



November Newsletter

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"Let them do this with joy and not with grief"

As Pastor Appreciation month ends, Patty and I wish to express our deep appreciation for your kind words and gifts. And it goes way beyond that.

The writer of Hebrews speaks about how a church should treat its spiritual leaders. He speaks of what a benefit it will be when the leaders can serve them with joy and not with grief. I can honestly say that it is a joy to serve you! I can tell you after over 30 years of Pastoring that this is not something to take for granted. Your willingness to serve, your hunger for God's word, your desire to share Christ with others and your friendship have created a very special place.

It is exciting to see what God has done during this past year. The outreach, the new people, the commitment of those who have served for a number of years. The joy of just being together and the strong sense that this is just the beginning make this a very joyful place to be around.

Now, not only does this make it wonderful for Patty and me, it also, as the writer of Hebrews says is of genuine benefit to you. The joy of the Lord is our strength. As we share in a way that brings joy to one another, there is no limit to what God can do in and through us.

So, Thank you! Not just for making us feel so appreciated, but for being a church family that is so welcoming and joyful. We are going to be a place where men and women and children find real joy in the person of Jesus Christ. God is really good!

Pastor John

Join us Thursday, November 2nd

Beyond the Sea 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Come support Pastor John and Tommy

Need to reach Pastor John?

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Foundations Preschool Presents

John Tuff and Friends

Friday, November 17th

7:00 pm

Englewood United Methodist Church

"A fundraiser for Foundations Preschool"

Please join us for this special night

SETTING AT THE GATE (THE ELDERS REPORT)

November means Thanksgiving and GOOD eating! As we reflect over October...wow it was a very busy month filled with both sorrow and celebration.

We lost one of our own last Month, Kittie and Bill Prevatte's son Greg was called Home. Please keep them in Reverent Prayer for Comfort and Understanding! Yes, I know we are taught that is supposed to be a time to Celebrate our Loved one going Home to be with the Holy Father and that is soo true but the pain of Loss is such a heart rendering pain to carry with you. Our Love and warm hugs go out to Bill and Kittie and Greg's Sister Kimberly as they struggle through this loss and hold on to and give support to one another as only Family can!!

Taking the month in reverse, we had Halloween oops I mean Safewalk (Don't know about you but I lived through the days when Halloween was thought of as fun and celebrated but I don't think I have too much carry over!!) A great team of volunteers came together serving a whole lot of Cotton Candy, chocolate and taffy. Even more important, many Bibles (both Children's and Adult) were given away. From what I hear it was a great night! Last Saturday was Soup, Salad and the movie "Risen". It was a great time of fellowship, wonderful food and a really good movie. The very next day (Sunday) we had our Quarterly Celebration where the various committee chairs shared all of the great things happening at Grace. The 2018 budget was voted on and Pastor John shared a bit of his vision for the church. Boy it just keeps getting better right??

Saving the best for last, October was Pastor Appreciation Month and we utilized the Third Sunday for Pastors Appreciation Day! Since that is our usual Pot Luck day we celebrated Pastor John with Cake and Ice Cream (Sorry Pastor there was not any Cherry Vanilla). And of Course, no Man can be successful without a Wonderful Wife and A Great Lady (Patty) recognizing that we presented her with a big bouquet of beautiful Flowers! (Hey we know who really does the tough stuff!)

With anticipation of Thanksgiving, we will be setting at the gate awaiting your return. Blessings.

The Elder Board

Our 2nd Annual Cookie Exchange will be Saturday, December 16th at 1:00 pm. Details to follow. Mark your calendars now!



Tuesdays 10:00 am - Bible Study with Pastor John
Tuesdays 6:00 pm – Prayer
Wednesdays – Good News Club (Please pray for this outreach)
Wednesdays 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study with Basil
November 19th - Pot Luck
November 25th - Men's Breakfast

**** Ladies, our next Bible Night was originally scheduled for November 14th. This is the dinner for Pregnancy Solutions. As a result, we will move this session to **Monday November 6th** and that will be our last class until January. It means we will end with Abigail and visit Esther and Mary at another time.*

To help people develop a thriving relationship with Jesus Christ by serving God and serving others...This is the Mission of GCC.