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. give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

There are enemies within you desiring to choke your thankful heart.

Consider:

- **Bitterness:** How can you be thankful for your bad breaks and setbacks?
- **Anger:** How dare you be thankful until every matter is made right?
- **Jealousy:** How can you be thankful when someone else has what you want?

These enemies and more despise the idea that God's will for you is to be thankful when life is not going your way. But remember that the man who said it is God's will for us to be thankful in all circumstances did so during shipwreck, imprisonment, false accusations and beatings.

The most powerful example of a thankful heart amid deep sorrow is found in the One whom we are to emulate - Jesus Christ. On the eve of His crucifixion, He took the bread and blessed it, then raised the cup and gave thanks, even though He knew full well what they symbolized. Within hours His body would be broken beyond recognition and His blood would be dripping from thorns in His brow, a spear in His side and spikes in His hands and feet. People would be spitting on Him, gleeful to see Him die.

This is what the bread and the wine foretold. He knew it. He had been telling His disciples that this hour would come. And when it did, He gave thanks.

What was the basis for His thankfulness? He knew it would please His Father to provide redemption for the world, no matter what the cost. Further, He saw the joy that lay before Him, especially the joy of taking you with Him into glory.

The writer of Hebrews called upon the defeated Christian Jews whose suffering was causing them to drift from the faith. He wrote, "[look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

It may be tempting to argue, "But, you don't know the depth of the pain in my heart!" True. But God does! And He knows His wise purpose in permitting it.

So, take all of your heartaches, disappointments, injustices and betrayals and give thanks to God; after all, this is a necessary process of preparation for sitting with Jesus, ruling with Him in the coming world (Ephesians 2:6). Do this as an intentional act until you can wholeheartedly raise your cup of suffering and give thanks. If not, the enemies within will do all in their power to strangle your desire to fulfill the will of God by lifting before His eyes a thankful heart.

Blessings,
Pastor Peirce

The Table”

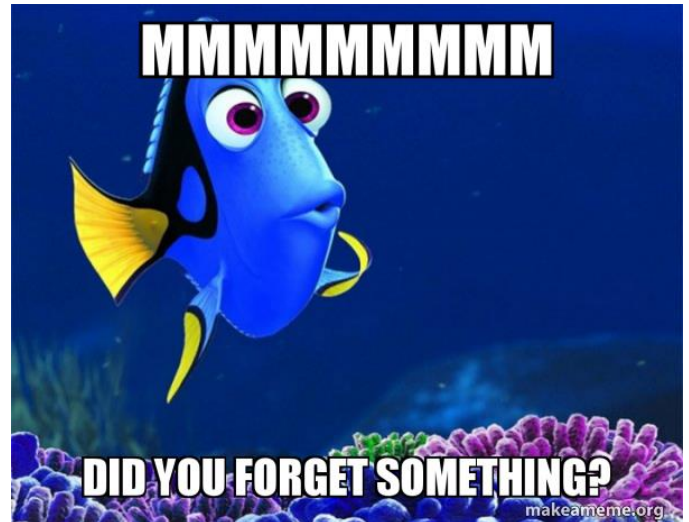
“Room At The Table” fellowship dinner will be on Friday, November 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to all those who have volunteered in the past and to all those who are so willing to give of their time to help. Everyone is welcome!

Radio Ministry

First Baptist Church’s worship service is on WANB Radio each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the weekly broadcast of the service is \$50. If you would like to sponsor the broadcasts either in total or in part, please contact the Church office, 724-627-6444, office@fbcwaynesburg.org, or place in the offering plate with the notation for Radio Ministry. Thank you!

Scripture Readers

Nov. 6	Byllye Miller
Nov. 13	Tonya Steinmiller
Nov. 20	Peyton Cowell
Nov. 27	Wade Cowell



**Don't Forget to set your clocks
Back an hour on!!**

***Did you forget to return your
commitment card?***

Did you forget to turn your TV off?

***Did you forget to return your
commitment card?***

**Did you forget to turn your lights out
at home?**

***Did you forget to return your
commitment card?***



**Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and
Business Meeting**
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, 6:15 p.m.

