

Bee Ridge Baptist Church Bulletin - November 2021

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From Our Youth Pastor

Give Thanks in All Circumstances

Well, it is November already. Soon across the United States in different churches, pastors will be preaching a message on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: **Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.** Families will gather around the table on the 25th of this month and will probably go around the table and ask what everyone is thankful for. I feel like sometimes we forget the last part of the verse that we must mention and forget to be thankful in all circumstances and not just remember to give thanks once a year. Sometimes I feel like we might even lose sight of just how much we have been given and are cared for. I see this with my kids. We can be going about doing our regular daily routine (they have breakfast, they have lunch, and dinner they might even get a snack or two and a soda if they are good) and there will not be a thank you all day. But if we get them something that they wanted we will get a thank you. How many times do we do that to God? We don't remember all the things that He has given us and we take it for granted. But when we see him answer prayers the way we want Him to answer, we will be thankful we might even give him all the glory. But if we look back at the aforementioned verses, we see that Paul reminds the church in Thessalonica and us today that we should rejoice always, pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances. Why because it is God's will for us in Christ Jesus.

Kara and I just watched the short documentary series titled "Lula Rich" . It was about the company Lula roe. One thing in that series that stood out to me was the fact that the retailers were encouraged to share photos of the different things that they were enjoying and tag it with a #becauseoflularoe. The idea was for them to share that because of their job with lula roe they were able to enjoy all the exciting stuff (big houses, new cars, and trips etc...) so that they could get more recruits under them. It was an interesting documentary but showed the downfall and heartache that comes with a pyramid scheme and how those people that are affected the most are the ones that were struggling in the first place. They were the ones that had a hard time putting food on the table for their kids but were encouraged to take out one or more credit cards to get the starter kit which cost \$5,000 dollars to start their own business with Lula Roe.

Their hope was put into something that wasn't going to last, this is evident in their hashtag too. They were able to get all that material stuff because of their new flow of cash. But, if we are honest with ourselves about the jobs that we have, the money that we have, the stuff that we have is not our own but it is a gift from God. So we are to rejoice always in the gifts and give thanks in all circumstances. The other thing that Paul calls us to do is to pray without ceasing. What does this look like? I always think about the Steven Curtis Chapman's song "Let Us Pray". In there he mentions "while we have this moment at heaven's door what are we waiting for? Let us pray, everywhere and every way, every moment of the day is the right time." It goes on to say that God is listening to us and he wants to answer us. Sometimes it is hard to hear God when we have already decided what we want God to say. You see, that is the thing about praying to God and seeking His will. If we are wanting it to be a certain way we might miss God pointing us to where he wants us to go. So when we pray we need to be open to go whichever way is His will. So, let's remember to be Rejoice always in God, pray without ceasing, and give thanks for each and every blessing that God has given us.

Serving GOD with YOU,
Michael Bonner



Set your clocks back 1 hour
at bedtime
Saturday,
November 6.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Pastor Search Committee:

Mary Anderson
Eric Confer, Chairman
Kathy Confer
Ann Huddleston
Torry Kauffman
David Lewis
Harriette Watts



5 Ronny Tygart

6 David Lewis

8 Meghan Godbold

15 Estella Thomas

20 Nicholas Kauffman



5 Dave & Jennifer Valentin

23 John & Estella Thomas

27 Dennis & Anne Tabor

Dry & Canned Goods Drive



October 1-November 14
To benefit FBCH



Sunday,
November 28,
10:30am



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7pm-Firm Foundations

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6:30pm-Mid Week Service

6:30pm-Youth Group

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7pm-Women of Worth

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2:30pm-Bible Study at Manor Care

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Daylight Saving Time Ends

9:15am-Sunday School

10:30am-Morning Worship Service/Children's Church

5:00pm-Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm-Small Group Studies

6:00pm-Youth Group

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7pm-Firm Foundations

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6:30pm-Mid Week Service

6:30pm-Youth Group

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Veteran's Day

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10am-Sanctuary Committee in Fellowship Hall

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9:15am-Sunday School

10:30am-Morning Worship Service

5:00pm-Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm-Small Group Studies

6:00pm-Youth Group

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7pm-Church Council Meeting

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7pm-Firm Foundations

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6:30pm-Mid Week Service

6:30pm-Youth Group

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9:15am-Sunday School

10:30am-Morning Worship Service

5:00pm-Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm-Small Group Studies

6:00pm-Youth Group

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7pm-Firm Foundations

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No Evening Activities

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Happy Thanksgiving Day!

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Church Office Closed

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9:15am-Sunday School

10:30am-Morning Worship Service

5:00pm-Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm-Small Group Studies

6:00pm-Youth Group

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7pm-Firm Foundations