

learning to follow Jesus, inviting others to join the journey

Do you remember when ...? I think that as we grow older we enjoy our memories more. I also believe it's good to remember how God and others have blessed our lives throughout the years. One problem with a really good memory is that a person also remembers when others hurt them, making it harder to forgive, or we remember all the bad things we know or have heard about someone else, and that makes it harder to accept that person ever again.

If we are going to remember, let's remember what God has done for us, how we are blessed, reasons to give thanks, especially during this time of year. Actually, Isaiah gives Israel words of wisdom from God that say this, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! I am making a way for you in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

I do like history, but the real joy of life is working with God for a bright future.

Jeff

EAST CROSS THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 25 and Thursday, November 26.

NURSERY MINISTRY

Thanksgiving is definitely a day that everyone looks forward to, but it should not just be celebrated once a year; it should be celebrated every day. We should always be thankful of all the blessings we receive. We must learn how to appreciate what we have, not what we don't have. Every morning we wake up is a great blessing. We have yet another day to create memories, another chance to fight our battle, and another page in our life that we can direct.

While you and your family enjoy all that Thanksgiving offers, be sure and take a moment to think about everything you are thankful for, and thank God for all the little things in your life that you may sometimes take for granted. "Enter his Gates with Thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give Thanks to Him and praise his Name" Psalm 100:4

This November the nursery will focus on thankfulness. Our lesson will center on acknowledging God's blessings, showing our appreciation, and finding ways to give God's love to others. Let us be mindful of God's grace all year long.

Liz VanDeVenter, Nursery Director

**CONNECTIONS WILL NOT MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 25 DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**

LIFETOUCH CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Many East Cross church members have inquired on the status of our pictorial directories. We have been in regular contact with our Lifetouch representative, and, we have approved our proof book and authorized it for printing.

The following is a statement from Lifetouch:

“To protect our customers and employees as the situation with COVID-19 continues to evolve, we are temporarily pausing our Lifetouch Church Photography operations. At this time, we are unsure as to when we will be able to resume photography programs. Please know, that as soon as we can safely start up again, we will be in touch. I apologize for the delay. We are trying to get through the books in a timely manner.”

Thank you, church family, for your patience. We apologize for any inconvenience and we will let you know when our directories have arrived so we can distribute them promptly.

We have several FREE 8x10's in the church office. If you have not received your FREE photo, please call or email the church office to make arrangements to pick yours up.

New Prayer Requests...

Pray for safety and good health during the Thanksgiving holiday.

CALENDAR — NOVEMBER

- 18 6:00pm CONNECTIONS—All Ages
- 19 6:30pm Children's Council
- 19 7:00pm Basketball Practice
- 20 9:30am-Noon ECC Preschool
- 22 8:30am & 11am Worship Services
- 22 9:45am Small Groups
- 22 5:00pm PG Small Group
NO ECC PDO/Preschool This Week
- 24 4:00pm Prayer Group, Chapel
- 25 NO CONNECTIONS TONIGHT
- 25 Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

CONNECT WITH A SMALL GROUP!

Sundays

- 9:45am All Ages
- 6:00pm PG (Parental Guidance)
(meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Mondays

- 6:30pm Young Adults (meets 2nd & 4th)

Wednesdays

- 6:00pm Connections (All Ages)

Ways you can give.



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