving amount. Overall Year-to-Date expenses through the end of September are tracking 6.5% lower than the year-to-date financial plan.

When reviewing planned major revenue line items, planned giving is on target to meet the \$230,000 forecasted amount. Withdrawals from trust funds and prior year funding accounts are being used at a slightly slower rate than planned.

As always, the generous donations and faithful support of Central Baptist members and friends allows the church to actively serve our community while also proactively maintaining our church properties. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

If you are unable to come to church, we hope that you're watching the live stream services on Facebook. If you miss it, you can search Facebook for the Central Baptist Church of Westerly, RI page and scroll down. It is also available on YouTube, just search for Pastor Cal Lord's page.

**Here are some options for online giving:**

1 Add CBC's address (16 Elm St Westerly RI 02891) to your bank's Bill Payment site and schedule the bank to mail your check to the church. Add a memo if your gift is for a special cause.

2 Text Giving is now available. Message the word "GIVE" to 401-414-4940 from your cellphone and easily send a donation.

3 Another option is to visit [www.cbCWesterlyRI.org](http://www.cbCWesterlyRI.org), then click on Donations link at the top, or scan this code on your phone to access CBC's online giving app. If your phone's camera can't scan the code, the URL for the app is: <https://app.easytithethe.com/app/Giving/cbcw>.

You can give either directly from your bank account or ... (for a higher fee) use a debit/credit card.

The app uses the same security as bank web sites, so your personal information is secure.

Also, it allows you to schedule your donations in advance, so 'once and it's done'!



Board of Missions



As we approach November, we all begin our search for the perfect holiday gift purchases. We often think of those that we love or who have had an impact on us throughout the year to add to our gift giving list. We hope that you will add a gift or two from our White Gift Christmas Tree to your list this year to help those in need in our community this coming holiday season.

What is White Gift Sunday? White Gift Sunday has its origins in the Methodist Church in Ohio when in 1904 a minister's wife and her daughters decided to give gifts wrapped in white paper at Christmas time to people in need. Gifts are wrapped in white so that they will be anonymous and so that people who can only give a little will not be embarrassed, every gift would look the same.

White Gift Sunday will take place on Sunday, December 8th, during our church service. Tags will be available on a Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall starting the weekend before Thanksgiving and will stay up till the weekend before White Gift Sunday. To participate, you take a tag or tags and purchase the items on the tags, or you can buy an item of your choice for a child. You will then wrap your gift in white paper and attach the tag to the gift. While physical gifts are preferred, monetary donations will be accepted as well.

This year our donations will benefit Stonington Human Services, the Westerly Police Department's Holiday Gift Program, and RICAN (Rhode Island Center Assisting Those in Need). If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the mission board.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Savage

Central Nursery School Board

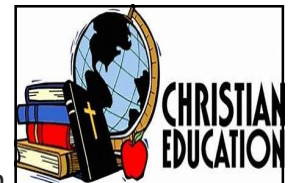


Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 12th  
@ 6:00PM

Please mark your calendars!



Board of Education



Dear Church Family,

As we embrace a new season of growth and learning, the Christian Board of Education invites you to join us in our upcoming programs and activities designed to deepen our faith and foster community. Whether you're a lifelong member or new to our congregation, there's something for everyone!

Every Sunday, the children start by worshiping with the adults and then get to head upstairs for a fun and interactive version of their own called "Kid's Church!"

For 7th-12th graders, Pastor Enrique and the youth leaders hold a youth group event. The calendar moving forward includes a Thanksgiving feast and a Christmas party! Come and make some new friends every second Wednesday of the month.

For the adults, we have many opportunities to learn outside of worship on Sunday. Please see Pastor Cal or Pastor Enrique to discuss what bible study could be right for you at this time.

Let's come together to nurture our minds and spirits as we grow in Christ's love. We look forward to seeing you at our church's events!

