



FIRST CHRONICLES

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“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”— Colossians 2:6-7

Acquired tastes. I don’t know if we all have them, but I bet we all understand what they are. Coffee is one for me. I used to hate coffee. I thought it was the most bitter thing I had ever tasted and I knew (I was 12 at the time) that I would never like it for the rest of my life. Fast forward to today, and I begin every morning with a few cups of straight-black coffee. I’m sipping on one right now as I write this article. Coffee was an acquired taste for me. So was this song:



*“Come, ye thankful people, come. Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begins.
God our Maker doth provide. For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come. Raise the song of harvest home.”*

Every thanksgiving, before we ate, we had to sing this song. I hated it. Ok, maybe “hate” is too strong a word... I *strongly disliked* it. It had words that I didn’t understand, we couldn’t eat until we sang it, and I couldn’t play either. This opinion carried over to our church worship as well. Every November, we sang all the verses of this song during worship. My feeling of dislike grew with every verse we sang. I resolved that I would never sing this song when I grew up.

Thankfully, I matured. My love of this song has grown over the years. As God has taught me more about Him, as I’ve understood how He provides everything we need, and as I’ve seen how He has worked in other peoples lives—I’ve realized that this hymn beautifully captures the expression of a heart of gratitude. It is the hymn that flows out of a person who is intentionally thankful and who understands their reliance on God.

In the above verse, Paul encourages us to abound in Thanksgiving. And he bases this thanksgiving in our relationship with God. Through Christ, we receive the gift of salvation. From that point, as we walk in Him, as we are rooted and built up in Him, and as we are established in the faith we are taught, we mature into Christlikeness. And as we mature, our understanding of thankfulness grows. As spiritual infants, we start in a very self-centered place. But with maturity, we realize that it’s no longer about us, it’s about God. It’s about others.

Thankfulness is an acquired taste. We are neither prone to it nor does it happen on its own. We must be intentional about it. We must purposefully choose it. So, be encouraged this month to begin a habit of thankfulness. Give thanks to God every day. There are abundant reasons to do so. And if you get the opportunity, sing this song. It is definitely worth the time.

In Christ,
Jesse

OUR SCHEDULE!

GREETERS	NURSERY WORKERS
Sunday, November 6 Harold & Helen Eben	Sunday, November 6 Terresa Wagenaar
Sunday, November 13 Bryan & Rachel Kramer	Sunday, November 13 Donna DeBoer
Sunday, November 20 Darren & Julie Kramer	Sunday, November 20 Katie DeBoer
Sunday, November 27 Daryl & Mary Kramer	Sunday, November 27 Kody den Hoed

*Thank You
So Much*

Thank you, First Baptist, for the beautiful fall bouquet of flowers you gave to me following my recent surgery. A special thank you for all who sent cards, prayed for me, or gave me encouragement. God bless you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. -Carolyn Wagenaar



November	1	Brandon DeBoer Kane Spencer
	2	Joni Reemtsma
	3	Janice Schneidermann JoAnn Schneiderman
	4	Hannah Kramer
	7	Josh & Ashley Eben
	9	Norman Winter
	13	Rueben Eben
	16	Kane & Brooklyn Spencer
	18	Sharilyn Reemtsma
	19	Gloria Beyer
	20	Bob & Pat Johnson Ramona Villanueva Derek Winkowitsch
	23	Keith Arends Brenan Schneidermann
	24	Raymond Arends
	25	Kelly DeBoer Parker Hayenga
	26	Gloria & Matthew Beyer Terrilyn Arends Ava Reemtsma
	27	Eric Gruis Lena Ruddy
	28	Ethen Sufle
	30	Brad & Ashley Van Tubergen

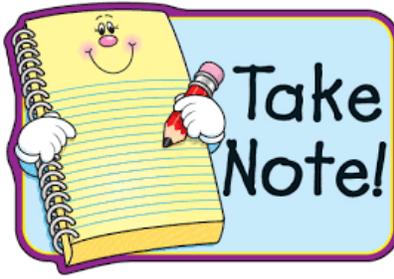


Dennis and Nancy Palmer are doctors at the Mbingo Baptist Hospital, in Bamenda, Cameroon, Africa. They have been traveling in the US visiting churches as well as attending meetings. They have also had opportunities to visit with family and friends.

Over the past year Dennis has been working on the hydroelectric plant and now they have adequate water supply for the hospital. The central oxygen system has been installed but still giving them some maintenance issues. They hope to have the lagoon finished soon to handle the waste problem.

The Palmers will be returning to Cameroon in January to continue their work. Please continue to pray for them and for the Mbingo Cancer Center. Pray for continued safety for the hospital, personnel, and patients during the unrest.

Mission Board



- There's a new Lunch Bunch sign up available for the month of November! We'll gather on **both** Nov. 13 and Nov. 20 Sundays. We'd love for you to come over on Sunday after church for food and fellowship. Bring a side if you can, or just bring yourself 😊.
- First Baptist Church will be selling Christmas cut out cookies to raise money for church camp scholarships and youth group activities. Orders need to be turned in by November 6th with MONEY. They will then be delivered on November 9th. Price is \$17 per box.
- Christmas time is just around the corner and to help us to focus during the worship services, we'll be lighting Advent Candles. I'd love for you to be a part of this and help lead worship for others! So, please sign up for one of the candles and Pastor Jesse will let you know what Scriptures to read for it. Thank you!



- We will be packing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and having a pulled pork luncheon after the morning service on November 6. Group 3 will be working in the kitchen and will need to bring 2 dozen buns. Church congregation can bring a salad or dessert to share.
- First Baptist is hosting the annual Great Plains Association meeting this year on November 11-12. All area pastors in our denomination have been invited to attend. During this time, we're hoping to provide some childcare for those who attend. Would you consider helping out? At most, the expected need is for 5-ish kids. Time-wise, it would be 6:30p-9p on Friday night and from 9a-12p on Saturday morning. If you can help, there is a sign-up in the welcome area. Thank you!!
- Project Warm Up will be December 4, after the morning service. We will also be having a Soup & Pie luncheon. We need fleece donations. We need 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards for the front and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards for the back of each blanket. Please turn in the fleece donations by November 30 to have cut.