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GIVE THANKS FOR HIS LOVINGKINDNESS

From the Pastor's Desk

Psalm 118

This is the month of Thanksgiving. On the fourth Thursday of the month we will gather with family and friends to enjoy turkey, ham, stuffing, potatoes, squash, turnip, cranberry sauce, pumpkin and apple pies, and whatever else we may be able to put down or keep down. It is the day in which our diets are put on hold and there is no limit to what we will try to eat. Most of us will devour ample portions of food while enjoying company and football for the day. Oh what a day!

As I consider this month, I am reminded that we as Christians have much to be thankful for. Such consideration caused me to think about that which God has given us which ultimately led me to read Psalm 118. This is a psalm in which the writer cries for all of God's people to give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness, because it is everlasting.

What does the term lovingkindness mean? As far as everlasting is concerned we can understand what that means, but how can one describe God's lovingkindness? This word is like no other in the Bible or in our vocabulary today. When one thinks of God's lovingkindness we must realize that encompasses all the love that God can give to an individual, nation, or people group. This lovingkindness provides the backdrop for all that God will do for those He loves and for those who love Him.

It also means that God provides a means of salvation in Jesus Christ for those who turn to Him after falling from His grace. God's lovingkindness

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Nov. 2, midnight – Turn clocks back

Nov. 3, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Nov. 5 – National Election Day

Nov. 10, noon – Short Business Mtg.

Nov. 11 – Veterans' Day

Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 8 – Celebrating Hillside's 40th Anniversary

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Discussion

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Praise and Worship Service

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study

is the reason that He provides for all our needs and bestows countless blessings upon His faithful. It is because of His lovingkindness that we can celebrate the fact that He has given us life and will sustain that life for eternity or into the everlasting.

Yes, we who are Christians have much to be thankful for. God has graciously given us His Son, Jesus Christ, for a means of salvation and sanctification. He has drawn us closer to Himself and has poured out His lovingkindness on us his people, who are His children, the most blessed of all His creation. I would like to encourage you to

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ponder upon this passage and to consider what it means to truly give thanks this year for His lovingkindness. For His lovingkindness is far better than anything we might consume or enjoy on this Thanksgiving holiday.

Let us indeed give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Happy Thanksgiving!

[A timeless message from Dr. Jim Robertson from November 2015.]

Hurricane Relief

We are currently accepting donations to help the people who suffered the severe and damaging effects of Hurricane Helene down South in late September. We have a sister relationship with the churches of the North Carolina Baptist Convention and will send them our donations so that they can assist their neighbors in need in their region. Please give what you can so that others in need may receive help.

If donating by check, make it payable to Hillside Baptist Church and write "Hurricane Relief" in the the memo line. All donations will be sent at the beginning of November.

Fellowship Events

A 40th Anniversary event is planned for Sunday December 8. Details will be announced as they become available.

Fall Back One Hour



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday Nov. 3rd, so set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night Nov. 2nd or else you will arrive at church an hour early!

The down side is that on Saturday day night, sunset will occur at about 5:35 p.m. EDT, but on Sunday night, it will be at 4:34 p.m. EST.

It would be better if we could just stay on Daylight Savings Time and not have darkness fall so early in the afternoon. Some of us still have yard work to get done. And it just makes winter more gloomy.

Only Arizona and Hawaii stay on EST all year.

Property and Space Patrol

We had a Fall Clean Up Day on October 12, and completed general cleaning which included washing the windows. Seven trailer loads of brush were hauled to the Dirt Doctor. (There are about 40 to go). Dr. Jim has mowed the lawns.

The parking lot lights were fixed. Four bulbs were replaced and a new timer was installed. The Baptistry water heater has been repaired.

✠ Pastor Al



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BCNE News & Updates

By the time you read this email, our BCNE Annual Meeting will be underway. It is going to be an exciting time of worship, preaching, and sharing stories of what God is doing all over New England. Without question, God is working in New England in powerful ways and the BCNE is grateful to be part of that work.

The BCNE is not some office building in Northborough, Massachusetts - it is my church and your church and each of the 375 partner churches across New England, who have committed to working together to share the Gospel in our region. I hope you'll be at the BCNE meeting in person. If you're unable to attend in

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person, I hope you'll join via live stream. It always feels more like a family reunion, Gospel celebration, and equipping conference than a business meeting.

I am pleased to say that for the first time since the global pandemic, we will present a balanced budget for our partner churches to approve. At the Annual Meeting, I will be introducing our new Associate Executive Director/Church Multiplication team leader. He is a pastor who is well known to most of you. When you hear who he is, you'll be just as excited as I am. We will also be giving out the Robert Brindle Church Planting Award and the Ray Allen Evangelism Award. We have churches that are exceeding in both evangelism and church planting and it's wonderful to honor those who deserve recognition.

Keep praying for all of us who serve on the BCNE staff, as we spend untold amounts of time on the phone, on zoom, in the car visiting churches, and in the pulpit, presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our region.

✠ Terry W. Dorsett
Executive Director

God's Provision

The following essay, written by Nancy Gavilanes, comes from the *Our Daily Bread Devotional* for October 17, 2024. Read Exodus 16:11-19 and then read the following text.

The world was amazed when four siblings ages one to thirteen were found alive in Colombia's Amazon jungle in June 2023. The siblings had survived forty days in the jungle after a plane crash, which killed their mother. The children, who were familiar with the jungle's harsh terrain, hid from wild animals in tree trunks, collected water from streams and rain in bottles, and ate food such as cassava flour from the wreckage. They also knew which wild fruits and seeds were safe to eat.

God sustained the siblings.

Their incredible story reminds me of how God miraculously sustained the Israelites in the desert for forty years, which is recorded in the books of Exodus and Numbers and mentioned throughout

the Bible. He preserved their lives so that they would know He was their God.

God turned bitter spring water into drinkable water, provided water from a rock twice, and guided His people in a pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. He also provided manna for them. "Moses said to them, 'It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: Everyone is to gather as much as they need'" (Exodus 16:15-16).

The same God provides us with "our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). We can trust Him to provide for our needs "according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). What a mighty God we serve!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Hillside wishes a happy, happy birthday to those people who celebrate another orbit around the Sun:

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Hillside also wishes God's blessing on anyone who celebrates a wedding anniversary this month. If that is you, let the editor know about it.

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It is our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tune in to Gospel Radio

In the Concord area, get more of God's Word by tuning into New Hampshire Gospel Radio at 99.1 FM or 104.3 FM.

For example, on Saturday mornings at 6:30 a.m., enjoy "The Brinkman Adventures," a lively well-done radio drama. In the wee hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings, if you can't sleep, tune in to Praise & Worship music.

During the week, tune into well known speakers such as Alistair Begg, Chuck Swindoll, Dr. David Jeremiah, and Dr. Jim Daly. In the evenings catch the latest episode of "Adventures in Odyssey."

Learn more at <http://www.nhgr.org/>.

Hillside on the Web

Go to the Hillside web site <http://www.hillside-sbc.org/> for more information about our fellowship, including this newsletter in PDF format.

Sermons are also recorded weekly and published on the web site as podcasts in mp3 format.

Submissions for Next Issue

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