Blessings,

The Christian Board of Education

## Central Baptist Church of Westerly

### Board of Deacons



Hello all! The Lord put this story on my heart a little while back. It speaks to a problem we see in many churches, including ours, as well as something that divides us across denominations. I'm grateful to have this platform to share it with you all. I hope this message helps each of us reflect on how we live our lives, and how we show our love for one another as the body of Christ. In John 17, our Lord Jesus prayed – "I pray also for those who will believe in me through (the disciples') message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

#### The Gift

Not so long ago, there was an aged father who had many sons. One Father's Day, the boys got together to celebrate with their Dad. As they were talking, they thought of the old man's '57 Chevy sitting out front. He used to love that car and work on it every day when he was a kid. It took him on his first date, transported him off to college, and carried his then new wife (soon to be their mother) home on their wedding day. A special car indeed. Well, years had gone by, times changed, and so for one reason or another the car now sat there in the driveway, a little rusty, a little dirty, and certainly worse for the wear.

The eldest son spoke up and said "hey, I know, what if we got Dad's old car up and running? I'm a mechanic, I can patch up that exhaust and get her purring again. After all, Dad has done so much for us over the years. We owe all our success to him anyway. This would be a great way to make Father's Day special wouldn't it?" So off he went to the garage to get started. Another brother, a painter by trade, said "I know! I'll get out the airbrushes and give her a shiny new coat of paint, cherry red with gold trim, just like that picture Dad had from High School." Still another said "Well, I'm no mechanic or painter, but I sure have an eye for detail. I'll get that car so clean it'll look like it just rolled off the lot." And so, off the brothers hurried with love in their hearts to make this special moment for Dad. They worked diligently the whole day, making everything just right.

When evening came, the task was finished. Good work was done indeed. It came along just as they planned it. Here sat Dad's old '57 Chevy, all fixed up, engine purring, paint gleaming in the street light glow, clean as a whistle, ready to be presented to their soon to be proud father. "Let's go get Dad so he can see." The boys buzzed with excitement ready to present their gift to the father they loved so much. A fitting gift indeed!

Well, when they walked in the door, there was their youngest brother watching TV with the old man. Admittedly they forgot about him in the excitement about the car. But needless to say, they remembered him now. Oh they laid right into him when they saw that. "Here we were, slaving away all day on this special gift, and you just SAT HERE ALL DAY?!?!"

Thankfully, before this Father's Day turned into battle royal the father spoke up. "Boys! Boys! Don't fight! You see, I had an idea of what you might be up to, and let me tell you, I am excited to see what you've done with old Clarice out there. But, I asked your brother if he would hang back and keep me company while I watched my favorite old westerns. I love catching up on these old flicks. The marathon is on every Father's Day after all." The boys stood back astonished, not quite sure what to do. The old man got up, smiled, and said "So, let's go take a look at that car of mine!" At that, they all walked together to the driveway to see the gift.

So I ask you...who was the better son that day?

The answer is, NO ONE! Each of them loved their father with all their heart, and used their gifts to the best of their ability to fulfill their father's wishes. Each unique, each different, but each just as beautiful, and each loved by the father just the same. The only thing that almost ruined it was the fight at the end of the day.

The Lord gives us all different gifts. He molds us in different ways, and guides us to be who we are meant to be. The same Father, the same love, and the same Jesus who died for us all are the common ground. Pluses and minuses for all, sure. We are all human, all fall short of the glory of God, and all are made holy by the same blood of Christ. Catholic, Baptist, non-denominational, Presbyterian, liberal, conservative, whatever you may be you are all brothers and sisters in Christ, bound together by the hope of the Gospel and our hope in the one true God.

Beloved, let's not ruin the party by fighting over who is best or who is right. Let us not allow the devil to divide us because we are different. A house divided against itself can not stand. That is a fact. Let us all forget our petty differences, forgive each other when we stray, and extend the same grace to each other that Christ Jesus gave to us.

Before you approach the altar of God, if you have malice or hate in your heart for your brother or sister, go and reconcile yourself to them first. If you have wronged, ask for forgiveness. If you have been wronged, forgive. Be the body of Christ today and then come present your offering before the Lord.

I'll end with this...the greatest commandment. "You shall love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is, love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments." Friends, go out today and love your God with all you have, and love one another.

Amen

Scott Gail

Stewardship Moment



Dear Friends,

I want to begin by saying thank you. Your generosity over the last few years has contributed to the success of our ministry in these trying times. First, we had to navigate the pandemic. Then we had to face the challenge of inflation on our household budgets. You never stopped giving. Because of your investment in our church's ministry, we have been an effective witness for Christ in our community.

