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Birthdays

- Nov. 03 Ted Chew
- 04 Enrique Romero
- 06 Michael Goodell
- 10 Jane Bowen
- 13 Daniel Gianino
- 13 Carol Ryans
- 15 Billie McPherson
- 16 Mary Round
- 17 Mary Lou Turner
- 18 Catie Boyd
- 18 Glynn Dyer
- 22 Andrea Denis
- 25 Barbara Volpitto
- 26 Sue Kemp
- 27 Marian Losch
- 29 Lucie Ivey

Anniversaries

- Nov. 02 Betty Gene & Al Lovingood
- 06 Jordy & Bob Rihl
- 14 Wendy & Fred Cornelison
- 20 Lucie & Myron Ivey
- 23 Cheryl & John Manthei
- 26 Sue & Bill Kemp

A Prayer for America on Election Day

by Dr. Albert Mohler

[On Tuesday, November 6,] millions of citizens will participate in the first duty of freedom — the freedom to vote.

There is so much at stake. We hear every election cycle that the stakes have never been higher. In one sense, this is usually also true. There is always the sense that there is more at stake this year than last, and, given the way issues unfold, that perception often seems validated by the times.

Christians face the responsibility to vote, not only as citizens, but as Christians who seek to honor and follow Christ in all things. But, beyond the vote, we also bear responsibility to pray for our nation.

First, we should pray that God will bless America with leaders better than we deserve. Democratic systems inevitably reflect the electorate’s decisions, and these decisions reveal underlying worldviews. And, truth be told, all we can expect from democracy is the government we deserve. We must pray for a government and for leaders better than we deserve. May God grant us mercy as he reigns and rules over all things, including this election.

Second, we should pray that Americans will be motivated to fulfill the responsibilities of citizenship, yet also that we will be stripped of an unhealthy and idolatrous confidence in the power of government to save us. God has given us the gift of rulers and governments in order to restrain evil, uphold righteousness, and provide for civil order. No human ruler can save. No government official or office holder can heal the human heart, solve the sin problem, or accomplish final justice. These powers belong to God and God alone.

Third, we must pray that Americans will vote by conscience, not merely on the basis of celebrity or emotion. Christian citizens must vote to uphold righteousness and contend for righteous and just laws. But, at the same time, we must repent of moralism and the tacit assumption that better laws would produce better people.

Fourth, we must pray that Americans will vote to defend the least among us — and especially those who have no vote. This starts, but does not end, with concern for the unborn and for the recovery of respect for the dignity and sanctity of every single human life at every stage of development, from conception until natural death.

Fifth, we should pray that God will prick the conscience of the nation on issues of morality, righteousness, and respect for marriage as the central institution of human civilization. So much ground appears to have been lost on these issues. We need to pray that much ground can be regained.

Sixth, we should pray that God will protect these candidates and their families. They have been through an arduous ordeal and now face the deadline of the vote. They are physically exhausted and now face the judgment of the people. They are public figures, but they are also flesh and blood human beings, who are fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, sons, and daughters. Their families have withstood much. We should pray for their marriages and their children. May God protect them.

Seventh, we should pray that the election is conducted with honor, civility, respect, and justice. We must pray that we do not face another round of litigation after an election. This brings democracy into disrepute. May there be a clear winner, not a contested result.

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A Prayer for America on Election Day (continued)

Eighth, we must pray that Americans will be prepared to accept the results of the election with respect and kindness. This will be no time for rancor, condemnations, and conspiracy theories. Instead, we must pray that God will settle the hearts of the people. May Christians be ready to respond with prayer, respect for office, and a gentle spirit. Others will be watching.

Ninth, we should pray that this election would lead to even greater opportunities to preach the Gospel, and that the freedom of the church will be respected, honored, and protected.

Tenth, we must pray for the church, praying that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ would be strengthened in the truth, grounded in the faith, and empowered for witness and ministry. May the church, the sign of the coming kingdom, be faithful to declare the Gospel — knowing that this is the only message that will save.

May God grant us mercy and grace as we seek to fulfill our responsibilities as citizens — and our responsibilities as Christians. This world is not our home, but we do bear responsibilities as followers of Christ as we are living here.

May God bless America, not because this nation deserves to be blessed, but because He is a God of grace and mercy. Oh God . . . save us from ourselves.

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Elder - Deacon Workday

On Saturday, October 6, the officers of Christ Church enjoyed a time of fellowship and work during Elder - Deacon Workday. Many projects were completed including installing shrubbery plantings around the church sign, spraying weed killer on all unsightly weeds in the beds, spreading two dump truck loads of mulch throughout the shrubbery and tree areas, and relocating exterior lighting on the parking lot side of Covenant Hall. After our labors, we joined together in fellowship over lunch. It was a great time of service to our Lord and fellowship with each other!

A Thanksgiving Meditation on Psalm 100

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100)*

As you anticipate your celebration of Thanksgiving Day later this month, consider these thoughts on Psalm 100 penned by Charles Spurgeon:

TITLE. A Psalm of Praise; or rather of thanksgiving. This is the only psalm bearing this precise inscription. It is all ablaze with grateful adoration, and has for this reason been a great favourite with the people of God ever since it was written. "Let us sing the Old Hundredth" is one of the every-day expressions of the Christian church, and will be so while men, exist whose hearts are loyal to the Great King. Nothing can be more sublime this side heaven than the singing of this noble psalm by a vast congregation. Watts' paraphrase, beginning "Before Jehovah's awful throne, and the Scotch "All people that on earth do dwell," are both noble versions; and even Tare and Brady rise beyond themselves when they sing—

"With one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise."

