



The Proclaimer

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As parents of young children, one of the things that Audrey and I are trying to instill in Charlotte and eventually Jasper is an attitude of thanksgiving. This begins with the almost constant reminder to say thank you whenever they receive something, whether that is from us or from someone else. At times this endeavor seems fruitless because we have to remind Charlotte **EVERY TIME** to say thank you. But, it is starting to stick and there are times that she completely surprises us and is incredibly grateful for something that we didn't even think warranted a "thank you". There is definitely a big difference between having an attitude of thanksgiving and just being polite, but it must start somewhere.

In thinking about this in terms of our relationship with Jesus and our spiritual walk with Him, I wonder if He sometimes feels like I do as a parent. Is Jesus constantly needing to remind me to be thankful for the things that I have in this life? And how am I responding? Do I respond like a three-year-old does at times by quickly murmuring "thank you" underneath my breath and quickly running off to the next thing hoping that was enough to suffice?

Or is an attitude of thanksgiving starting to become a habit in my life and I respond like Isaiah 12:4-5? *"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth."* It is my hope and prayer that this would become my natural reaction for the things that Jesus gives to me in my life.

As we head into the Thanksgiving holiday and season it is always a good reminder of the ways that God has blessed us. We are more focused on those things during this time because it is brought to the forefront of our minds. But if our children only said thank you once during the entire year would we feel okay with that? I know that I wouldn't.

This November I would challenge you to start developing an attitude of thanksgiving in your own soul. Cultivate the soil of your inner-self and begin planting those seeds of thankfulness that will eventually grow and become hope and joy for your future. Hebrews 12:28-29 says, *"Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire."* We have a Kingdom that cannot be shaken no matter what the world throws at us.

Try and keep a journal for the entire month of November where you write down 10 things that you are thankful for each day. These are good reminders for us, and they can help keep us thankful even when life is hard and days are tough. Here are a few of mine to help you get started!

- Coffee
- My Health
- Church Family
- Amazon Prime
- Central Oregon
- A Home
- My Wife
- Sleeping Children! (when they sleep of course)
- Pastor Appreciation!
- Jesus and His love for me

Now it's your turn!

- Pastor Jadon



Ramblings of the Minister of Children's Programming

The holiday season is upon us and with it comes new challenges. If you were to take time and make a list of what you need this holiday season what would be at the top of the list?

Perhaps more time, more money and less stress would top the list. Time is a factor with all the events that happen this time of year. Some of us have to make travel plans to meet with family for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Time to shop, prepare meals, and attend the many events shop for that perfect gift. Money becomes an issue despite the best of planning. Put together all of these factors and the stress we create to have the perfect holiday season is a biggie.

As I thought about the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season I remember many that were a great pleasure and some not so much. This year might I suggest that we have an extra measure of "Patience"?

I have found that over the years I have used up my patients' quota before I even got home. I displayed great patients with my co-workers, and the public I have always worked with.

I have found myself losing my patience with some strange things, such as a string of Christmas lights with that elusive burnt out bulb, putting together that set of deer that I have lost the instructions too. So by the time it comes to being patient with those who matter most I have been less than the example God would have me be.

This year at the top of my needs to have a great Thanksgiving and Christmas will be to have more patience through God's Grace.

Might we pray for the patience that God has shown each of us?

As it says in II Peter 3:8, 9 **"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."**

God was patient with each of us and at the right time we received His grace and He wants none to perish. Might that patience begin at home and spread to our neighbors and our church family this Christmas season. The type of patience that demonstrates God's love for all.

God has been patient with each of us. Let us not be like the servant in the parable in Matthew 18:26-35. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The story of Christmas is one of God's Grace and patience lets live it with God's Grace.

Dayton Durley



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

has begun. We have set a goal of 100 boxes! Please bring your filled shoe boxes to the church and leave them on the alter by November 19th, the final collection date. We will have a prayer of blessing over the boxes that day. Please remember to include your \$9 donation per box for shipping.



Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 5th
Remember to turn your clocks
Back one hour.



Twin Rocks Friends Camp
Association Meeting

November 19, at 3:00p.m.

At Reedwood Friends Church, Portland

For those who want to go, we will leave the church around 12:15pm.



**BROWN
BAG
FOOD
DELIVERY**

Friday, November 3rd

Volunteers come at
3:00pm.

Registration at 4:00pm.
Food Delivery at 4:30pm.

