

# gratitude

*“Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance.” Eckhart Tolle*

The next time you're in a restaurant, pay attention to whether the server brings you a glass of water. It used to be that it was standard. You sat down, you got a glass of water and the server would ask you if you'd like something else to drink. In more formal restaurants you will probably still see two glasses of water on the table, one for water and one for something else however, in most restaurants it seems to be a case of either water or something else. There are so many other choices on the menu. We can have a soft drink, lemonade, tea, coffee or a plethora of many other ways to satisfy our thirst. But we know that nothing is quite as good for us as pure water. Water helps to maintain peace in our bodies functions and it makes sure that all the essential nutrients get to where they are supposed to go. That's why doctors tell us to drink so much of it every day.

Sometimes we look at the glass and think, nothing special is about that. Sometimes a plain glass of water just looks ordinary. We begin to think about how much we'd like to have something else. Something else that looks really good and tasty.

We can keep our eyes on things that look good and tasty on the outside. We can try to satisfy our thirst with all the coffee, soft drinks, kool-aid, or even cocktails but all the while, something deep within us is still crying out for the real deal...good, pure water. This doesn't just apply to what we drink, sometimes we can get thirsty in our souls too. We begin to wonder if there's more to it, we see our lives as plain an ordinary, and we ask if it can ever be possible to be completely filled.

What are we missing? Maybe we are missing the spirit of gratitude. Our desire for something different overrides our appreciation for what we already have...the life and relationships that God has given to us are things to be cherished and valued. As we move throughout this month, let us focus on filling up our glasses (and jars) with good stuff! Let us see beauty in the ordinary.

Author Max Lucado say's this about gratitude; *“Gratitude gets us through the hard stuff. To reflect on your blessings is to rehearse God's accomplishments. To rehearse God's accomplishments is to discover his heart. To discover his heart is to discover not just good*

*gifts but the Good Giver. Gratitude always leaves us looking at God and away from dread. It does to anxiety what the morning sun does to valley mist. It burns it up.”*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, each and every day, and let us raise our glasses in celebration and gratitude... Cheers for the ordinary!

See You on Sunday!


Pastor Amy



*"The simple act of practicing gratitude, consistently, is your invitation to a new life. Accepting the invitation is now up to you."*

Remember to fill your gratitude jars daily and bring them with you on Thanksgiving Sunday Nov. 20

REJOICE EVERMORE. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING. IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS: FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU.  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

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| <p><b>Advent Bible Study</b><br/><b>"The Wonder Of Christmas"</b><br/><b>Beginning Wednesday</b><br/><b>Nov. 30</b></p> |  |
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**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

**This group meets every Tuesday at 10 A.M. They are studying of the book of Romans. Everyone is welcome to join us anytime. Come grow with us!**

**DECEMBER DATES TO SAVE**

**Blue Christmas Service Sunday**  
Dec 18 @ 4:00 PM

**Christmas Eve Service Dec**  
24th @ 5:00 PM

You are welcome to come early on Sunday mornings to Finley Hall between Sunday School and Worship. Coffee, juice and snacks are served with a chance to chat and visit with others between 9:15 and 10:30. We also welcome any snacks brought by others or if you would rather contribute cash to help buy snacks and juice, a basket will be in the table for that purpose. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings.

Jan Hunt - Hospitality Committee



**3D is in full swing!**

**3D on Wednesdays.**

**Join us for DINNERS, DISCIPLESHIP, at DAWSON!!**  
Dinner will be served at 5:30, Intergenerational worship at 6:00, then small group studies for Children and Adults from 6:15-7:00pm. Come and see how fun and meaningful church can be!



**CROSS WALK**

CrossWalk is open to all youth in grades 6-12  
Please consider joining us as we fellowship and study.  
We are doing some really fun things.  
Ask Pastor Amy for more details.

## Pancake Breakfast

Nov 19th from 8 - 10 AM

(There will be no Pancake breakfast in December.)



**Remember ..** as you pull out all of your Christmas decorations to bring any unwanted or unneeded items to the church for the Jingle Bell Sale on Dec 3rd. You can start to bring them in the week before Thanksgiving. Plus please consider helping out at the sale on this fun filled day. Check with Sheryl for all of the details



IN EVERYTHING *Give Thanks*  
1 Thms. 5:18

## WELCOMING WELL

There are many very important things that we do as a church, but one of the most important things we must do is welcome well. How we greet and meet our friends, family, and neighbors are paramount parts of hospitality. Your help is needed to be a part of our hospitality team of greeters and ushers...if you have a smile, you are qualified! Jan Hunt and Pastor Amy invite and warmly welcome you come be a part of our hospitality team so we can welcome well, together!

Pastor Amy

## FULL COLOR Newsletter

Would you like to see a full color, interactive version of this newsletter?  
It is available on our website.

Go to [http://www.dawsonumc.org/class\\_index.cfm](http://www.dawsonumc.org/class_index.cfm)

There is a PDF archive of all of our newsletters from July of 2014. Plus, the monthly calendar is posted there and upcoming special events.

To get the full version of the website you will need to sign up as a member but it is very simple and private and you get access to all of the content about your home church. If you have any questions Shirley Dieker can help guide you thru the process

## SING WITH THE CHOIR

Join us every Wednesday at 7 PM after 3D as we prepare fun and wonderful music for the Thanksgiving, Advent & Christmas seasons.

Contact Russell for more information



We are so excited to begin our partnership and serve as a support church with Crosswinds Community Church in Derby.

Here is a "wish list" for items needed to stock the linen closet and necessity shelves:

- 8-twin sheet set, 8-twin blanket, 2-towel set,
- 2-bathroom baskets(containing lotion, toiletries, soap, baby shampoo),
- 3-alarm clocks, 3-sandwich bags, 3-crib mattress sheets.

Remember in providing items they can be gently used from your home or from a second hand store. Items may be brought to the church anytime during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

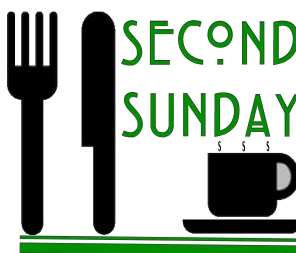
For more information contact Pastor Amy, Dulcie Guinty or Mary Lou Dawley.

**THANK YOU**  
 THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO  
 CAME OUT AND HELPED OUT  
 AT TRUNK OR TREAT. IT  
 WAS A TON OF FUN AND  
 ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL  
 COMMUNITY EVENT.



The November Change 4 Change offering will go to our neighborhood Christmas family.

Additionally, we are still collecting White socks, underwear and "teen" deodorant for the students of Anderson School.



Sunday Nov. 13 - Second Sunday Potluck Dinner and a Movie "Joe's Place". Join us for food, fun, discussion and fellowship

**Tuesday  
 Nov. 8th  
 6:30 PM**



**A Note of Thanks**

Many thanks to all of you for your prayers and sympathy at the loss of my brother Gary Botkin. I am blessed by my Church Family. Dulcie

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