In this divine lyric we sing with gladness the creating power and goodness of the Lord, even as before with trembling we adored his holiness.

Verse 4. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving. To the occurrence of the word thanksgiving in this place the Psalm probably owes its title. In all our public service the rendering of thanks must abound; it is like the incense of the temple, which filled the whole house with smoke. Expiatory sacrifices are ended, but those of gratitude will never be out of date. So long as we are receivers of mercy we must be givers of thanks. Mercy permits us to enter his gates; let us praise that mercy. What better subject for our thoughts in God's own house than the Lord of the house. And into his courts with praise. Into whatever court of the Lord you may enter, let your admission be the subject of praise: thanks be to God, the innermost court is now open to believers, and we enter into that which is within the veil; it is incumbent upon us that we acknowledge the high privilege by our songs. Be thankful unto him. Let the praise be in your heart as well as on your tongue, and let it all be for him to whom it all belongs. And bless his name. He blessed you, bless him in return; bless his name, his character, his person. Whatever he does, be sure that you bless him for it; bless him when he takes away as well as when he gives; bless him as long as you live, under all circumstances; bless him in all his attributes, from whatever point of view you consider him.

Operation Christmas Child Your Gift Goes a Long Way

A 14-year old girl in Paraguay wrote a note expressing how Operation Christmas Child had touched her life. "I'm very grateful for the beautiful gifts that we received, but the most wonderful thing was to meet Jesus through the Bible lessons," she said. "Now I keep talking to others about Jesus, telling them how much God loves them. Some of my friends have already trusted Jesus as their Savior." This scene will be repeated in over 130 countries as millions of girls and boys receive gift-filled shoe boxes this year. What starts out as a simple gift--a shoe box containing toys, school supplies, and toiletries--is used by God to transform the hearts and souls of millions of children and their family members.



We at Christ Church, Presbyterian, have the wonderful privilege of being a part of this worldwide project. Won't you take advantage of this opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with boys and girls? Pre-wrapped shoe boxes and brochures with complete instructions are available in the foyer. If you wish to participate but are unable to shop, please consider making a donation to Samaritan's Purse. Filled shoe boxes will be collected on November 4 and November 11. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Ann Fliermans (706-738-8259).



Mark Your Calendar

With the holidays rapidly approaching, be sure to mark your calendar to include the special services and events that will be taking place in the coming weeks.

*Wednesday, November 21 @ 6:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Eve Service and
Fellowship Meal*

*Friday, December 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
Westminster Schools
Christmas Choral Concert*

*Sunday, December 16 @ 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Festival Service*

*Monday, December 24 @ 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service*



*Adoration of the Child
Gherardo delle Notti o Gheritt van Honthorst (c. 1622)*

Missionary Spotlight

Missions Update – November, 2012

Please be in prayer for these missionaries and agencies during October. As you pray, consider the needs you would have if you were in their place such as:

- Trusting the Lord in all things,
- Having the spiritual and physical strength to complete the tasks before them,
- Being patient, kind and gentle in their service,
- Having courage in demonstrating the love of Christ.

Missionaries Prayer Focus

- Doug and Amy Nunziato, World Team, Spain
- Clay and Darlene Quarterman, Mission to the World (PCA), Ukraine
- Charles Rector, Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship (PEF), Augusta, Georgia
- Twin Lakes Fellowship, Jackson, Mississippi

Praise and Prayer Requests

Karl and Debbie Dortzbach

- Pray for Karl as he deals with the passing of his father and trying to help his mother through that while he is many miles away in Manila. Pray for the preparation of the Memorial Service to take place on November 3;
- Pray for six of Karl's doctoral students who are struggling to keep going on their dissertations. The successful completion of their work could give them platforms for reconciliation in many high places.

Evangelical Reformed Seminary of Ukraine

- Pray for the Dean of Students at the Seminary as he and his wife continue to struggle with their 12-year old adopted daughter suffering with severe Attachment Disorder.
- Praise to God for recent meetings with the Seminary's Dutch partner sponsors.
- Pray for the Seminary as they continue to seek more professors in Kiev.

Glenn and Sharlene Grubb

- Pray for Glenn following training in Denver, Colorado last month to become a Lead Auditor. The purpose of the training is to give Glenn a better understanding of his new position at JAARS. Please pray that he will be able to retain what he was taught, and for a successful first audit that he will be conducting in Cameroon in the spring.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				9:30 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study (Townsend Home) 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Moncrief Home)	7 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting	9:00 a.m. Officer Training
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Luncheon 4:30 p.m. Choir Christmas Rehearsal 6 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering (Jones Home)		7 p.m. Joint Session / Diaconate Mtng	7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study (Townsend Home) 6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study	7 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting	9:00 a.m. Officer Training
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering (Townsend Home)			6 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service & Fellowship Meal	THANKSGIVING DAY		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship		7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Hatcher Home)	7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study (Townsend Home)	7 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting	