



"THE CALL"

**NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS

First, Jane and I want to thank you all for the card and gift you gave us for Pastor Appreciation Day. It is greatly appreciated. We have just begun our eleventh year here in Beaverton. I cannot begin to tell you what a blessing and joy it has been. There should be a "Congregation Appreciation Day" as we really do appreciate everyone.

Now, November! Thoughts of impending cold and snow. For some the bright spot of November is Thanksgiving Day. A day for giving thanks for all their blessings. A day of sharing a meal and family time. For many others Thanksgiving Day is the prep day for Black Friday (although some stores are now starting it on Thanksgiving Day). For them it's all about grabbing the credit card and running out to spend money they don't have to buy things they don't need.

I have heard others say, "What is there to be thankful for? There is the pandemic, the riots, the storms and fires, the political conflicts, and so many other things wrong with our country right now I just can't feel very thankful."

One should not base what they do, or don't do, based upon feelings. I remember when my mother told my brother and I to clean our bedroom and when she asked why I didn't do it, I told her I didn't feel like it. I learned very quickly that what I felt like had little to do with my doing what I should do!

However even with all that seems to be wrong with our country, and sometimes with our lives, we always have a reason to be thankful.

Romans 8:28 tells us,

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

We need to remember that thanksgiving is more than a day, it's a lifestyle. It's the lifestyle of those that call themselves Christian. Our God is an awesome God and as David writes in Psalm 103:1-5:

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Chris Tiegreen, a Christian writer, wrote, "Have a happy Thanksgiving Day everyone. Enjoy your family members, the day off, the meal, the football game...**But above all, don't forget to give thanks.**" Good advice for every day!!

Shalom,
Pastor Bill

**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD**
HIS LOVE endures FOREVER!!!

What are your prayer requests?

gathering of friends



time for instruction

join us

prayer for each other

Sunday

December 6

7:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Monday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.

“The church council is the final authority and governing body within the local congregation; it is the Church in business session. All active members are eligible to vote in Council meetings. The Council evaluates past accomplishments, hears reports, studies present conditions, and makes plans for the future program of the Church; it provides officers, adopts budgets, rules on policy and organizational matters, and authorizes Church officials to act on behalf of the congregation.”

(Cited from the Church Plan of Or-

ganization)

We often hear “What is the Council? What does Council do? Who is a Council member? Can anyone come to the meetings? Can anyone vote?”

If you are a member of the church by baptism, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership, you are a member of Council. Members have one vote each when decisions are made. Please mark your calendars now for Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. for this very important Fall meeting. Help make decisions for the church body, give voice to your thoughts, and be a part of the Church business meeting. Every member is needed to make this a positive working group for the church. Everyone is welcome to attend Council meetings. Don't miss out---

---Council is the ultimate decision-making body of the Church.

LOOKING FORWARD..... MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<i>Community Thanksgiving Service</i>	<i>November 22</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>November 23</i>
<i>Birthday party for Jesus</i>	<i>December 20</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Service</i>	<i>December 24</i>



A Thanksgiving Poem

Thou hast, with ever watchful eye,
Looked down on us with holy care,
And from thy storehouse in the sky
Hast scattered plenty everywhere.

Then lift we up our songs of praise
To thee, O Father, good and kind;
To thee we consecrate our days;

With incense sweet our thanks ascend;
Before thy works our powers pall;
Though we should strive years without
end,
We could not thank thee for them all.
Be thine the temple of each mind.

Paul Laurence Dunbar

