



WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

I am going to start out this article with a few questions that I want you to answer.

In general, which is it easier to do: See all the negative things around us or the positive things around us? Or another way to look at it could be, is it easier to be a naysayer or an encourager?

On average, are most people thankful and grateful or selfish and not satisfied with what they have?

And the last question, in the life of the Church and your spiritual life do you tend to see blessings or problems?

You might be able to guess where I am headed by these three questions and the point I am trying to make. So, I'll just tell you up front what my point is, and then I'll give you some recent specific examples. These will hopefully help you and me see things in a more positive and thankful light, with the realization that God is behind it all.

As it says in James 1:16-17, "Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." My point in this article is that it can be easier to focus on the negative, take the positive for granted, and miss out on blessings from God because we are too concerned with things that

might not be right.

There was a test that was performed a few years ago where people were invited into a blank room with a big white board at the front and center of the room. In the middle of the white board was one black dot. Each person was asked to report what they saw when they entered the room. Do you know what most people said? Their focus was on the black dot. The small little black dot in the huge expanse of the white board and the rest of the room.

I think our lives can tend to be like that if we let it. We have one small problem and suddenly all the other good things go out the window and all we talk about, think about, and focus on is that problem. We eagerly give up being thankful for the myriad of other things in life and trade it in for being negative, pessimistic, and miserable. Usually when this happens, we don't keep it to ourselves because, "misery loves company".

Kids can show us truth and reality in a pretty straightforward way, and things about ourselves because they don't know how to hide or handle things quite as well. This past week Charlotte got two balloon animals from the dentist (we have a great dentist!), and she was overly excited if you can imagine that from that her! Well, one of the balloons popped in the car and you would have

thought life itself was over. She cried and said, "Now I'll never get another one! I just want to go home! I'm done with all of this!" Meanwhile, she had another one in her hand, we were driving home, and she has many, many other things in life that are better than a balloon animal.

But I can tend to have the same reaction sometimes. A small problem occurs and then everything is wrong, meanwhile I have my health, my family is safe, we are taken care of... the list of blessings can go on and on. And the blessings usually deal with the most important things in my life and the problem is incredibly insignificant compared to them.

Did you know that we have incredible things to be thankful for in the life of our Church? In the past few weeks we have had over 9 babies in the nursery, and over 12 children in Children's Church! We have people who have recommitted their lives to Christ! We have stable finances that are used to share the Gospel of Jesus! We have people who are passionate about life change and transformation in others! We have over 50 people involved in Small Groups throughout the week! What can you be thankful for? What do you NEED to be thankful for? My challenge for us is to look for the blessings and raise them up!

- Pastor Jadon

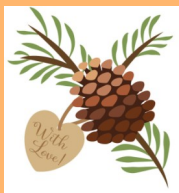
BIRTHDAYS

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



ANNIVERSARIES

5th - Jim & Lynne Cloud
 11th - Joey & Chantel Chavez
 26th - Jadon & Audrey Ross
 30th - Mike & Milne Macy



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EVENTS



BROWN BAG FOOD DELIVERY

Metolius Depot

Friday, November 2, 2018

Volunteers come at 3:00pm.

Registration at 4:00pm.

Food Delivery at 4:30pm.

Graze & Praise

November 17

5:00pm to 7:00pm

At the home of James and Kim Macy
 5628 SW Macy Ln, Culver

The evening will begin with a Potato Bar.
 Potatoes will be provided, please bring your
 favorite topping. RSVP to Kim,
 541-350-2257

Thanksgiving



You are cordially
 invited to our annual
 Thanksgiving Potluck,
 Sunday, November 18,
 following the service.
 There is a sign up sheet
 on the bulletin board in
 the Fellowship Hall for

different types of dishes to bring or if you can bring
 a prepared turkey or ham. Thank you for helping
 make this a blessed family Thanksgiving!



A Baby Shower for Stephanie Kasch
 Sunday, November 11 ~ 4:00pm

At MFCC

Come join the fun as we celebrate
 with Stephanie the coming of her
 baby boy.

WORDS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER



Children's Ministry News

The first change you may notice in my news item is the new title. I hope in the future to keep all of us up to date on what is happening here at Metolius Friends Community Church. I will be not only trying to let you know what is going on in our Sunday School and Children's Church but also seeking news from YOU about your work and concerns for children in our community and throughout the world.

During the fall quarter we have studied about David from his humble beginnings as a shepherd boy to King of Israel. We discovered David was chosen by God because of his faith and heart for God. The children got the opportunity to search for lost sheep (cotton balls) they found 24 of the 25 missing right away. Then the search began for that one lost sheep it was amazing to watch how hard they searched, and no one wanted to give up until that one lost sheep was at last found. Great Biblical truth learned!

The story of David trying on Saul's armor was demonstrated by weighing down Dirk Dinkel with weights until he couldn't move. Bible Story became visual to the children.

We made phones out of paper cups and string to get the children to recite a Bible verse, result all of them learned the verse. They had such great fun talking to one another using those silly phones.

We always have a flyer provided each week to give parents or grandparents ideas on how to reinforce what the children had learned. I will make sure you get one if you would like.

These are just a few ways that learning the Word of God can be exciting and fun. Would you like to be part of this opportunity? We always need workers especially now that we are growing in numbers of children. Interested, just contact Dayton Durley on: My non paper cup string phone number 541-903-0815 or email daytondurley@metoluisfriends.church or if you see me just let me know you're interested.

During the next several months I will be looking for people who have children, grandchildren, or work with children to share their stories on what a blessing and challenge it is to work with children.

Dayton



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

has begun. We have set a goal of 127 boxes!

Please bring your filled shoe boxes to the church and leave them on the altar by

November 18th, 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 4th.
Be sure to move your clock
back one hour.

Election Day November 6th



N O V E M B E R

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:00 pm F.I.T. Workout 6:30 pm Small Group @ R. Macy's 6:30 pm Small Group Rotates 7:00 pm Men's Study @ the Church	2 4:00 pm Brown Bag Registration 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	3
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Ross Family Vacation