

# THE CHRISTIAN OBSERVER

Silver Lake Baptist Church

NOVEMBER 2009

## A MEAL OF THANKSGIVING

I don't know about you, but as I look back on the last few months, it really seems that the tone in our nations has been one of fear and frustration. Sky-rocketing gas prices, crashing markets, political debates, and the list goes on. And in the midst of all this we are going to take a holiday to give thanks?

This is one of the great things, I think, about Thanksgiving. We are trained to be so negative and full of fear that we forget so often to remember the good things God has blessed us with. We get so caught up in the state of education of the cost of school that we may forget to be thankful for our kids. We may become so upset with food prices we forget to be thankful that we can afford food. Thanksgiving is such a wonderful day because it brings us to a place of reflection where we recall all the good things God has done and is doing.

It is interesting to me that much of Thanksgiving is centered around a meal. The meal not only serves as a reminder of the abundance of blessings God has given us, the meal itself is a blessing as we sit with our loved ones and partake of the fruits of our labor. It strikes me that every Sunday we participate in a thanksgiving meal as well when we gather together around the sacrament of the altar.

In some churches the Lord's Supper is called the Eucharist. This is Greek for "thanksgiving." The Lord's Supper has historically been known in the church as a meal of thanksgiving. And, just like at our Thanksgiving meals, we gather around this meal of bread and wine, which is Christ's body and blood, to be reminded of the death Christ died in our place. He says, "Do this in remembrance of me!" (Luke 22:19, 1 Corinthians 11:24-25). But not only do we remember with thanks what Christ has done for us, we receive with thanks the fruit of His labor! In this meal Jesus comes to us to give us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26, 28). And, as Christ gives us His body and blood for our forgiveness in this meal, we cannot help but respond with praise and thanksgiving! How wonderful a Jesus it is we serve, that He comes to us in such magnificent ways to give us His gifts of life and salvation!

This Thanksgiving, let us not to forget the wonderful salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. Though the world does not look bleak and times are getting to be tough, we can always come to the altar and give thanks. There Christ comes to us to remind us of His death dies in our place and to give us what He won for us, that is, the blessed God who holds His cross ever before our eyes and freely gives His forgiveness. How can help but respond with thanksgiving?!

Sue Riggs  
Newsletter Editor



*At all times and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.  
Ephesians 5:20*

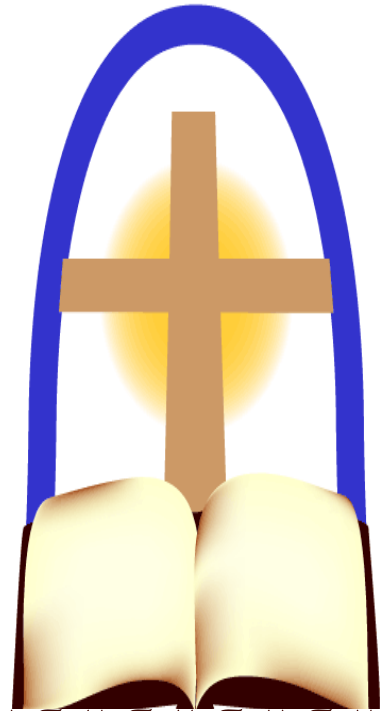
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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITES

SUNDAY:

9:00am - 10:00am	Contemporary Service
10:10am - 10:50am	Sunday School
11:00am - 12:00pm	Traditional Worship Service
11:00am - 12:00pm	Children's Church
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Youth Meeting

A nursery is provided for the 11:00am Worship service for children ages birth through three years old.



WEDNESDAY:

7:00pm	Adult Bible Study
7:00pm	Children's Ministry
7:00pm	Youth Meeting

THURSDAY:

10:00am	Bible Study
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UPCOMING EVENTS



**Nov. 1:** Daylight Savings Time Ends  
**Nov. 2:** 10:00am - Baptist Women's World Day Of Prayer



**Nov. 3:** 7:00pm - Council Meeting



**Nov. 6:** 7:00pm - Children Lock-in



**Nov. 8:** Honoring Veteran's Day & Individual items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due.



**Nov. 11:** Veteran's Day



**Nov. 12:** 6:30pm - WMU Meeting



**Nov. 15:** 10:30am - Homecoming (Covered dish immediately following) & Completed Operation Child Shoeboxes are due.



**Nov. 22:** 2:30pm - Autumn Care Nursing Home Visit



**Nov. 29:** 10:30am - Gospel Concert with the Silver Lake Band and special guests Dean Newkirk and Tony Fontana. (Covered dish immediately following)



\*On Wednesday nights the youth and brotherhood alternate each week to prepare a meal beginning at 6pm.