I wish more people understood how much joy we get from our giving like you do. To see a financial gift transformed into life giving ministry leaves a lasting impact. Your weekly and monthly giving fuels our growing ministry to youth, our adult small group ministries and so much more. It is an investment in the future. We are planting seeds for tomorrow's ministry.

Our God is a God of transformation – who changes us, and through us, changes the world. This is the good news we have been given to share with others. In light of this, I want to invite you to prayerfully consider increasing the size of your financial gift in the coming year. Just a few dollars more a week can make an incredible difference in what we can do. It is a time of great possibility for our congregation.

Please plan to be with us over the next few weeks as we celebrate the ministry and mission of our church, that "go and do likewise" mentality that Christ encourages his disciples to do. You will hear testimonies of God's faithfulness, examples of the type of ministry we want to establish and see the fruit of what God is already doing.

Again, I thank you for your support. Giving like you do does not simply happen – it is the result of faith, trust, and intentional choices. Thank you for your faithful discipleship.

Generously,  
Pastor Cal

Anchor Youth Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 13th - 7:30pm



Youth are invited for a time of connection and gratitude! Let's come together to share a meal and thank God for His goodness.



Friendship Circle is a circle of women who meet on the first Monday of each month. Our November meeting is scheduled for November 4 at 7:00PM.

We will be discussing the planning of the Christmas Bazaar which will take place on December 7.

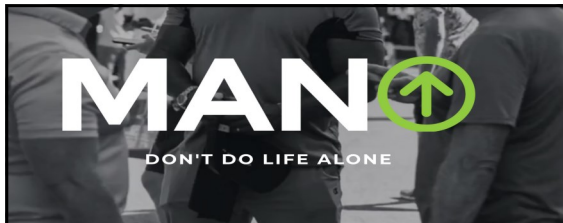
All women are welcome!

COMING SOON: ManUp

Men's Bible Study

Starts Monday, January 6th

6:30PM on the 3rd Floor. Led by Pastor Enrique

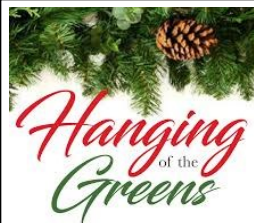


MANUP is a welcoming space where you'll be known, heard, and supported without judgment or shame as you grow into a godly man, receiving encouragement, inspiration, and guidance every step of your faith journey. A Bible study where you can connect with God and other men.



Community Thanksgiving Service at Avondale Chapel

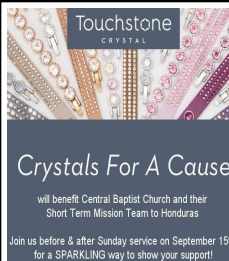
November 24th, 7:00PM



Hanging of the Greens

Join us!

Saturday, November 30th, 6:00PM. All are welcome to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season.



Mission Team Honduras Fundraiser

Touchstone Crystal Party

November 17th @ 6:30PM

Join in the fun and get some early Christmas shopping done.

**What is our role in the Church?**

Is the sole role of your church to serve you, or are you supposed to provide service to your church? The Bible has several answers to this question. Matthew 20:26-28 says, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many." And in John 12:26 we read, "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."

**Jesus served us**

The lesson is quite clear that Jesus served us by dying on the cross for us and he asks us to serve others in return. We are to live a life of serving because we have been served by the Chief Servant. Service done at your church, in the community and in the world for the benefit of all of God's creatures and creation is part of our total stewardship of life. The use of talents, gifts and skills for the well-being of others is a habit that leads to spiritual maturity.

**The church serves you**

Your church serves you through its worship services and the many programs it provides for you and you in return are expected to reciprocate by participating in the operation of the church. George Barna writes in his book *"The Habits of Highly Effective Churches"* that *"Highly effective churches agree that ministry is not the domain of spectators; it must be populated by activists. Rather than allow people to simply come, watch and give money at ministry events, great churches make it clear that you cannot be part of the real church unless you get involved."*

**We serve the church**

Churches have a myriad of opportunities for involvement. There is something for everyone. There is a job for everyone for we all have God given gifts (Romans 12:6-8) that can be put to work. George Barna commented that "To be a part of church, you must be involved for then there is no uncertainty about expectations nor any value associated with 'spectator Christianity.'"

