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### Is Your Giving Like God's Giving?

It has been said by some that, "Thanksgiving is just a day, but Christmas is a season." Visiting your local favorite retailer might convince one of that sentiment, but I reject that thinking. We should take time every day to say thank you to our Lord. Why? Because He gave us Jesus.

Some years ago, my former pastor, Rev. Dr. Kelvin T. Calloway, preached a message from the familiar John 3:16 which asked the provocative question, "Is your giving like God's giving?"

Yeah, I know we've often sung during the Benevolent Offering that, "You can't beat God's giving/No matter how you try," but what do we mean by that? It's this: God gave us His Son Jesus, and while we're counting up all that we're *thankful* for in this season, we should pause and thank God for Jesus every chance we get!

Pastor Calloway described life without Jesus like running on a treadmill where you build up a sweat, but get nowhere. In this season, if we're not careful we'll busy ourselves building up a sweat, and forget the real reason to be thankful—salvation!

The problem is, while God has given (and continues to give) us the best, we often try and give our *least*. Doesn't God deserve our *best*? Our *best* gifts? Our *best* heartfelt thanks? I mean, not because we *deserve* it, but God loved us so much that He gave us His Son.

And, if that doesn't get you excited, know this, God's giving is continuous. The writer of Lamentations even notes (3:22-23), "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Ours often has a beginning, middle, and end. I guess what I'm trying to say is that there's no comparison, when we hold up *our* giving to *God's* giving. And for that, we should never stop giving thanks.

- Pastor Gordon Glenn



On Sunday, October 6, Team Grant Chapel laced up our walking shoes and participated in the Wichita CROP Hunger Walk at Sedgwick County Park. Thanks to our team leader Sonya Nance and your donations of money and peanut butter, our contributions, along with the many other churches and individuals that came out, helped raise \$7,722 (so far).

"CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of **Church World Service**, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts."

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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Wk	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
44	27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Church Bazaar, 9a-3p
45	3 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4	5 <b>Vote</b>	6 Bible Study 12 Noon & 6:20 p.m.	7	8 CWM Thanksgiving Dinner @Grant 11/9 ----->>>	9 PE Planning Meeting @ Greater New Bethel, KCK
46	10	11 	12	13 Bible Study 12 Noon & 6:20 p.m.	14	15	16
47	17 Officer Installation (\$25)	18	19	20 Bible Study 12 Noon & 6:20 p.m.	21	22	23
48	24 Advent Envelopes Distributed	25	26	27	28 	29	30



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## Mental Health, Music, and Mission Acts 16:25-26

### Church School Concludes Fall Quarter

There is a class for everyone. Sunday Church School begins at 9 a.m. and ends in time for morning worship. Carol Smart is our Church School Superintendent. *Join us!* In **November**, we'll conclude the Fall Quarter, "Worship in the Covenant Community" with Unit 3: "Psalms of Thanksgiving and Praise."

This "final unit of the quarter focuses on the Hebrew psalter. The psalmists invite us to 'praise the Lord' (Psalm 461, Lesson 11) and to 'shout for joy to the Lord' (Psalm 100:1, Lesson 12). The worship of the people of God should be filled with thanksgiving and praise to the Lord, for He is our good shepherd who sustains us (Psalm 23, Lesson 10). The Lord is not distant and far off from us. Instead, the Lord is near us and has invited us to have a close relationship with Him (Psalm 139:1-12, Lesson 13). As [we] study the worship practices of the people of God, [let us] consider how [our] worship is a response to the truth that the Lord is the one who is worthy of praise." (NIV Standard Lesson Commentary, p. 3)

- **November 3** - Confidence in God's Shepherding (Psalm 23)
- **November 10** - Songs of Praise (Psalm 146-150)
- **November 17** - A Song of Thanksgiving (Psalm 100)
- **November 24** - God's Promised Presence (Psalm 139)

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