Election Day November 7th

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

November 19th
Immediately following the service



Our service will be shortened, so our dinner will begin around 11:45am. This year we are asking you to sign up to bring not only the side dishes but also a *prepared* turkey or ham. Be sure to check out the list and see what you would like to bring.

This is a family time.
Everyone is welcome!



- 2nd - Audrena Phillips
- 4th - Dirk Dinkel
- 22nd - Larry Brown
Tia Powell
- 23rd - Ed Macy
- 25th - Hally Moore
- 26th - Alonzo DuPont
- 27th - Matt Moore
- 29th - Janet Raines
- 30th - Jessica Longworth

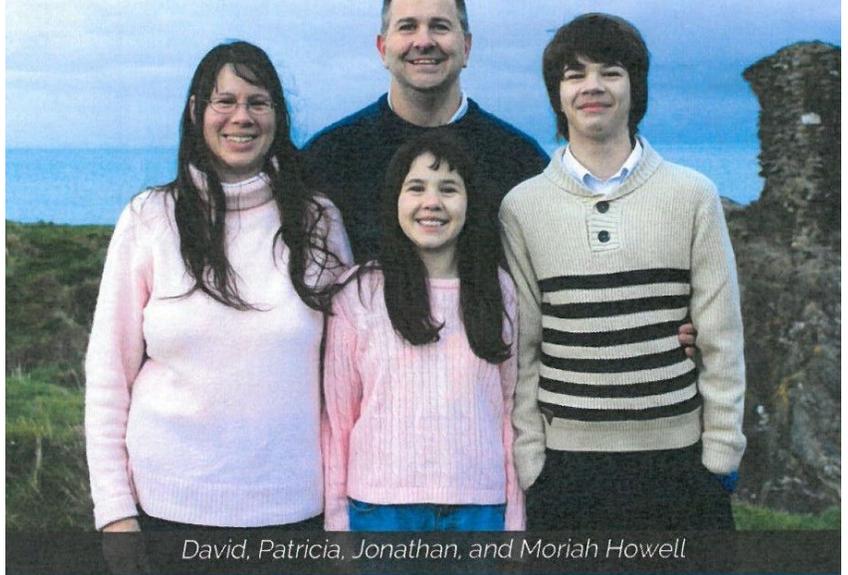


- 5th - Jim & Lynne Cloud
- 26th - Jadon & Audrey Ross
- 30th - Mike & Milne Macy

Chantel Marie Howard
&
Joe Lewis Chavez

REQUEST THE HONOR OF
YOUR PRESENCE AS THEY
EXCHANGE MARRIAGE VOWS
NOVEMBER 11, 2017
AT METOLIUS FRIENDS CHURCH
5:00PM
METOLIUS OREGON
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Igniting the Hope - Ireland



It seems like only yesterday when the Howell family was worshipping in Sherwood Friends Church. But in the summer of 2004 their journey from Oregon to Ireland changed everything. Since their arrival to Ireland, the Howell family's love for the Irish people has grown from a little spark to a roaring fire. Consequently, they are determined to show their Irish friends a small glimpse of the Father's unsurpassed love. When God's love for the Irish is shared, the Howells are "doing ministry right." Your prayers for the Howell family are greatly appreciated! If you would like to partner with the Howells, there are fliers on the Information table with more information.

TWIN ROCKS
FRIENDS CAMP
ASSOCIATION
MEETING

THURSDAY
NOV. 2
6:30 PM

MEET IN THE SANCTUARY

DAVE RAMSEY'S
Smart MONEY
LIVE STREAM

— DAVE RAMSEY • RACHEL CRUZE —
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
FREE EVENT! ONE NIGHT ONLY!

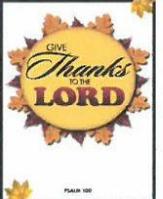
METOLIUS FRIENDS @ 5:00 PM

November 2017



The greatest thing is to give thanks for everything. He who has learned this knows what it means to live. He has penetrated the whole mystery of life: giving thanks for everything.

—Albert Schweitzer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 am Women's Bible Study @ the Church 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ the Church	2 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen 6:30 pm Twin Rocks Meeting	3 4:30 pm Brown Bag Delivery 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	4
5  9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:00 pm Youth Group @ Macy's	6	7 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church 5:00 pm Dave Ramsey Smart Money 6:00 pm FIT Class 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's 	8 9:30 am Women's Bible Study @ the Church 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ the Church	9 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	10 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	11 5:00 pm Joey Chavez & Chantel Howard Wedding 
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