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Monday & Tuesday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
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Friday 8:30 am - noon



"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Pastor: Rick Erwin, D. Min., D.D.

November 20, 2016



Tonight 6:00 p.m.

**Turkey, Ham, Cornbread Dressing
and Rolls Provided.**

**Bring Enough Sides and Desserts
for Your Family and Guests!**

Everyone Welcome!



It is hard to believe that we are just a few days away from the Thanksgiving Holiday!

BUT WHEN I THINK OF THANKSGIVING I AM REMINDED THAT every day should be a day of thanksgiving. The Bible says, *“¹⁶ Rejoice always; ¹⁷ pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18.

AS I WAS READING THE OTHER DAY ABOUT THANKSGIVING I found a remarkable lesson that spoke to me about being a person of gratitude. I want to share it with you this morning.

Reason 1: Being Grateful Makes You Happier and Healthier

The hymn “Count Your Blessings” reminds us to be thankful and being thankful increases your emotional health? Studies have proven that to be true.

Reason 2: Being Grateful Helps You See More Blessings

There are many blessings that come from being grateful for the good things we enjoy. *Strength of Youth* says, “Live with a spirit of thanksgiving and you will have greater happiness and satisfaction in Life.

Reason 3: There Are Sad Consequences of Ingratitude

When people are not grateful they tend to complain, and that isn’t good for anyone. For example, even though the Lord had delivered the Israelites from slavery and given them manna to eat, they were not grateful. Notice what happens: *“And when the people complained it displeased the Lord; and the Lord heard it.”* Numbers 11:1. The Heavenly Father hears when we complain and it displeases Him. Count your blessings!



I am so happy to have my son-in-law preaching for us today. I introduce to you Rev. Jeffery Wright.

JEFF IS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF

THE ERWIN FAMILY AND WE welcome him to the Procter pulpit this morning. Jeff is pastor of the Northside Baptist Church in Mexia, Texas and just celebrated his 22nd year as their pastor. He also teaches history and theater at Fairfield High School and is an adjunct professor at Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas. Jeff received his degree in history from UT Tyler and earned his Master’s in Military History, specializing in WWII at the American Military University. Of course one of his major accomplishments was to become my son-in-law. Jeff and Betsy were married this past summer.

Joyfully your pastor,

Bro. Rick



Collection times for today are from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and tomorrow from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers are also needed to help pack cartons on the trailer to take to Beaumont on Monday. All help will be greatly appreciated.



Just one more week to order your poinsettias. The cost is \$7.50 each and payment must accompany your order. You may order a plant in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one.



The church office will be closed at noon on Wednesday. We will be closed all day Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving holidays. There will be no prayer meeting Wednesday, November 23rd.



Mid-Jeff: Al Peveto, Room 220
SETX Med: Joann Watkins, ICU
ICU ICU



The Ladies Craft/Devotion Group will meet Monday, December 5th, at 6:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet and display of the item on the bulletin board by the office. This will also be a Christmas Party. Bring your favorite



Pantry 10:00 am - noon

The food pantry will be open Tuesday, November 22nd. Any help will be appreciated.



The ladies will meet for Bible study Thursday, December 1st, at 6:00 p.m.



“Greed says the more you get, the more you have, Christ says the more you give away in love, the more you are.”