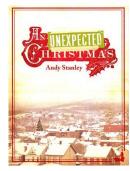
THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...

Hello everyone! I don't know about you, but I am still full after eating all that food over Thanksgiving. Wow! I love Thanksgiving! With Thanksgiving comes: family gathering together; catching up on every detail of each person's life; and of course, taking time to count our blessings. I hope you took time to at least make a mental list of God's goodness.



Yet now we enter into the Christmas season where we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Thank God for His birth! I know it's easy to lose track of the real significance of the holiday so I am offering a 5 week film study entitled: "An Unexpected Christmas." The class will be held in the fellowship hall. If you do not have a Sunday School class, feel free to join mine in December.

The series is presented by Author and Minister Andy Stanley. Each week he will reveal people who we will say our "real characters," if you know what I mean that are part of Jesus' lineage. Shake any family tree and you never know what kind of people might fall out. Let's face it; we all have an uncle or cousin we whisper about behind closed doors. We all have a relative or two we try to avoid at family gatherings. No surprise there. But here's something you may not know. Jesus had a few shady characters in his family as well. Actually, he had some relatives that make your most wayward cousin look like a saint.

In this 5-part series, Andy introduces us to a few of these colorful characters and the role they play in the Christmas story. I hope you will join me.

As a reminder, our scheduled Wednesday Bible study nights will be offered December 2, 9, and 16th.

In His Service, Brad

MAYWOOD MISSION FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

For many years we have collected food to give to Maywood Mission to help meet the needs of the hungry in our area. Over the course of this year we have noticed two things happening with our donations and with the current level of need surrounding the church. Donations of food have decreased over the course of this year; while the needs of some of the surrounding neighborhood have increased. Due to this we have decided to establish our own small pantry. This enables us to meet the needs of the surrounding people more quickly than was previously available. Additionally, we are able to discontinue providing gas cards as a means of giving aid and food. At one time we used to buy ALDI gift certificates to meet these needs but even there, the money can be used to buy items other than food. We feel this change will enable us to better serve the community while at the same time being better stewards of our benevolence money. In the future, donations can continue to be dropped off next to the stairs as you have done in the past. Any questions about this change can be directed to Patrick Wersell. Thank you all for your continued support of the hungry and the downtrodden in our local community.

November 22, 2015					
Sunday School	68				
Morning Worship	133				
Evening Worship	25				
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,686.00				
Budget Received	\$ 4,398.20				
Roof Fund	\$ 70.00				
Roof Fund (received to date)	\$ 6,815.00				
Love Offering-Thanksgiving Dinner	\$ 391.00				
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,075.00				

SERVING	SCH	ED	ULE N	love	ember 29, 2015	
At the Tab	le	Fred Griffith and Bob Neff				
Serving	•	Dale Rose, Bill Kelly, Ron Enlow, Carmel Marsh				
PM Deaco	n				Dale Rose	
COMMUN	ION		Mik	ke ar	nd Tina Milbaugh	
GREETER	RS			Dan a	and Janet Brown	
NURSERY	<u> </u>					
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Worship					Marie Huffman	
VISITOR (CENTE	R			Sue Tingler	
SUNDAY S	CHOOL	HEL	PER		Shirley Alexander	
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SECURIT	Y					
Sunday So	chool/ \	Nors	ship		Jeff Crook	
Evening W			•		Ray Coats	

	SERVING SCHEDULE December 6, 2015							
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	COMMUN	IION		Dan and Janet Brown				
	GREETER	RS	Ray a	and Mary Alice Coats				
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	Sunday S	chool		Brenda Hines				
	Worship			Jo George				
	VISITOR	CENTE	Janet Brown					
1	SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER			Ruth Enlow				
	CHILDREN'S CHURCH			Kim Seevers				
				Angie Music				
	SECURIT	Υ						
]	Sunday S	chool/	Worship	Bob Hawkes				
	Evening Worship			Mike Weaver				



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Greeter and Visitor Center Schedules

2016 Greeter and Visitor Center schedules will be sent out soon. If you would like to assist in one of these ministries. please make a note on vour Silent Roll Call Card. or call the church office at 654-0626.

Sunday School Classes for All Ages All classes are at 8:45 a.m.

Upper Elementary Class

(4th–6th Grade)

"Jesus. Our Example"

Room 106

Larry King, Teacher

Ladies' Class "Unglued"

Room 209

Jean Azbell, Teacher

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(Birth through 3 years old) "Jesus Loves Me" Room 102

Preschool

(Ages 3-6) "Bible Friends" Room 105 Marie Huffman, Teacher

Early Elementary

(K– 3rd Grade) "Jesus, Our Example" Room 101

Deborah Will. Teacher

Adult Class

Room 214 Brad Seevers, Teacher

Harmony Adult Class

"Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings" International Sunday School Lessons Room 204 Dave Tingler, Teacher

Philothean Adult Class

"Parables" Room 208 Jim Love, Teacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 30th Book Nook, 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 2nd Bible Study, 6:15pm

Saturday, December 5th Ladies Christmas Tea

Wednesday, December 9th Bible Study, 6:15pm

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve Service, 6:15pm All schedules for 2016 that are published in The Messenger must be turned in to the church office by Sunday, December 13th.