It is stewardship season. God has given each of us a role to play in his ministry. Don't be a spectator; use your gifts to provide a service to your church!

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## Library Corner

### Library Corner & Library Room



The Library Corner bookcase is located in the back of Fellowship Hall. New additions and suggested readings are available. Please visit the complete Library Room down the Nursery School Hallway near Fellowship Hall. There are many more titles and topics to catch your interest. A sign-out sheet is available at both locations. Don't miss the following books for fall reading.



#### Inspirational

**A Fresh New Look at God - by Don Baker**

The author offers a fresh look at God through the experiences of Moses. This book may give you what you need during life's baffling and bewildering experiences. As you study the book of Exodus, you will come to know His ways, His thoughts, His plans, and His promises even for today.

#### Christian Living

**No More Faking Fine - by Esther Fleece**

This book is insightful and a breath of fresh air. The author brings up many excellent points about giving ourselves permission to feel whatever we are feeling. We should not rush into "getting over" or forgetting about offenses or trauma. Life can be difficult. This book is your invitation to be honest with God and to pour out your authentic emotions to Him.

#### Fiction

**A Treasury of Great Christian Stories - edited by Stephen Fortosis**

Who doesn't love a good story? We all love to have our imaginations captivated and carried off to another world. We want to be inspired, encouraged, and instructed about how to live a life of faith. This Treasury brings together stories from excellent Christian writers and storytellers from the past to the present day. Enjoy curling up on the sofa with this great book!



Persecuted Church



IDOP (International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church)

Around the world today, Christians in their own countries are often rejected for their faith. We can stand with persecuted Christians living in more than 70 nations around the world where it is difficult and dangerous to follow Christ. The forces that direct this persecution vary by country but it can be summed up under these three headings: Communist ideology; Radical Islam and culture driven.

Following are some brief examples supplied by Voice of the Martyrs ministry.

In India, pastors like Rajiv are falsely accused of forcing Hindus to convert to Christianity. This can result in costly legal proceedings for those ministering in urban settings like Rajiv, but for those ministering in remote villages it often results in physical assaults which occasionally are fatal.

In many parts of Africa, including Burkina Faso, Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, churches and Christian villages are targeted by Islamists. Thousands of Christians like Yasmine, Sade and Gertrude are forced to flee their homes or be killed.

In Colombia, Marxist guerrillas and right-wing paramilitaries oppose bold believers like Edgar and Isabella, whose faithful witness for Christ has led to death threats against their family.

In China, church leaders like Wang Yi are imprisoned, sentenced by the Communist government to 9 years incarceration because they refuse to compromise the gospel amid the regime's demands and threats.

As our Christian brothers and sisters endure persecution for their faith, we can let them know they are cared for and loved by the global body of Christ by our prayerful support, encouraging them to stand firm.

Donations being accept now for the Christmas Bazaar

GRANDMA'S ATTIC and GENTLY USED CHRISTMAS ITEMS

Do you have like-new items that you save for "no reason" that are in perfect condition? Perhaps you would like to donate them to Grandma's Attic for the Friendship Circle's Annual Christmas Bazaar. Donations of Gently Used Christmas Items will also be accepted for the bazaar. Grandma's Attic items must be like new, clean, and in good working condition. Any contributions can currently be brought to the church and placed on the stage with a note stating it's for Grandma's Attic.

Grandma's Attic donation suggestions: Dishes, toys, puzzles, glassware, tablecloths, candlesticks, and more.

If you have questions, please call Cathy Burnside (860)460-3433 or Deb Peterson (401) 864-7918.

