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Which Way America?

TRANSFORMING CULTURE BY BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

New Castle First Church of God

A crossroads is where two paths meet; it could be two roads, two philosophies, or two cultures. At different points in life; we face various crossroads where we must make defining-moment decisions as individuals, as groups or even as a nation.

America is at a crossroads. Unfortunately, we have been moving swiftly in the wrong direction, blind to the destiny we are choosing. Everywhere we look, people are turning aside from the teachings of Scripture. What the Lord calls an abomination is now practiced with government sanction. (Isaiah 5:20) We find deliberate actions to remove references to God's presence, not just from courthouse walls but also from our very culture. People choose preference over principle, and as a result, we are becoming an irreverent, prideful, and self-indulgent nation.

I can remember the campaign "Americans United for the Separation of Church and state" was being promoted. Since then, America has virtually turned her back to God and rejected His teaching. First the Supreme Court took prayer out of schools. Soon, the Bible was eliminated from education, abortion was legalized, and Judge Roy Moore was ordered to remove the Ten Commandments from his Alabama courthouse. Nativity scenes have been dismantled; crosses have been removed from city emblems; Christian language has been purged from benedictions and sacred songs; marriage is being mocked; unborn children are being killed. Before

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Pastor's Corner (continued)

our very eyes, God's truth is being erased from society.

As Christians, how should we respond? We must align ourselves with the Lord and live according to His will. Next, we must humble ourselves and pray fervently for this nation if God is to heal our land. (2 Chronicles 7:14) Finally, we should take advantage of our privileges as citizens and let our leaders know where we stand.

Calvary is a picture of the crossroads we face. There Jesus was crucified between two criminals. (Luke 23:33) In His final hours, one thief chose to follow Jesus and was assured of a blessed future. The other robber, however, stubbornly rejected the God who loved him and freely offered salvation. Like them we choose, we can choose for Christ or against Him. As the Lord Himself said, "He who is not for Me is against Me." Jesus is our dividing line - there is no middle ground. Choose for yourselves whom you will serve... but for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

Be sure to vote! Pastor Bill & Carole

Operation Christmas Child Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 11th

A ministry to share Jesus' love with less fortunate children around the world.



So please, get a shoebox, mark the top of the box "boy" or "girl", write the intended age, fill it with toys, candy, and health supplies. **Please include an envelope with \$7.00 for shipping.** **No glass, liquid, or toy weapons please.** Pick up a brochure with tag on the table in the Narthex. You can place your shoeboxes on the table in the new Narthex by November 13th. See Sharon Bromley for more information.

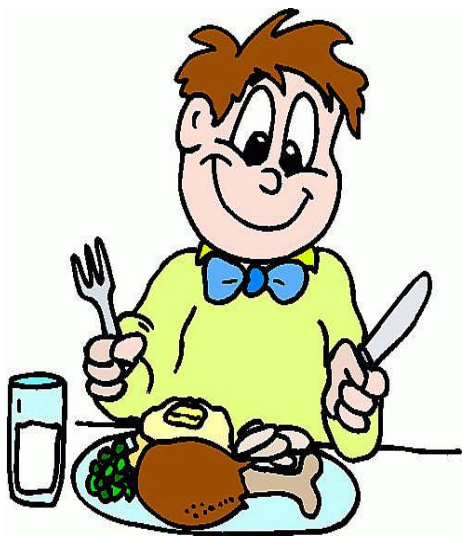


Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, Nov. 21 @ 7 PM

Join with us to thank God for the many blessings He has given to us. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins.

Underground Staff Meeting Sunday, Nov. 18 @ 12:30 PM

Please put this date on your calendar. We will be taking a group picture for the directory and planning the Christmas Party. Lunch will be provided.



Thanksgiving Celebration @ the Underground Saturday, Nov. 17 @ 6-10 PM

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the City Rescue Mission. Bring your whole family as the Underground THANKS you for being our faithful friends by GIVING everyone a FREE Thanksgiving meal with turkey, stuffing, and all the trimmings.

We will also be going on a Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt, so dress warm because you will be outside in the neighborhood. Those of you who came to this event last year, know what it's all about. It's going to be a lot of fun, so don't miss it!

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays and Anniversaries *(Please call the church office if we do not have your information!)*

Birthdays:

Nov. 2 - Joyce Houk
Rev. Richard Nero
Nov. 4 - Jason Harlan
Nov. 5 - Tim Bromley
Justine Shaffer
Nov. 7 - Kim Mitchell
Nov. 8 - Ronnie Mitchell
Nov. 9 - Stephen Adams
Nov. 10 - Ross Garver

Nov. 14 - Courtney Butchelli

Nov. 15 - Cathy Pautz

Nov. 17 - Nina Strohmeier
Karen Sauders
John Giancola
Caitlyn Ruffley

Nov. 18 - Jasmine Arnold
Alice Palmer
Julianna Shoaf

Nov. 24 - Renee Cunningham

Anniversaries:

Nov. 9 - John & Tammy Maxwell
Nov. 26 - Greg & Heleace Miheli
Nov. 28 - Bill & Susan Horvath





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Bible Explorers & Youth 5:30 PM	5	6 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	7 Prayer Mtg. 6:30 PM	8 Council Mtg. 6:30 PM	9	10
11 Harvest Dinner After Church	12 Trustees Mtg. 6 PM	13 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM C.E.C.. Mtg. 6:30 PM	14 Prayer Mtg. 6:30 PM	15	16	17 Men's Brkfst 8AM Underground Thanksgiving Celebration 6-10 PM
18 Bible Explorers & Youth 5:30 PM	19	20 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	21 Thanksgiving Service 7 PM	22 	23	24
25 Bible Explorers & Youth 5:30 PM Men's Bible Study 6 PM	26	27 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	28 Prayer Mtg. 6:30 PM	29	30	





Upcoming Christmas Parties/Services

~ **Tweenagers Christmas Party** - Friday, Dec. 7th @ 6 PM

~ **Underground Christmas Party** - Saturday, Dec. 8th @ 6-10 PM

~ **Youth Christmas Party** - Sunday, Dec. 9th @ 5:30-7:30 PM

~ **Young at Heart Christmas Party** - To Be Announced

~ **Children's Christmas Program & refreshments after** - Sunday, Dec. 16th @ 6 PM

~ **Christmas Eve Service** - Friday, Dec. 24th @ 6 PM



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Most of All

Thanksgiving Day brings to mind the blessings in our lives that usually go unnoticed: a home that surrounds us with comfort and protection; delicious food, for pleasure in both eating and sharing; clothes to snuggle up in, books and good entertainment to expand our minds; and freedom to worship our God.

Most of all we are thankful for our family and friends, those treasured people who make our lives extra special. You are part of that cherished group. On Thanksgiving, (and every day) we appreciate you.

Happy Thanksgiving ~ Anonymous