

Oneco Hope News

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Greetings Family!

Welcome to November. Welcome to Thanksgiving.

Today, I feel like a kid on Christmas Eve, salivating over all the presents God has for each of us.

May I share just one of those presents?

That present would be the call of the Holy Spirit to worship the Father, Son, and Spirit. I sensed that call tonight, but I just didn't feel like worshipping. My heart was a mile away from worship and I could think of some other, very good things to do. But the Spirit was calling me to Jesus' feet.

Question: "How do you set your heart to begin worshipping? The Holy Spirit is seeking to bring our hearts all the way to the throne of the King. We absolutely cannot get there on our own. The Spirit is like a river, flowing both to and from the King's throne. In the middle, the deepest part of the river is where the current is strongest. If I only enter the river up to my ankles or knees, it will not move me. I must get out into the middle so the current will overtake me and carry me to the King! But how do I get to the middle? For each of us the answer may differ. We may need to experiment and try various ways. For me, I have to:

1. Eliminate all distractions. This may mean closing myself in a room or even going outside. Sometimes good things can act as distractions. But any distraction can keep me from the river's current.
2. Then I play and often sing along with specific worship music. Some worship music is more worshipful than other worship music. I have mine on my phone, so it is always accessible. Perhaps you have particular CDs you can play?
3. Headphones can be very helpful here, both in blocking other noises and, allowing me to listen to my music without bothering anyone else.

However, you do it, you've got to get to the middle of the Spirit's river! Ask the Lord to show you how He wants to bring you there. Ask! Seek! Knock! And don't settle!

God bless you, family!!

I love you; Jesus loves you far more!

Pastor Gene

*"Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods."
(Psalm 95:2-3)*





November Birthdays

- 11/1 Christopher Abreu
- 11/1 Janet VanArsdale
- 11/4 Brian Jones
- 11/5 Calvin Horton, Jr.
- 11/7 Russell Rowe
- 11/9 Carolyn Boyle
- 11/9 Antonio Estela
- 11/10 Joseph Green
- 11/12 Heather Campbell
- 11/13 Dolly Pond
- 11/14 Greg Rohr
- 11/15 Barbara Rohr
- 11/21 Leah Kopp
- 11/21 Virginia Kalmback
- 11/21 Suzanne Van Sant
- 11/25 Ann Whipple
- 11/25 Brenda Rowe
- 11/26 Sandra Albritton
- 11/28 Ian Brand
- 11/28 Richard Okerman
- 11/30 Sharon Wilson

November Anniversaries



- 11/5 Suzanne & John Van Sant
- 11/8 Shari & William Goodchild
- 11/17 Heather & Wayne Campbell
- 11/22 Patricia & Earnest Keller
- 11/26 Jami & John Hicks

It's November! How time flies as we seek the Lord, giving praise and thanks. November is always a time where we seem to focus on giving thanks and counting our blessings. Every one of you are a blessing to the body. You have been faithful in prayer, in giving, in serving. Our ministries bring the light and the love of Jesus to so many in our church and community.

Our Angel Tree ministry, Christmas Baskets and our Christmas Tree Lot are all gearing up. Our Food Pantry, Wednesday night dinners, and Avenue 941 continue. So many opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. So many reasons to be thankful. If you want to be involved in any of our ministries and don't know how, pray for God's leading. Call me (941-812-5352) or talk to me on Sunday. You are needed, you are wanted, and you will be blessed.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34.

God bless,

Janet Sauer

Lay Leader



Avenue941

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT



ANGEL TREE

Upcoming Opportunities to Serve



Please join us for our
Thanksgiving Eve Service,
Wednesday, November 23, at
4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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