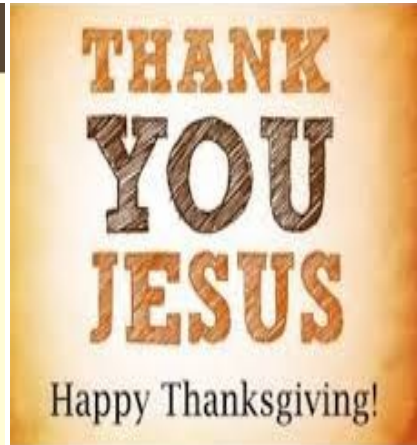


The Voice of Thanksgiving in Scripture

Thank God! Give him the praise and the glory. Before all the living, acknowledge the many good things he has done for you, by blessing and extolling his name in song. Before all men, honor and proclaim God's deeds, and do not be slack in praising him. -Tobit 12:6

In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. -1Thes 5:18

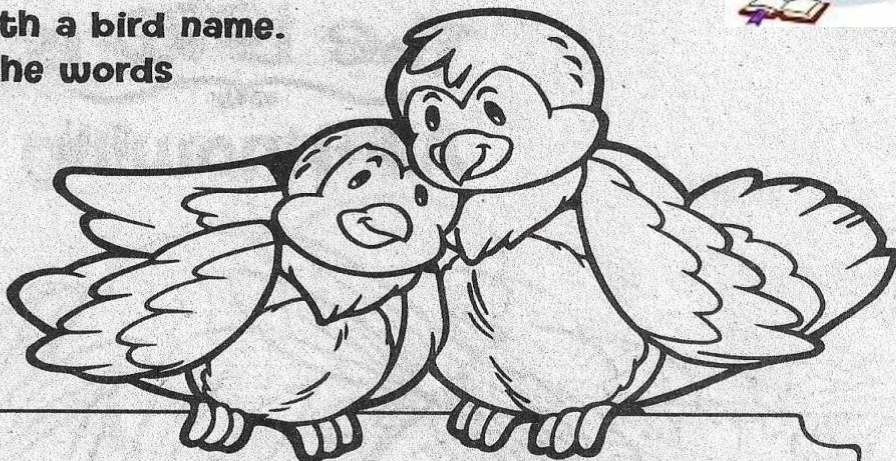
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love endures forever. -Pslm 106:1



# Just For Kids By Marcia Erskine



Each word rhymes with a bird name.  
Draw lines between the words  
that rhyme.



**ARROW**

**GOOSE**

**LEGAL**

**SPARROW**

**TOWEL**

**CROW**

**LOVE**

**EAGLE**

**KNOW**

**DOVE**

**MOOSE**

**OWL**



SMILES AND SO FORTH

Humor, Wisdom, Poetry, Quizzes, and So Forth

By Dorothy Marra

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



In times of quietness our hearts should be like trees, lifting their branches to the sky to draw down strength which they will need to face the storms that will surely come.

Toyobiko Kagawa

THANKFUL THANKSGIVING



When Mrs. Klein told her first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful, she thought how little these children, who lived in a deteriorating neighborhood, actually had to be thankful for. She knew that most of the class would draw pictures of turkeys or of bountifully laden Thanksgiving tables. That was what they believed was expected of them. What took Mrs. Klein aback was Douglas's picture. Douglas was so forlorn and likely to be found close in her shadow as they went outside for recess. Douglas's drawing was simply this:

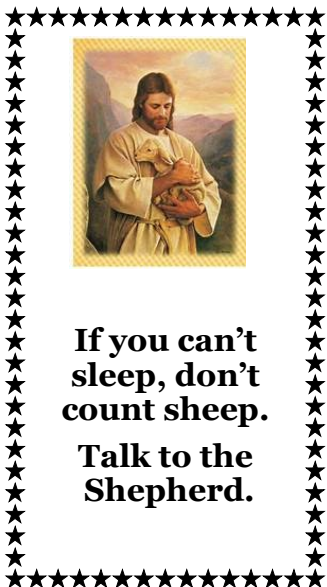
A hand, obviously, but whose hand? The class was captivated by his image. "I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one student. "A farmer," said another, "because they grow the turkeys." "It looks more like a policeman, and they protect us."

"I think," said Lavinia, who was always so serious, "that it is supposed to be all the hands that help us, but Douglas could only draw one of them."

Mrs. Klein had almost forgotten Douglas in her pleasure at finding the class so responsive. When she had the others at work on another project, she bent over his desk and asked whose hand it was.

Douglas mumbles, "It's yours, Teacher."