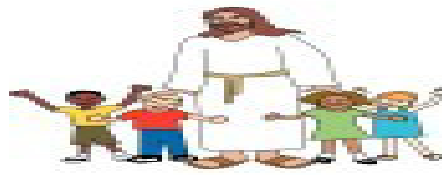
Plates are \$5 per person





**Nursery Schedule**

- Nov. 1:** Sue Sigmon  
Helen McClain
- Nov. 8:** Madelyn Hoffman  
Judy Proctor
- Nov. 15:** Brenda Hunt  
Natasha Johnson
- Nov. 22:** Margaret Piner  
Rachael Piner
- Nov. 29:** David Robeson  
Faye Solomon



**Children's Church Schedule**

- Nov. 1:** Helen McClain & Jenna - Cartrette
- Nov. 8:** Gayle Tipper, Carol Kennedy & Michelle Johnson
- Nov. 15:** Cancelled (Homecoming)
- Nov. 22:** Lee & Leandra Dewyea
- Nov. 29:** Cancelled ( Gospel Concert)

**HAPPY**

**VETERANS**

**DAY**



**CHILDREN'S LOCK-IN**

The "lock in" for Silver Lake KidStyle is Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> for children's ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Preschoolers will need to have a parent or guardian with them. Drop children off at 7:00 pm and pick up at 8:00 am Saturday morning. Bring sleeping bag or blanket and pillow, etc. We will need contact information for all parents in case of an emergency, so parents please come inside fellowship hall and "check in" your child for the sleepover or contact Gayle Tipper in advance. For more information contact Gayle Tipper at [kidstyle@silverlakebaptist.com](mailto:kidstyle@silverlakebaptist.com) or 910-508-9504.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

That one of our former pastors went to Zimbabwe to attend a pastor's conference?



- Nov. 1: Cliff Proctor
- Nov. 2: Gloria Robbins  
Myrtle Williamson
- Nov. 11: David Pardue  
Darlene Williams
- Nov. 13: Alexandria Williams
- Nov. 16: Royce Ivey
- Nov. 19: Gary Harootian
- Nov. 20: Natasha Johnson
- Nov. 21: Karen Roseman
- Nov. 24: Kathy Oxyer
- Nov. 30: Jacob Jackson

- Nov. 7: James and Jessie Britt
- Nov. 14: David and Gloria Robbins



We are always looking for teachers and helpers for Children's Church! If you would like to learn more about Silver Lake Kidstyle, please contact: Gayle Tipper at [gtipper@ec.rr.com](mailto:gtipper@ec.rr.com) or call 508-9504



**BROTHERHOOD**

To all men at Silver Lake Baptist Church. All interested in being involved in the Brotherhood, please call or email:

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## WMU NEWS

GROWING HOPE! The 2009 Baptist Children's Homes' Annual offering theme celebrates the glorious hope we have through Jesus Christ, and the cultivation of that hope evident in the lives of children and families we touch. It takes a committed partnership between Baptist Children's Homes and North Carolina Baptist Churches.

Together, we plant, nurture, and grow seeds of hope changing lives. Baptist Children's Homes has grown hope for 124 years. And during this time Christ has remained at the center of all that had been accomplished. Let's grow hope together... and to God be the glory. The Offering will continue through the month of November.

Another mission for the month of November is putting together a gift for each Seaman that visits the Seamen center at our State Port during the month of December. We ask your help by donating Travel size personal items such as Shaving Cream, Tooth Paste, Bar Soap, Work Socks. Combs, Tooth Brush, Shampoo, Work Gloves, Nail Clippers, Toboggans and Razors. If you have questions please call the Seamen's Center at 762-3792.

Our November' WMU meeting will be the 12th at 6:30 p m. We will be filling the shoe boxes with items you have generously provided. We invite all the ladies of the church to join us.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is Monday November 2, 2009. We will join our sister Churches at First Baptist Church Activity Center at 10 a m. The speaker is Cara Lynn Vogel from the WMU North Carolina Staff.

Free lunch is provided at 12:00. RSVP Eloise Roseman 791-1770.

We pray God's Blessings for you. Let us humble ourselves before almighty God and cry out to Him to heal our land. Only The Lord can transform this nation and others around the world. He has promised to do so when we ask according to His will and act in obedience to Him. Please plan to join us on November 2ND.



