

A Message from Pastor Bob
Sunday November 22, 2009

Good morning and welcome to Abundant Life. We are glad that you chose to worship with us. If this is your first time at Abundant Life we would like to ask you to complete the guest card in the information packet you received and place it in the offering plate or leave it at the Information Center in the church lobby as you leave today. Thank you in advance!

Today as we *Celebrate God's Faithfulness*, there is truly so much to be thankful for. Often we get so wrapped up in the circumstances of life that we miss the blessings of God. I often remember the old hymn, *Count Your Blessings*, read the words here:

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear? Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly, and you will keep singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold, Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold; Count your many blessings. Wealth can never buy your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict whether great or small, Do not be disheartened, God is over all; Count your many blessings, angels will attend, Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

(Chorus) Count your blessings, name them one by one, Count your blessings, see what God hath done! Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

How are you doing these days? Has the punch been taken out of your life? Do you feel like you are being tossed around by the circumstances of life? Are you feeling like all is lost? Then take this challenge – take out paper and pen and begin writing your blessings – everyone of them...life, health, salvation, family, a roof over your head, food to eat, freedom to worship and serve God, church family...you get the idea. Start thanking God for the blessings in your life and life's circumstances and challenges begin to fade into the background! Celebrate God's faithfulness in your life this Thanksgiving and see the great things He has done!

Blessings,
Pastor Bob

HARVEST OFFERING – TODAY we will be receiving a special *Harvest Offering*. The offering is for the church building fund. We have an approximate debt remaining on our sanctuary remodeling project of \$2,300 and there is a major need to increase our ministry space for children and youth. TODAY we will receive a second offering and all of it will be designated for the Harvest Offering to eliminate the remaining debt and to help fund the renovations needed in our youth and children ministry areas. Thank you in advance for giving and may God bless all of us abundantly!!!

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Wednesday Night Connection!

NO MID WEEK SERVICE THIS WEEK DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!!!

A.L.O.F.T. Reminders

Cookie Exchange will be December 1st at Malou Nicklow's home at 6:30pm. We can meet at the church and carpool. Make your favorite holiday cookies to share (homemade only please!). Our gift exchange will be with picture frames no more than \$15. Add a Prayer, Scripture or Word of Encouragement that is just from you to a fellow Sister in Christ! You will be just as blessed as the woman receiving your frame!

PRAYER REQUESTS / NEEDS

- Madison – 9 year old cousin of Shannon Covington, cancer
- Jenny – Shannon Covington's aunt – cancer
- Remember those in our church and community who have lost jobs and those who are struggling financially

***CHURCH WORK DAY* – Saturday, December 5, 8:00am – until**

The work day will consist of mainly yard clean-up and general cleaning and maintenance projects in preparation for the winter months. There is lots to be done and plenty for everyone to help with.

Community Service Coupon Books

We have Community Service Coupon Books for sale for \$20 each, \$10 will go toward the building project. Take a few to sale and buy one for yourself! The books provide great discounts for dining and more.

Upcoming Events

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| Nov 25 - | NO MIDWEEK SERVICE – HAPPY THANKSGIVING! |
| Nov 29 - | 1 st Sunday of Advent |
| Nov 29 - | Guest Speaker, Rev. Virgil Lemings |
| Dec 1 - | A.L.O.F.T. Ladies Ministry – 6:30pm |
| Dec 5 - | Church Workday – 8am |
| Dec 16 - | Church Council Meeting |
| Dec 18 - | Church Christmas Party/Fellowship & Caroling |
| Dec 20 - | Children's Christmas Program – 10:30am |
| Dec 23 - | NO MIDWEEK SERVICE |
| Dec 24 - | Christmas Eve Services |
| Dec 25 - | Merry Christmas |
| Dec 30 - | NO MIDWEEK SERVICE |
| Dec 31 - | New Year's Celebration/Fellowship |