

Greater Things

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“Worship God and Be Grateful”

by Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Worship

What comes to mind when you hear the word worship? Do you think of a gathering of God's people on Sunday morning? Perhaps you envision your personal time of reading God's Word and prayer as worship. Worship can be many different things to many different people, but worship, no matter how it is offered, is pleasing to God if it is offered to God. The one key component that requires an action on our part is to offer it. During this month of November how about we offer up gratitude to God and others for the blessings we have in life. Psalms 100:4 says, *“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise His name.”*

Giving thanks and offering gratitude is so important in our relationship with God and others in our lives. Some years ago, Dr. Nick Stinnett of the University of Nebraska conducted a group of studies called “Family Strengths Research Project.” Stinnett and his researchers identified six qualities that make for strong families. The first quality and one of the most important to be found in strong families

was the quality of appreciation. Families that are strong are strong in part, Dr. Stinnett concludes, because family members express to each other their appreciation for what the other members do and for who they are. In a similar study, another researcher looked into the effect of praise in the workplace. His study showed that the ratio of praise to criticism in the workplace needs to be four to one before employees feel that there is a balance. In other words, there must be four times as much praise as there is criticism before they feel good about their work and about the environment that they work in.

This attitude of offering gratitude and encouragement to the people in our lives can flow out of our gratitude to God and Jesus Christ during our times of worship, prayer, and reflection. When our hearts are overflowing with thankfulness and gratitude to God, that attitude will more than likely come out in our relationship with others in our family, church, workplace, and schools. During this month of Thanksgiving worship the Lord with a thankful heart, then allow that thankful heart to encourage others in your life.

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FIRST FRUITS - Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

September 25, 2022 - \$1,053

October 2, 2022 - \$5,133

October 9, 2022 - \$9,909

October 16, 2022 - \$11,216

October 23, 2022 - \$4,910

If you would like to give tithes & offerings, please place them in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or mail your envelope/check to the church at:

710 E Park, Arthur, IL 61911

Please include your envelope so your number can be recorded.



The remodel of our kitchen and fellowship hall has been outstanding! There has been so much love and hard work poured into this project. We are blessed!



Invite your family to join us for these special events coming soon!

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20TH

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DECEMBER 18TH

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

DECEMBER 25TH

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3 - Watson Grimsley

4 - Luke & Katie Miller

5 - Larry Kauffman

6 - Kimberly Kauffman

6 - Virgil Gingerich

7 - Faye Oye

11 - Maria Yoder

13 - Jacque Lane

13 - Joe Gingerich

14 - Gary & Dorothy Kauffman

14 - Lynn Kauffman

15 - Robert Yoder

21 - Andy Plank

21 - Ed Gingerich

23 - Levi Schrock

27 - Nadine Miller

29 - Delmar & Linda Schrock

29 - DuWayne Miller

What is your job and what does it consist of? I am a Senior Loan Review Officer at First Mid. I look over loans to make sure they are a good risk for the bank to keep.

What is your favorite verse in the Bible?
Psalm 46:5 "God is within her, she will not fail."

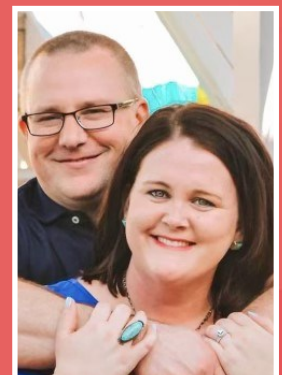
Is there a time you felt God's presence stronger than any other time?
The day that Luke & I got married.

Do you have a favorite book or author?
My favorite author is Nicholas Sparks.

What hobbies do you enjoy?
I enjoy going to cattle shows, and snowmobiling with Luke.

What was your first job? I worked at a winery.

What would you say is your favorite meal?
Meatballs, cheesy potatoes, and corn casserole.



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