Eloise Roseman  
WMU Director

**DEACON'S CORNER**

Darrin Powers

## How to Weather Life's Storms

I have been hearing lately about how things just aren't like what they used to be. It's tougher now to make ends meet. Our young people face challenges today that were unheard of 20 to 30 years ago. Most households need two and in some cases three jobs just to survive. Fifty years ago the divorce rate was less than 10%, now it is well over 50%.

In this day of change and compromise people are slowly becoming aware that change for the sake of change is not always what we need or want. It is during the times when I start to get discouraged, that I realize that there is something out there that is constant. There is something that never changes, the Word of God. The first verse in the gospel of John says "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." I'm grateful and thankful that the promises that God made to us will never be broken, that they will never change because public opinion changes.

Hebrews 13:5 says "for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." That is one of the verses I think of when I get discouraged or when I get down. It reminds me that no matter how alone I feel I am, God has promised me that I am never alone. I am thankful that God's word is the same today as it was yesterday and it will be the same tomorrow. Remember this promise the next time you feel a little down or alone.

Amen

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DEAN NEWKIRK



A native of Watha, North Carolina, Dean Newkirk started piano lessons at a young age, soon after his family realized the gift of music that God had given him. Through time, music instruction and the support of many teachers, mentors, coaches as well as Dean’s family, God began to unfold His plan to use music and Dean to touch the lives of many.

Dean fulfilled one of his childhood goals upon moving to Nashville, TN in 2000 to pursue an education and career in recording. Upon completion of his Bachelor of Science in Recording Industry from Middle Tennessee State University, in 2002, Dean joined the staff at Provident, one of the leading Christian Music Companies, in Franklin, TN. Dean is currently Production Manager for Praise Hymn Soundtracks, the accompaniment track division of Provident Label Group. He serves part-time as Music Associate/Pianist/Arranger/Choir Director at Cross Way Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, where he has worked with senior pastor, Dr. Tony Long, for almost 10 years. Dean is also on third of the group, “Encounter”, a progressive Southern Gospel Trio. Encounter has been singing and traveling regionally, sharing the message of Christ for almost 9 years.

Dean has a deep admiration for Southern Gospel, Contemporary, and Black Gospel music and says that some his greatest influences have come from the music of the Gaither Vocal Band, David Phelps and Ivan Parker, among countless others. In his free time, Dean loves spending time with family and friends, cooking, arranging, producing, and recording music.

After singing and playing the piano for over 24 years, his background includes solo and group concerts, weddings, receptions, college and church choirs, ensembles, and leading worship for church congregations and civic groups in NC and TN and beyond.

It only takes a short time with Dean to know that music he sings comes from deep within his soul. He gives all honor and glory to God for continuing to pour music into his life, so that he, in turn, is able to pour that message into the lives of others.

Blessing To You All,  
Dean



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TONY FONTANA



I've known your pastor Lenier Furr for about 12 years. I served under him at Jordan's Chapel as his youth leader, lay person, and assistant pastor. You all are very blessed to have him as your pastor. God has truly gifted him. I count it a blessing to be associated with him. I am pastor at Calvary Chapel Community Church in Watha, N.C. and have been for about 6 years. I love serving the Lord in any capacity He will allow me. I have 7 children, 2 at home the others in various occupations around this great country. One is serving in the Air Force in England for 4 years. One is serving at the Great Lakes in the Coast Guard. Both have served in Iraq. I have 4 grandchildren that always give me great joy. Many great friends and an awesome church family of which I consider Silver Lake as my extended family in Christ as I consider Lenier as my pastor. I look forward to being a small part of the 5th Sunday celebration and pray God's blessing upon all who attend. It's an honor.

In Christ,  
Tony Fontana





## Veterans Day

Representing the red white and blue  
The colors of our flag stand out proud and true.  
The white stars on blue background with red and white stripes  
Remind me of these veterans, who all risked their lives.  
Just so the people of the U.S. could all live in peace and be free  
These are the heroes that represent you and me.  
They stood up strongly, united as one,  
And kept up the fighting until they were done.  
And although some have fallen, and lost their lives in war,  
We pray for each one of them.  
And now that their souls live on forever more,  
Above in God's hands.  
They watch over our nation,  
And give us strength to triumph over others with strong anticipation.  
So every year, when this day comes by,  
Think of all the veterans that while fighting, had to die.  
And remember that they were people  
With fire and passion embedded inside.  
They die for this country,  
So remember and honor them with pride.