A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, December 6, 2015 following morning worship hour to elect officers and approve the budget for 2016.

PROPOSED OFFICERS FOR 2016

Elder (2 years)

Patrick Wersell Ned Tomlinson

Deacon (2 years) Ron Enlow

> Tim Huffman **Bob Neff**

Trustee (2 years)

Treasurer (1 year)

Don Gardner Tim Huffman David Riggenbach

Penny Hawkes

Assistant Treasurer (1 year)

Nancye Rose

Financial Secretary (1 year)

Marg Shumaker

Sunday School Superintendent (1 year)

Jean Azbell

Beverly Puckett

Assistant Sunday School Superintendent (1 year)

Missions Secretary/Treasurer Patrick Wersell

WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE!

At FACC, we focus on loving God, loving people, and turning the world upside down.

We are happy you chose to worship with us today. We hope you return next week and bring your friends with you. If you would please take a few minutes to fill out a "Silent Roll Call Card", located on the back of the pew, you can then place it in the offering plate as it is passed. Thank you. For more information about our great church, contact our minister, Brad Seevers at 5thavecofc@gmail.com. Have a great week and may God bless your life.

Core Values...

Values central to the life, mission and vision of Fifth Avenue Church of Christ are:

Christ-Centered Worship

We make it a priority every Sunday to celebrate Jesus through our music. (Romans 11:36-12:1-2). We focus on Jesus through grace-based preaching and teaching & understand the Bible is our authority (2 Timothy 3:16).

Church Health and Biblical Balance

Church health becomes reality when God's people seek harmony & live consistently. We expect every member to protect the unity of Christ's Church. (Romans 12:16; 1 Peter 3:8)

Global Evangelism

We are constant to our founding call to worldwide evangelism, proclaiming to all that Jesus Christ is the Savior, Healer, and Soon-Coming King (Acts 20:27).

Fellowship and Ministry

After people begin their journey with Jesus, we will equip them to find a ministry based upon their strengths. We want everyone to serve in some capacity. (1 Corinthians 12:12-27) We also want His church to be the living evidence of His love and power to the world.

Discipleship

We do not want you to "get religion" here at Fifth Avenue Church of Christ in Lancaster. We are all about teaching you that Jesus seeks a daily relationship with Him through a life of obedience. In other words, we want to see the things you are taught actually change your lifestyle & your daily decisions.

Social Conscience

We place high value on the sanctity of human life, of Biblical marriage and morality, and we welcome ethnic diversity (Isaiah 56:7; Philippians 2:15-16).

"The Blessings"	
Romans 5:1-11	1
Brad Seevers preaching	

How Can I Respond Today?

At FACC we look to the Bible for guidance on all issues. We believe that God's Word is clear concerning what a person must do to become a Christian.

- ♦ Trust that Jesus can bring you to salvation.
- ◆ Turn (repent) from the sin in your life.
- Confess your desire to make Jesus the Lord of your life.
- ◆ Be baptized (immersed) in water for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the Holy Spirit into your life.

To make this *life decision for Christ*, we ask that you *come forward during our commitment song* at the conclusion of the Sunday message. *Baptized believers are welcome to become members* at FACC by coming forward on Sunday morning or by seeing our Senior Minister to discuss this further. We ask that you *complete a series of Curious classes* to help you better understand what you are committing to as a member. If you would like to take a *Curious* class, please indicate this on your Silent Roll Call Card.

OUR PURPOSE:

WE EXIST TO: Exalt God's Greatness; Evangelize God's Work, Equip God's People. Express God's Love through Jesus Christ

OUR MISSION: "To Love God and Love People!"

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Bonnie and Larry Blosser, 405 Lenwood Dr., Lancaster, were baptized at the end of morning worship on Sunday, November 22nd. Welcome to the family of God!

LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA

December 5th at 1:00pm.

Theme "Around the Christmas Tree."

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in the parlor.

Today is the last day to purchase tickets.

Menu:

Seasonal Salad Bar with Greens, toppings, and dressings
Butternut Squash Bisque
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Holiday Sandwich Station:
Carved Turkey and Ham
Muenster and Cheddar Cheese
Mayo, Cranberry Aioli, and Whole Grain Mustard
Greens
Soft Rolls

All ladies are asked to bring a plate of cookies for a cookie exchange.

Brad Seevers, Senior Minister Email: 5thavecofc@gmail.com

Sunday Services: Bible School 8:45 a.m.; Worship 10:00 a.m.; Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.