Then Mrs. Klein recalled that she had taken Douglas by the hand from time to time; she often did that with the children. But that it should have meant so much to Douglas... perhaps, she reflected, this was her Thanksgiving, and everybody's Thanksgiving - not the material things given unto us, but the small ways that we give something to others.



If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

Unscramble the Words  
Old Testament Books of the Bible

- MSLSAP \_\_\_\_\_
- SENIGES \_\_\_\_\_
- ARMHEEIJ \_\_\_\_\_
- MAHUN \_\_\_\_\_
- BUKAKAKH \_\_\_\_\_
- ENSBMRU \_\_\_\_\_
- TIONEMTLANAS \_\_\_\_\_
- ADOIBAH \_\_\_\_\_
- RTOEDUYONME \_\_\_\_\_
- HTRU \_\_\_\_\_
- SEEELTSCIASC \_\_\_\_\_
- OEJL \_\_\_\_\_
- ICISVUETL \_\_\_\_\_
- CMILAAH \_\_\_\_\_
- VRRBPOES \_\_\_\_\_
- HOAES \_\_\_\_\_
- MSAO \_\_\_\_\_
- HNJAO \_\_\_\_\_
- SNOG FO GNSOS \_\_\_\_\_
- USJEGD \_\_\_\_\_



NOT MINE TO UNDERSTAND

A butterfly came fluttering by  
Upon the autumn breeze;  
It scaled the springtime lilac bush  
And skirted past the trees.  
It glided o'er the arbor, high.  
All void of roses, red,  
Then o'er the country garden grounds  
Where flowers were put to bed.

I marveled at the beauteous wings  
Of this fall butterfly;  
I wondered how it knew its course  
And how it learned to glide.  
But it's not mine to understand  
The "how's" and all the "why's";  
Tis mine to bow in awe before  
Creator God, all-wise.

Loise Pinkerton Fritz

COME WORK FOR THE LORD

SERVICES:

Full-Time. The work is hard. Hours are long, and pay is low; but the retirement benefits are out of this world!

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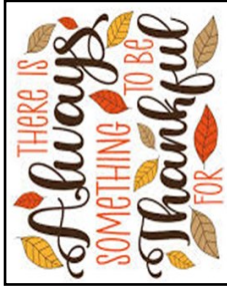
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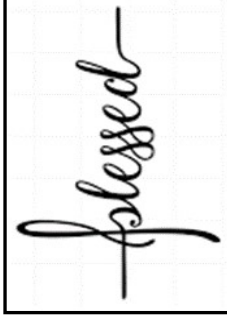




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Communion Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sunday School (seeing Christ in the O.T.) 10:30AM Worship	4 6:30PM Book of Ecclesiastes 7:00PM Friendship Circle	5 6:00PM Westminster String 7:00PM Young Adult Study	6 5:30 PM Pasta /Paul 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	7 10:00AM Essentials of Faith 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	8 7:30 Intro to Worship Band with Scott Gail	9 8:00AM Men's Breakfast
10 9:00AM Adult Sunday School (seeing Christ in the O.T.) 10:30AM Worship	11 5:30PM Christian Ed Board 	12 6:00PM Westminster String 6:00PM CNS Board 7:00PM Young Adult Study 7:00PM Sisters in Christ	13 5:30PM Pasta with Paul 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship 7:30PM Anchor Youth Thanksgiving Dinner Weight Watchers	14 10:00AM Essentials of Faith 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	15 7:30 Intro to Worship Band with Scott Gail	16 11:00AM Box Packing for Operation Christmas Child
17 9:00AM Adult Sunday School (seeing Christ in the O.T.) 10:30AM Worship 6:30PM Sparkle Fundraiser	18 4:30PM Trustee Board 6:30PM Book of Ecclesiastes 7:00PM Deacon Board	19 6:00PM Westminster String 6:45PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Young Adult Study	20 5:30PM Pasta with Paul 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	21 10:00AM Essentials of Faith 7:00PM Choir/Cantata Rehearsal in Ashaway	22 7:30 Intro to Worship Band with Scott Gail	23
24 Thanksgiving Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sunday School (seeing Christ in the O.T.) 10:30AM Worship 7:00PM Avondale Service	25 5:30PM Church Council 6:30PM Book of Ecclesiastes	26 6:00PM Westminster String 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Young Adult Study	27 10:00AM Great Tidings of Great Joy 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	28 	29	30 6:00PM Hanging of the Greens

