



# THE SHEPHERD'S LYRE

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## Friday Devotional—A Thankful Heart

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I've had a few people express to me recently their desire to feel closer to God. I believe most people long for a closer and more intimate relationship with Christ from time to time. I know I do. The question is, how can we make this happen? How can we feel closer to God? Well, I believe Scripture points to a thankful heart:

1 Chronicles 16:34 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Psalms 100:4-5 says, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

Why do we want to be thankful?

- A thankful heart takes our eyes off ourselves.
- A thankful heart helps us recognize all that we actually have.
- A thankful heart reminds us that God is the source of all that is good.
- A thankful heart is a grateful heart.
- A thankful heart helps us pray.
- A thankful heart reminds us that we're not in control.
- A thankful heart draws us closer to Him.

What a great time of the year to remember thankfulness. May we each press into Him with a thankful heart this Thanksgiving season. We have a lot to be thankful for.



## Advent Season

We are hoping, praying, and planning for a normal Advent Season this year. We will start by gathering on **Saturday, November 27th at 9:00 AM** to get the sanctuary ready for our Hanging of the Greens Worship Service on Sunday, **November 28th**, the first Sunday of Advent.

All volunteers will be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Judy Ward,  
Worship Chair



## Turkey Time!

It is once again that time of year when the Bethany Food Pantry provides Thanksgiving dinners for several of its members. We are one of several churches that help contribute to this event. Other churches provide desserts, vegetables, bread, stuffing, and the other sides that go with the dinner. We have again agreed to provide 110 turkeys for the families. If you would like to help then please send your donation to the church with a note that its for the turkeys.

We have arranged with HEB to buy the turkeys and will pick up and deliver them to the pantry **TOMORROW, Saturday, November 20th.**

Pick up and delivery usually takes 2-3 hours early in the morning. Also, anyone who wants to come and help put food into the boxes together to deliver to the families is more than welcome to join us!

If you have any questions please give me a holler.

Thanks again for your help and support!

~Mark Jones

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## Christmas Poinsettias

Hello SHCC family! We wanted to let you know we will be doing Christmas poinsettias a little different this year. Unfortunately, Down Home Ranch, who we normally purchase from, told us there would not be enough poinsettias this Christmas to supply to everyone who has ordered in the past.

So this year we are requesting donations be made toward purchasing poinsettias in the same way we donate for turkeys or hams. We're going to forego listing them in memory or honor of someone but they will be *such* a blessing for everyone in adding festiveness to our sanctuary this Advent season.

We need your donations before November 24th. You can mail them to the church office or leave them in the offering plates. Checks should indicate POINSETTIAS and any donation amount will be accepted.

Thank you in advance and thank you, Sandy Combs, for making sure our sanctuary looks beautiful once again this year!



# Adult Zoom Bible Study Announcement

This Sunday there will be no Zoom Adult Bible Study this Sunday. There will still be one in person however. We will resume our Zoom Bible Study the following week.

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, November 21

- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study  
Sunday School Children's  
Classes (In-person only)
- 9:45 AM SHCC Choir Practice
- 10:40 AM **Online and In-Person  
Worship Service**
- 12:00 PM **Cabinet Meeting**

### Tuesday, November 23

- 9:00 AM Zoom ORG Meeting

### Wednesday, November 24

No Women's Bible Study

### Thursday and Friday, November 25-26

Happy Thanksgiving -  
Office Closed

### Sunday, November 28 -

#### Hanging of the Greens Service

- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study  
Sunday School Children's  
Classes
- 9:45 AM SHCC Choir Practice
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## Opportunities for Fellowship and Growth



- ◆ The **ORG (Old Retired Guys)** group will be meeting virtually on Zoom at 9:00 AM on Tuesdays.
- ◆ If you have questions about the **Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir**, please contact Michael Follis at [FollisMichael.shcc@gmail.com](mailto:FollisMichael.shcc@gmail.com) for further details.
- ◆ The **Book Club** will meet on Monday evening, December 13th, for a celebration of the Christmas season with a party in the home of Doug and Dawnetta Hodge. We will discuss our readings during the past year, share finger food and have a gift exchange of books from our personal collections. More information will be provided later, but we invite you to plan on joining us for this special evening of literary fellowship. Since there is not a specific reading selection this month, you are encouraged to find a new book with a Christmas theme or to read one of the Christmas classics.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rachel Anaway	November 19
Jennifer Carroll	November 19
Judi Proctor	November 19
Vincent Austin	November 20
Sharon Hobbs	November 21
Bob May	November 23
Jonah Borjes-Callison	November 24

Pat and Billy Tumlinson	November 23
Georgiana and Danny Davila	November 26



Please contact Christina in the office ([shccaustin@gmail.com](mailto:shccaustin@gmail.com)) to ensure your birthday and anniversary are on our lists!

## Stewardship Letter

To the Members of Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church:

Despite unprecedented events, the work at Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church continues. Through your giving, we have continued to serve our community. However, our income from the collection plate and use of the building is considerably less than expected. This requires us to use more funds held in reserve than we anticipated. So, it is important that you continue to fulfill your commitment in 2021. If you are able, consider providing extra funding this year, in 2021. Here are some examples of the costs of certain expenses:

New administrative laptop, software, and installation fees	\$1,000
IT and sound technician	\$2,400 (per year)
Pianist	\$8,000 (per year)
New microwave	\$300
Baptismal robes (x5)	\$500

Now is also the time to consider our giving for 2022. Throughout the years, we have been blessed by givers, like you, who understand the importance of supporting our Church and its mission. Without your financial support our work cannot be accomplished. Providing strong financial support in 2022 will help us avoid tough financial choices next year.

You will be receiving a self-addressed envelope and pledge card in the mail in the near future and we will need them back by December 5, 2021 or you may place it in the collection plate. You can also make your pledge by email to [rnashesq@yahoo.com](mailto:rnashesq@yahoo.com). If you have any questions about our budget or the Stewardship campaign, please contact me at (512) 217-9225.

May God bless you and your family!



Russell Nash  
Stewardship Committee Chairman