



November 26, 2023

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## SERMON SERIES

*Gratitude*

**In Real Life**

Luke 17:11-19 NLT Dr. Cary Killough

## MISSION FOCUS

### WORLD MISSIONS

Our Missions Focus for November/December is WORLD MISSIONS.

100% of your giving to our Missions Focus during these two months will support career missionaries worldwide sharing the hope of Christ.

## MONTHLY SCRIPTURE

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.

2 Corinthians 5:18 NLT

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. For what are you thankful?
2. What happens in our lives when there is an absence of thanksgiving?
3. How can we grow or expand the heart of gratitude?

Materials used to prepare this series:  
 God's Word; The Bible – New Living Translation; Commentaries: The New American Commentary by Robert H. Mounce, The NIV Application Commentary, Expositors Bible Commentary, Tyndale Commentary. Internet Resources: Sermon Central, Books: Practical Systematic Theology by Steve Copeland, Justo Gonzales, The Story of Christianity, volume 1.

## BUDGET AS OF 11/19/23

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>Monthly Goal</b>	\$ 105,666.65	\$ 16,083.35	Worship 508
<b>Monthly Receipts To Date</b>	\$ 35,351.05	\$ 11,950.38	
<b>Y.T.D. Goal</b>	\$ 1,135,916.69	\$ 164,799.97	Grow Groups
<b>Y.T.D. Actual</b>	\$ 1,142,095.34	\$ 160,667.01	Sunday 345
<b>Y.T.D. Difference</b>	\$ 6,178.65	\$ (4,132.96)	Wednesday 155
<b>Mission Emphasis</b>	\$ 3,038.08		

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

- 26 - HOMEBOUND CHRISTMAS CARDS DEADLINE.** Our Homebound Saints are listed in our prayer guide.
- 26 - WORLD MISSIONS CHRISTMAS OFFERING** during both services.
- 29 - WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES** ~ This is the last night for 2023. We will resume January 10.

## DECEMBER

- 01 - "TOYS FROM the HEART" DEADLINE,** Shepherd's Heart is working in conjunction with area schools to help provide gifts for families in need. We are collecting unwrapped toys. The Collection Box is in the Adult Education Building. For gift ideas, visit [www.shepherdsheartpantry.org](http://www.shepherdsheartpantry.org).
- 03 - ANNUAL BUDGET CONFERENCE** will meet at 4:00 pm. We will present the proposed 2024 Annual Budget allowing time for questions and discussion. The proposed 2024 Budget and proposed new members for the Administration Council will be available at the Welcome Desk, Sunday, November 26. We will vote on the budget and Administration Council members at the conclusion of both worship services, December 17.
- 08 - UH MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION** (Shepherd's Heart Waco). Meadowbrook is hosting a Mobile Food Distribution, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., in the BACK parking lot on the *2nd Friday of each month*. We need 8-10 volunteers. Please register [here](#) or on our website. If you have any questions, contact Amy Castello.
- 08 - CHRISTMAS CHOIR SPECIAL** at 6:30 pm and Sunday, December 10 for both services. Invite your family & friends to join us as our Adult and Children's Christmas Choirs present, "Christmas."
- 10 - YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY** at 6:30 pm. Come join us for our yearly Youth Christmas Party! Make sure to wear your favorite Christmas pajamas. We will have snacks, hot chocolate, games, and live Christmas music by our youth band! Make sure to invite your friends.
- 20 - MBC MARRIAGE RETREAT DEADLINE:** We invite all couples to attend our "Empowered to Love" Marriage Retreat, February 9-10/11. Please register [here](#) or on our website.
- 20 - DRIVE THROUGH LIVING NATIVITY** will be December 20 - 22. Stay tuned for ways you can help and sign up to be at part of the sharing the birth of Christ with our community.
- 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY SERVICE.** We will have two identical candlelit Christmas Eve services offered at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Grow Groups will not this day, and children of all ages will sit with their families.

## JANUARY

- 28 - 2024 ALL-CHURCH MISSION TRIP DEADLINE,** The MBC Missions Team will serve with River City Church, a 2019 church-plant in Vancouver, Washington. \$150 per person is due with this deadline. Please click [here](#) to complete the Mission Trip Application and gather more information or visit our website.

## THIS WEEK AT MBC

Sun (26)	Grow Groups	8:30	AM
	Worship (choir-led)	9:45	AM
	Grow Groups (all ages)	9:45	AM
	Worship (worship team/band led)	11:00	AM
	Grow Groups	11:00	AM
	2024 Mission Trip Interest Meeting	12:00	PM
	Youth Band Rehearsal	6:00	PM
Mon	Twentysomething Grow Group	6:00	PM
Tues	Adult One Ladies Game Day	11:00	AM
	Joyful Creations	6:30	PM
Wed	Wednesday Night Meals	5:00	PM
	Kids Christmas Choir	5:45	PM
	Christmas Choir Rehearsal	6:00	PM
	All Grow Groups	6:15	PM
	Youth Connect Night	6:15	PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30	PM
	Traditional Worship Team Rehearsal	7:30	PM
Thurs	Worship Team Rehearsal	6:30	PM
Sun (3)	Grow Groups	8:30	AM
	Worship (choir-led)	9:45	AM
	Grow Groups (all ages)	9:45	AM
	Worship (worship team/band led)	11:00	AM
	Grow Groups	11:00	AM
	Budget Conference Presentation	4:00	PM
	Thirtysomething Grow Group	4:00	PM
	Worship Team Monthly Training	5:00	PM



**Adults \$5 and Kids \$3**

**(\$25 Family Max)**

**RSVP by 5:00 pm on Monday** for us to accommodate you on Wednesday. We will serve reservations first. Register [here](#), on our website or call the office.

### **November 29**

Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Chicken Alfredo, garlic bread, fruit, salad, and desserts.

Cook Team: The Fergusons  
(Margaret, Bryan and Sue)

**This will be our last Wednesday Night for Meals and Activities for 2023. We will resume January 10, 2024.**

### **Sneak Peek for December**

“By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.”  
2 Peter 1:3 NLT