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**MISSION STATEMENT: WE DESIRE TO HONOR GOD
BY LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOMING FULLY DEVOTED
FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.**

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Don't know if you are familiar with the name Will Rogers? I got to know of him especially because of my years pastoring in the great state of Oklahoma. Will Rogers is a part of Oklahoma's rich heritage of characters and "stand-outs" from that state. He was an American stage and film actor, [vaudeville](#) performer, [cowboy](#), humorist, newspaper columnist, and social and political commentator from [Oklahoma](#)... and quite a character by all rights. He was born in November of 1879 in the [Cherokee Nation](#), [Indian Territory](#) in Oklahoma. Known as "Oklahoma's Favorite Son," Will Rogers was born into a [Cherokee](#) family. As an entertainer and humorist, he traveled around the world three times, made 71 films (50 [silent films](#) and 21 "talking picture shows" as they were called), and he wrote more than 4,000 [nationally syndicated](#) newspaper columns. He was widely quoted for his folksy and whimsical statements that seemed to strike a cord with most everyone. By the mid-1930s, Will Rogers had become hugely popular in the United States because of his political humor, and he had become the highest paid [Hollywood film](#) star of his day. He died in 1935 with aviator [Wiley Post](#) when their small airplane crashed in northern Alaska.

One of his most famous quotes, often repeated, had to do with being thankful. It seems that even in his day there were many who took much for granted, failed to give thanks for what they did have no matter how little it seemed to them, and perhaps were often looking for something for nothing as if they were owed it. Will Rogers said this, *"Thanksgiving Day... in the days of its founders they were willing to give thanks for mighty little, for mighty little was all they expected. But now neither government or nature can give enough but what we think it's too little. Those old boys in the Fall of the year, if they could gather in a few pumpkins, potatoes and some corn for the winter, they was in a thanking mood. But if we can't gather in a new Buick, a new radio, a tuxedo and some government relief, why we feel like the world is agin' us."* Will Rogers wrote that statement in his syndicated column in November of 1934. The nation was still in the throes of the great depression, and life in the U.S. was difficult at best. We think today we have had it pretty rough... during that time not only was the country experiencing severe economic depression, but there was the "dust-bowl" going one, homelessness was of epic proportions, they were just emerging from their own pandemic that had killed more than twice the numbers we have experienced from COVID and with a much higher death rate, and they were about to head into a major world war. Scary times! People may have been wondering what did they possibly have to be thankful for in all of the bad that was going on. Some today may have the same thoughts. What is there to be thankful for? With so much bad, where is the good? And as Will Rogers seemed to imply, "We aren't much in a thanking mood because of it!" But I like his statement, "...they were willing to give thanks for mighty little, for mighty little was all they expected." I'm reminded of another statement... more of a response I hear from time to time when inquiring how someone is doing! I'll say, "How are you?" And they will respond, "Better than I deserve!" You get the sentiment? Right? What they are saying is that life may not be perfect, and things may be tough, but God in His grace is good and has blessed beyond measure. I think that's true really!

The Apostle Paul, himself, must have felt the same. He is so often saying things like, *"In everything give thanks..."* in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, and *"Give thanks always for all things..."* in Ephesians 5:20. This from one who was experiencing some things in his life that would be mighty hard to give thanks for... beatings, mockings, imprisonments, severe persecution, sicknesses, many griefs in the loss of brothers and sisters killed for the faith in his day. I don't know about you, but I feel like we really have nothing to complain, bemoan or gripe about... not really. And I don't say that to minimize what you personally may be going through, but simply to say that we have much... much to be thankful for and let me fully quote Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." It's His will! I want to be more like those of Will Rogers day that he spoke of, *"Those old boys in the Fall of the year, if they could gather in a few pumpkins, potatoes and some corn for the winter, they was in a thanking mood."* It shouldn't take much for us to give thanks. God is so good!

God bless you and Happy Thanksgiving! Bro. Buddy

YOUTH NEWS – RE-MIND+

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

– Joshua 1:9 ESV.

Well spooky season has just ended. That's right, every year when the weather gets cozy and the colors get warmer we do our annual tradition to disrupt this blissful pumpkin filled relaxing time by scaring each half to death. Being the fan of candy that I am I actually don't have a problem with the holiday like it may come across in this article. Nevertheless, by the time you're reading this the day has past and it is on to more merry things.

However, given the day in which we live it feels like spooky season has been going on for a while. It is easy to be swept up in today’s time with many scary things that are hard to wrap your head around. Spooky doesn’t really do it justice; anxiety is at an all-time high and the long terms of it can have drastic consequences on our mental health.

It is in this transitional time of the calendar that I offer this simple reminder that the Lord offered to Joshua when he just took over the role of leadership of God’s people. You’re not alone, every morning the mercies are new because if you are in Christ, then He is with you. Be strong, be courageous, there is nothing going on in this world that is too big for your God. As we enter this time of thanksgiving and this time of advent, now more than ever should our hearts be so worshipful that Jesus came. For, now more than in any time in my life has it been clearer that this world needs a Savior and it has one. So goodbye spooky season. I am thankful for your candy but I’m about to celebrate something a whole lot sweeter, the coming of my King.

MUSIC NOTES

Happy November everyone. Where has this year gone? I am very happy to say that the choir is continuing to work very hard on our Christmas presentation called ***“Take Me Back to Bethlehem”***. We have enjoyed having many of our choir members back with us as well as welcoming some new faces. Mark your calendar for *Sunday, December 19th* for our Christmas musical.

WMU NEWS

Operation Christmas Child has begun. The boxes are in the hall, with instructions for filling them. We are planning a packing party for November 14th at 4:00 p.m. All our filled boxes must be at the Church by November 14th. We will have a food drive for the Methodist Church Food Pantry beginning November 7th.

For the Mary Hill Davis and Reach Texas State Mission offering this year our goal was \$3000.00. Our generous congregation contributed a total of \$4,425.00. God is good. Our next Mission event will be the Lottie Moon offering from November thru December. Our goal is \$3,500.00.

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Fall Fun!!! We had a great time celebrating our fall season. Our SS children and our AWANA children enjoyed games, snacks & Bible time. What a fun time!!!!
In November our AWANA children will have a competition between the boys & girls to see who can bring the most canned goods for the food pantry at the Buda Methodist Church. The winner is served the Christmas snacks in December. Stay tune for the winner!!
Continue to pray for our children’s programs and our teachers. God has blessed us with loving and dedicated leaders.
Thank you church for your support!!! **Children’s Ministry Team**

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

Nov. 2	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
Nov. 3	Mid-Week Services, (<i>Adult Prayer & Bible Study, AWANAS, Youth</i>), 6:00 PM
Nov. 4	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
Nov. 7	Fall Food Drive (local) thru mid-December
Nov. 9	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
Nov. 11	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
Nov. 14	OCC Packing Party, 4:00 PM
Nov. 16	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
Nov. 18	Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM
Nov. 22	Hanging of the Greens work day, 9:00 AM
Nov. 23	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM
Nov. 24	No Wednesday Services
Nov. 25	Church office closed for Thanksgiving
Nov. 28	Hanging of the Greens service, 10:45 AM
Nov. 30	Precept Bible Study, 1:00 PM

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