

LIVE LIFE WITH AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

From The Whyte House...

Before I move into the meat of this article I want to say a BIG “Thank you” for loving on our family for pastor appreciation month. We truly appreciate the opportunity to serve this church.

Now, as we move closer to thanksgiving I am reminded of all that we have to be thankful for. Our family and friends. The Church, and a God who loves us dearly. So much so that He sent his only son to die so that we might have life. When we think of all that Jesus went through for us, the beatings, the mocking, the crown of thorns He wore, the nails through his hands and feet, the spear thrust into his side, the agony and sheer exhaustion of hanging on the cross. The more I think about all of this it makes me thankful for the cross. Without the cross, as we know it today, the tool that was used to sacrifice the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, we would be lost. Have you ever stopped and pondered just exactly what Jesus did for us as He hung on that tree? When I truly think about all that happened that day and all that was accomplished by Jesus’ obedience to the Father it gives me more appreciation for the word “Thankful.” When you think about this word, I hope that it brings to mind more than just Turkey and Mashed Potatoes or Pumpkin and Pecan pie with whip cream. I hope that it brings to mind Jesus Christ and the Cross and all that was done for You and I. This Thanksgiving let us echo the words of Paul in **2 Cor. 9:15** “Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” May God Bless you this thanksgiving with a complete understanding of “thankfulness.

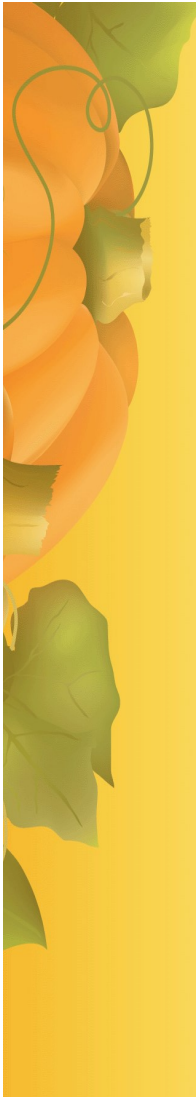
Thankful for the Cross,

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COMING UP...

- **November 9 | MOPS at 9:30 am**
- **November 13-20 | Shoebox Collection Week**
- **November 19 | Christmas Decorating at 2:00 pm**
- **November 19 | Thanksgiving Feast at 6:00 pm**
- **November 20 | SHOEBOX Loading Day at Noon**
- **November 22 | NO Bible Club/Youth Groups**
- **November 23 | Happy Thanksgiving!**





OCC Thanksgiving Feast
Sunday, November 19
6:00 PM

Bring a side dish and dessert
to share

The elders of OCC will provide
the turkey & trimmings!

Thank you to all those that helped with the
OCC 4th Annual Impact
Day!



MISSION



SPOTLIGHT



OCC supports 11 different missions on a monthly basis.

This month's Mission Spotlight is JUSTICE FOR ALL. You can visit their website, www.jfaweb.org to find out more about this organization that OCC supports monthly.

Justice For All (JFA) is a non-profit educational organization which partners with local church communities to train followers of Christ to make abortion unthinkable. JFA aims to make abortion unthinkable through conversations with pro-choice advocates – conversations in which the contentious debate about abortion is transformed into a dialogue. For JFA staff and volunteers, the goal of any conversation is to balance love and truth in such a way that minds are changed, lives are saved, and healing from past failures can begin to be embraced.

meeting

► Elders Meeting

Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm

► Deaconess Meeting

Wednesday, November 8 at 6:00 pm

DECORATE the Church

**Sunday, November 19
2:00 PM**

Come help decorate the church for Christmas! We'll be gathering in the afternoon (before the Thanksgiving Feast) for a decorating party! Come join the fun! *If there is anyone that would like to head up the decorating this year, please contact Rhonda at the church office!*

CONTAGIOUS GENEROSITY

New Sermon Series begins in November. Kevin Ingram, President of Manhattan Christian College will be bringing the message on Sunday, November 5!



Parents of all children!!! Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 10th**. You won't want to miss "The Christmas Story with a double twist"! *Your kids will love being a part of this fun Christmas Story!* Bring your cameras, and invite the grandparents and aunts and uncles! Don't miss it!



National Collection Week
November 13–20



Oakley Christian Church is a **Central Drop Off Location** for Shoeboxes! We have a goal for OAKLEY of collecting 200 shoeboxes! Will you pack a shoebox?? OCC also collects ALL the large cartons of shoeboxes from

the NW KS Drop Off Locations (there are 11) on Monday, November 20th from Noon to 6:00 pm! It's an exciting day of collecting over 5,000 shoeboxes and loading them onto semi truck trailers to be taken to the Denver processing center. We have a great crew ready to help but we can always use more, if you are wanting to help on Monday, November 20th with loading cartons anytime from Noon to 6:00 pm, visit with Rhonda Abell (the Central Drop Off Team Coordinator), 785.953.7078.

NOVEMBER 13 –20, 2017 is National Collection Week

Bring your packed shoeboxes to the church during those dates!

GET Involved * PACK a shoe box * DOWNLOAD a label *DROP it off
*FOLLOW your box

ONE MISSION: To demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We have free GO boxes (the red & green boxes) at the church ready for you to take and pack!



**NEW THIS
YEAR!!
NO
CANDY
And
NO
TOOTHPASTE
In shoeboxes!**



Lots of fun at the “Soup For Two” event held in October!!!

November Birthdays

- 1 Karsten Whyte
- 2 Janna Leitner
- 6 Andelyn Johnson
- 8 Curtis Crouse
- 14 Mel Snow
- 14 Camile Snow
- 15 Michael Maurath
- 16 Jaysie Schoenfeld
- 19 Diane Harter
- 21 Kensley Barnett
- 22 Kurt Maurath
- 26 James Gee
- 26 Daysha Allison
- 26 Janet Bean
- 29 Mike Murphy

Anniversaries

- 20 Tom & Valerie Johnson
- 24 Gene & Anita Bertrand
- 29 Zach & Pat Gladin

Wednesdays at The Cave

Bible Club (K-4th) at 2:30 pm

Dare To Be A Daniel (5th) at 3:30 pm (at the church)

Middle School Youth Group at 6:00 pm

High School Youth Group at 7:30 pm

NO Bible Club/D2BD/Youth Groups on 11/22



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