# Central Baptist Church of Westerly

## Prayer List

Dot Arnold  
Beverly  
Pat Collins  
Sally Cuda  
Joan Cushman  
Beth Eckel  
Mary Evans  
Mark Faiola  
Fred



Arline Fitzhugh  
Angelo Gaccione  
Kathleen Giblin  
Judy Grady  
Lynn Johnson  
Dorothy & Gregory Kay  
Richard Lambert  
Dan & Valerie LaPointe  
Tim Lynn  
John Macomber  
Rev. Joshua McClure  
John Millett  
Gil Napier  
Michael Payne  
Regina Pendleton  
Kay Perrone  
Pat Rhodes  
Jean Smith  
JoySea Smith  
Ruth Ann Stewart  
Sean Tetlow  
Bruce Titterington  
John Vetelino  
Geraldine Wagner  
Elizabeth Webster

\*World Peace\*  
\*Victims of Hurricane Helene\*  
\*Victims of Hurricane Milton\*

"IF YOU CANNOT  
FIND PEACE  
WITHIN  
YOURSELF,  
YOU WILL  
NEVER FIND IT  
ANYWHERE  
ELSE."

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Janet & Brian Gerbutavich - 7th  
Cheryl & Richard Ferris - 8th  
Scott & Ericca Gail - 9th  
Jessica & Arthur Burton - 10th  
Jodi & John Savage - 11th  
Amy & John Riley - 13th  
Karen & Henry Boeniger - 15th  
Dorothy & Gregory Kay - 17th  
George & Stacey Burnside - 27th

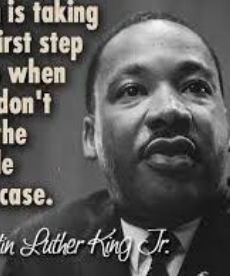
## November Birthdays

1 Brian Gerbutavich  
3 Meredith Eckel  
5 John Macomber  
6 Kathy Eagan  
7 Jace Burton  
10 Janice Wilcox  
12 Dorothy Clark-Kay  
12 Deb Gregory  
15 Melinda Lowe  
15 Ann Marsh  
16 Carolyn Belcher  
18 Nancy Beames  
20 Rebecca Macomber  
21 Cheryl Harris  
22 Doreen Johnson  
23 Ken Fargo  
23 Alyssa Murray  
24 Rudy Palchat  
24 Ruth Thorpe  
29 Haley Hamlet

THANKSGIVING  
a time to  
GIVE THANKS  
for what  
GOD HAS DONE

Tomorrow  
Is Not  
Promised

Faith is taking  
the first step  
even when  
you don't  
see the  
whole  
staircase.



Martin Luther King Jr.

We should  
certainly count  
our blessings,  
but we should  
also make our  
blessings count.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 David Caswell  
6 Geri Maloney  
8 Cindy Capizzano  
10 Jonathan Gibson  
11 Judy Grady  
15 Jim Servidio




Merciful God,  
thank you that  
you have created  
us to reflect the diversity  
in the world



"May God always provide you the most precious thing in life: health, love, joy, peace and prosperity."  
**Happy Birthday.**

The church extends sympathy to the family of:  
Lori Chipperfield

**Those in the Military:**  
Sargent Jordan Payne , Camp legume, NC  
Cpt. Evan Caval, Ft. Campbell, KY  
Lieutenant Colonel Brian Gavitt  
Lance Corporal Christian Smith  
David Aiello, US Marines



All of those who serve in our armed forces.

I'm smiling  
not because I'm  
stronger than my  
problems. I'm smiling  
because my God is  
stronger than  
my problems.  
**Amen**

**Our Shut in Members at Home**  
Judy Grady

**Royal Nursing Home**  
John Macomber & Kay Perrone  
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**The Elms**  
Joan Cushman  
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**Benchmark Plymouth Crossing**  
Winnie Hamilton, 157 South Street - Apt 218,  
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