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Pastor's Corner

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A few of my favorites quotes from AW Tozer:

We must repudiate this great, modern wave of seeking God for his benefits. The sovereign God wants to be loved for himself and honored for himself, but that is only part of what he wants. The other part is that he wants us to know that when we have him, we have everything—we have all the rest.

Before we can be filled with the Spirit, the desire to be filled must be all-consuming. It must be for the time the biggest thing in the

life, so acute, so intrusive as to crowd out everything else. The degree of fullness in any life accords perfectly with the intensity of true desire. We have as much of God as we actually want.



Pastor Phil and Naomi Waldo

I want deliberately to encourage this mighty longing after God. The lack of it has brought us to our present low es-

tate. The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of holy desire. Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted. Too bad that with many of us He waits so long, so very long, in vain.

We are called to an everlasting preoccupation with God.



give thanks

Testimony of Thanksgiving

*Enter his gates
with thanksgiving;
go into his
courts with praise.
Give thanks to
him and praise his
name.
For the LORD is
good.
His unfailing
love continues
forever,
and his
faithfulness
continues to each
generation.
Psalm 100:4-5*

I'm thankful for a lot of things! But the main thing I'm thankful for this year is that God gave me a chance to live again...and He did that twice. I'm thankful that as sickness (and the enemy) attacked, He healed me, saved me, and gave my life back to me twice so that I can continue to live here for Him! I look forward to the day that I do get to go home to Heaven, but that seems too soon for me...so I'm so thankful that I didn't die either time back in March! Thank you Father!
Joe Russell

My family's health and happiness!!!
Melissa Elsberry

I am thankful for God's love, my wonderful and supportive church family, my family, and friends, and my great job.
Janelle Keffer

I am thankful for God's provision and God's helpful and willing people.
Kim Desher

I am thankful for living in the United States of America- that we can have God with us at all times and are able to talk about him and nobody will kill us for it. And I am glad I have Jamie. Dorothy Phipps

I am thankful that I only have to die once.
Stan Simmons

I am thankful that, because of God's grace, I have peace and eternal life with him through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is wonderful to have his presence in my life.

I am thankful that he shields me from harm day after day and allows me to live in peace and security.

I am thankful for the faithfulness of the body of Christ, my family and friends.

I am thankful that he continues to grant grace and mercy to our beloved United States of America in spite of our sins against him, with no

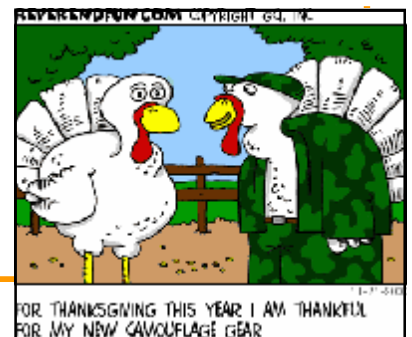
further terror attacks since 9/11/01.

I am thankful for our troops and their families who sacrifice so much for our freedom.

I am thankful for the many ways that our Father in heaven provides for us so that we lack nothing. He is great and greatly to be thanked and praised and worshiped and adored!
Doris Simmons

I am thankful for the blood of Jesus which covers us all, for God's love for us poor sinners – love enough that He sent His Son as our sin offering and then gave us the choice to accept it.
Alechia Daniels

I am thankful for Jesus. I'm also thankful for my family & friends who have been there for me no matter what :)
Mischa Hoffman



I'm thankful for caring people all around
 For flowers and food from the ground
 But most of all for God's love
 Who sent us sinners, never-ending love.

Millie Freeman



New Addition

Sam Stephens and Nicole Collins are the happy parents of their new baby girl Sarah Raye. Sarah was born on Tuesday, October 7, at Boone County Hospital weighing 7 pounds, 15.5 ounces. Sarah is joined at home by her brothers Derrick, Tyler, Ryan and Reece and her sisters Emma and Chayse.

Fundraising Report

The garage sale/silent auction and soup lunch that was held on Saturday, October 4 was a great success! Over \$1,700 was raised to help Bob Lingelbach with his travel expenses to Iowa City while he undergoes cancer treatment. Please continue to pray for Bob throughout his treatments.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Brian Foltz will be traveling to Columbia on a short-term missions trip with Missionary Ventures in connection with the Christian Motorcyclists Association. He plans to fly to Bogotá on Friday, November 7 and spend a few days there. They will then drive to La Mesa to spend the remainder of their trip. Brian will have the opportunity to share his testimony with 500 soldiers on a military base. The team will return on Sunday, November 16. Please pray for Brian while he is away and also for his wife Tammie and daughter Kassy at home.

Lis Bravard traveled to Honduras with a team from APWAP and Impact Ministries earlier this year and feels a call to go back to minister God's love to the orphans there. She plans to return to Honduras in December and would like to stay for six months. Sunday, November 9, from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Lis will be serving breakfast in the Compassion Café with the proceeds going towards her trip. She is also taking Christmas gifts for the children and staff there. Please talk to Lis if you'd like to help her with that.



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Thanksgiving Events

Gospel Fest

After hosting this event for 25 years, Eternal Life Mission Church of Luther, Iowa has passed the torch on to Open Bible Church and Cornerstone Alliance Church of Boone. The area wide Thanksgiving Gospel Fest will be on Friday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Open Bible Church (in cooperation with Cornerstone Alliance Church). Featured gospel groups will be: The Loynachans Family Trio, Dead Men



Boone Freedom Ministries Dinner

Boone Freedom Ministries will be hosting a community-wide Thanksgiving dinner from noon until 1:00 in the Activity Center on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27. Everyone is invited to attend!



Singing, and Phil Hague. Bring family and friends to enjoy a night of blessed gospel music.