



From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Church,

Tis the season to be Thankful! Every year, about this time, it kicks in and I am ready for Thanksgiving. Yes, I like fried turkey, I like the pies and deserts that start finding their way onto my plate, and I love the leaves changing colors and the cool weather of fall. But what I like the most is to "Count my many blessings and name them one by one and be surprised about what the Lord has done!"

In all the social changes that are taking place – political, educational, economic and even spiritual – if I take time to look around I see God's hand moving and making amazing blessings pop up everywhere! I see young people choosing Jesus even in the midst of a society that is turning away from church. God is still calling people out to know Him and walk with Him! I see new members of our church stepping up to take the responsibility of disciple makers in our body! I see the excitement and enthusiasm for sharing Jesus in our community (in ways we have never done before)! God is so good that He is expanding His kingdom even in the last days! (I know I'm using a lot of exclamation marks, but it is because there is so much to be thankful for!!!!)

So – "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus our Lord!" Philippians 4: 4-7 (Interpretation: mine)

In this Thanksgiving season in all things Rejoice!
Bro. Greg



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Church family,

I feel like most parents and grandparents (including myself) are in a constant state of worry for our kids and the effects that current state of the world is having on them. But I also see that a lot of the times we try to correct and protect through our own past experiences. It's like we are trying to turn a clock back to our own childhoods and then insert our kids into a reality that doesn't exist anymore. It's a lot like what Jesus was talking about in Luke 5:37 where he talks about not putting new wine into old wine skins because the old skins will break, and the wine will spill out all over the place basically ruining both.

So how do we fix it? How do we put ourselves in the best position possible to raise our children in the way they should go while at the same time trying to protect them for as long as possible from the depravity of our current age? Well first and foremost I think we need to redefine our concept of home.

There is an old saying that "home is where the heart is." I've always enjoyed this saying because of its insinuation that if you're with people you love and who love you back you will always be at home. But as I look on this saying now as someone trying to be a disciple-making disciple, I think it bears a deeper meaning for those of us who are trying to follow Jesus. If we are attempting to live out the greatest commandment which Jesus tells us is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matt. 22:37) Then wouldn't that put our heart firmly with God? And if our heart is firmly with God then the idea of *home* takes on a whole new dimension.

When we come to realize that if our hearts and therefore our homes are with God, then this world is no longer our home, but our home is with Jesus, and we are no longer citizens of the World we are citizens of the Kingdom of heaven. This should affect the way we live our lives. We should be living as ambassadors for the kingdom of heaven and teaching our children to do the same.



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This will make all the difference in our lives and theirs. If we want to prepare our kids for these times and at the same time protect them from these times, at least for as long as possible, then we need to do as Paul says in Ephesians 4 and put off the old self. Which would include us ceasing to try and put our children into our old selves, and instead put on our new selves, the new creations we are in Christ Jesus. The ones dedicated to seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. And then from this position of newness we need to pour into our kids the Truth of the words of God. Not the truth as we think it should be or as we think it was back in our day. We need to pour the eternal and unerring truth of the word of God into them because as we know and as Isaiah tells us, “The grass withers and the flowers fade but the word of our God will stand forever.”

So, let’s show our kids the *real* home. Let’s show them the Kingdom of Heaven is real by showing them through our relationship with Christ and pouring the truth of the Word of God into them. It’s really the only hope we have for our kids to overcome the world because it’s really the only hope we have to overcome the world. As Charles Spurgeon wrote in his book *Come ye Children*, “The only way to keep chaff out of the child’s little measure is to fill it to the brim with good wheat. Oh, may the spirit of God help us do this! The more the young are taught, the better; truth will keep them from being misled.”

David Landy

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S GOING ON AT KENTUCKYTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH?



SUNDAYS (UNTIL NOV 21)
2:30-4:30 PM

SG2 GROUPS

SMALL GROUPS AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS
AND YOUTH.

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WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30
MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE
AT THE WELCOME DESK.

Churchwide Family Dinner

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:45.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



RETURN GIFT FILLED BOXES
ON NOVEMBER 14.



NOVEMBER 14
A FUNDRAISER FOR THE YOUTH.



DECEMBER 5 AT 6:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR K-TOWN YOUTH



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
DARE TO SHARE CONFERENCE



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
UGLY SWEATER CONTEST
& CHRISTMAS PARTY



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



JANUARY 16&17
ARISE YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
AT FALLS CREEK