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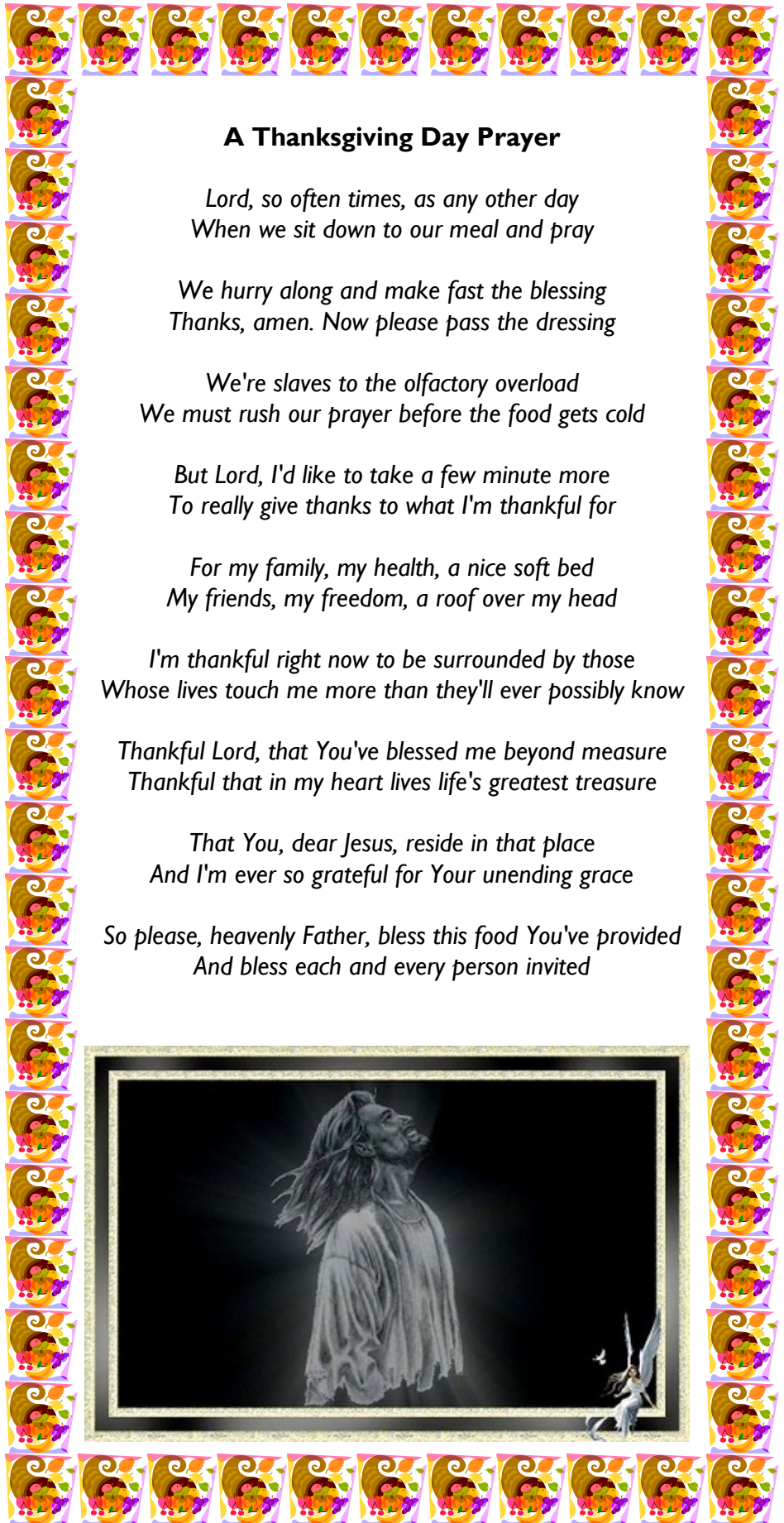
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Www.Silverlakebaptist.com



Hope all of you have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

See you next month,  
God Bless  
Sue Riggs



**A Thanksgiving Day Prayer**

*Lord, so often times, as any other day  
When we sit down to our meal and pray*

*We hurry along and make fast the blessing  
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing*

*We're slaves to the olfactory overload  
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold*

*But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute more  
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for*

*For my family, my health, a nice soft bed  
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head*

*I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those  
Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know*

*Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure  
Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure*

*That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place  
And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace*

*So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided  
And bless each and every person invited*

