## CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Newsletter — November 2015





**PASTOR'S CORNER** 

Paul tells us in Philippians 4 verses 5-7 to be thankful he says,

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

In verse 4 he tells us to let our selfcontrol be seen by all men, in other words we are not to get all anxious about everything. But in everything we are to bathe our concerns and thoughts in prayer.

The word supplication means a precise request, in this case your personal request. Our church has seen God answer many prayers, not just shotgun prayers but specific prayers. We should be mature enough now to ask God and believe what we are asking is His will and thereby we can trust in it being as good as done. That is where the thanksgiving comes from.

Folks we should be thankful in a lot of things, our salvation our health our country and our church. But the thing that we should be the most thankful about is the fact we are God's children and He hears and desires to give us our petitions. He is able to do all things even greater things than we could ever imagine.

I am going to ask everyone here to look around at where God has brought this church from. I am going to ask you as an individual to dream about where you want this church to be a year from now, five years, and when your grandchildren inherit it and you are no longer able to work. Then with thanksgiving praise God. Then on our knees lets start making it happen.

Pastor Marty

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Your Missions Opportunity for November NC Baptist Children's Home Offering Do not let this opportunity slip by.

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#### Thankful For What Did Not Happen

Several years ago some German immigrants to America brought over this story of a woman living on a farm in Germany who brought to her minister an amount in German money equivalent to about \$10 in American money.

As she laid down the money she said: "In former years I have had to pay about this amount in medicine. This year there has been no sickness in our family. I want to show my gratitude to the Lord in this way."

Some time later this same woman again came to her minister with about \$5, explaining that many of her neighbors had suffered some losses in a recent windstorm, but that her farm had been spared. "I bring the church this donation as an offering of thanks."

—Arthur Tonne

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In December 1914, a great, sweeping fire destroyed Thomas Edison's laboratories in West Orange, New Jersey, wiping out two million dollars' worth of equipment and the record of much of his life's work.

Edison's son Charles ran about frantically trying to find his father. Finally he came upon him, standing near the fire, his face ruddy in the glow, his white hair blown by the winter winds. "My heart ached for him," Charles Edison said. "He was no longer young, and everything was being destroyed. He spotted me. 'Where's your mother?' he shouted. 'Find her. Bring her here. She'll never see anything like this again as long as she lives.'" The next morning, walking about the charred embers of so many of his hopes and dreams, the sixty-sevenyear-old Edison said, "There is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burned up. Thank God we can start anew."

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#### Think and Thank

The words "Thank" and "Think" hail from the same root, reminding us that thanksgiving comes from thinking about our blessings.

Helen Keller once said, "I have often thought it would be a blessing if each human being were stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his early adult life. It would make him more appreciative of sight and the joys of sound."

Senator Richard Neuberger once said the experience of contracting cancer changed him. "A change came over me which I believe is irreversible. Questions of prestige, of political success, of financial status, became all at once unimportant. In their stead has come a new appreciation of things I once took for granted—eating lunch with a friend, scratching Muffet's ears and listening for his purr, the company of my wife, reading a book or magazine in the quiet cone of my bed lamp at night, raiding the refrigerator for a glass of orange juice or a slice of coffee cake. For the first time I think I am actually savoring life. I shudder when I remember all the occasions that I spoiled for myself—even when I was in the best of health—by false pride, synthetic values, and fancied slights.



#### BIRTHDAYS

Lynn Glass	03 November
Ethan Bell	05 November
Joseph Glass	07 November
Chey Bell	07 November
Hunter Owens	08 November
Michael Bell	13 November
Will Owens	27 November
Sehah Camp	30 November



ANNIVERSARIES	
Ryan & Michelle Camp	08 November
David & Anne Coble	29 November

### **RAMP BUILDERS 2**

...*the people had a mind to work* Nehemiah 4:6 The Ramp Builders returned to the Auman home in October for further construction.



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