You are invited to attend the Church Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Business Meeting. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, rolls and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

Congregation:

A-L Side Dishes
M-Z Desserts

Please put your reservation into the offering plate or call the Church Office (724-627-6444) or email (office@fbcwaynesburg.org).

Name _____

No. Attending _____



BBQ Throw Down

Join the fun on Sunday, Nov. 13, 4:00 p.m. for a BBQ throw down. You can bring chicken, beef, or pork to be judged. Bring your best game!

New Church Directory

Our church directory is going to be done online and we need your help!

Make sure I have a current email address for you so you can enter the information for your family online! There is also an article in the newsletter giving instructions for creating an account.

If you haven't given the church office your email address please fill out the short form below:

Name _____

e-mail _____

Our Church Directory is Online!

**View our Church directory online or via the
FREE mobile app today.**



To view the directory online go to members.instantchurchdirectory.com and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple App Store in iTunes, Google Play store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “Instant Church Directory” to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Need help or have questions?

Please contact:

office@fbcwaynesburg.org

Ignite - 3-5 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 2
Wednesday, Nov. 9
Wednesday, Nov. 16
Wednesday, Nov. 30

Women's Devotional – 7:30pm

Monday, November 7
Monday, November 21

**Operation Christmas Child
Packing Party**

Wednesday, November 9, 5:00 pm
in “The Well.” Come help pack
some boxes!

Community Christmas Program

Practices:
Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00 – 7:00 pm
at First Nazarene Church
Waynesburg

Looking Ahead!

**Children's Message
Volunteers**

Dec. 4 Sue Peirce
Dec. 11 Chris Lash
Dec. 18 Jennifer Lash
Dec. 25 Christmas Day!

Women's Devotional

Monday, December 5 & 19

Ignite – 3-5 pm

Wednesday, December 7
Wednesday, December 14
Wednesday, December 21

Holiday Open House

Friday, December 2

Waynesburg Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3

Jennifer Lash
First Baptist Church
Children & Family Ministry
Director
The Christian Sandbox Preschool
Director

Young Adult

Cup of Grace Coffeehouse

Starting Wednesday: anyone is invited to attend Wednesday Night Coffeehouse from 7-10pm when the University is in session. Find us in the Fellowship Hall for free coffee, fun, and fellowship.

November 2
November 9
November 30

*For the most current information,
find us at fbcwaynesburg.org*

Follow us on Instagram
[@cupofgracecoffeehouse](https://www.instagram.com/cupofgracecoffeehouse)

Youth

Illuminate

During the school year, anyone in 6th-12th grade is invited to attend Illuminate- our youth program! We meet every Sunday evening from 6pm to 8pm. You can find us downstairs in The Well. Bring your friends and join us as we play games, get to know each other, and learn what it means to be a follower of Christ together!

Upcoming Events

Middle School Retreat:
November 11-13

High School Retreat:
December 2-4

For more information and to sign up, visit fbcwaynesburg.org

Youth Praise Team

Anyone 6th-12th grade is invited to participate in their own praise and worship team! We are looking for singers and instrumentalists. This team will meet every Sunday at 5:30pm and provide the music for worship anytime there is a 5th Sunday.

Youth Sunday School

Anyone 6th-12th grade will meet Sunday mornings at 9am in the prayer room (beside the first floor bathrooms) for Sunday School!

*For the most current information,
find us at
fbcwaynesburg.org/youth
Follow us on Instagram*

[@illuminate](https://www.instagram.com/illuminate)

Blessings,

Mandi Restanio
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Director of Youth, Young Adult, and
Technology
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December

- 4 **Geraldine Calvert
Robin Salosky**
- 5 **Pastor Peirce**
- 6 **Cathy McNay
Paityn Dixon**
- 7 **Jody Adams**
- 8 **Amrei Weber**
- 19 **Chrissy Walkos**
- 12 **Valerie Brooks**
- 13 **Nancy Fox**
- 15 **Shari Fox**
- 16 **Bradley Huffman**
- 17 **Cathy Held**
- 21 **Polly Johnston**
- 23 **Vanessa Lutes**
- 24 **Amy Diamond**
- 28 **Addie Johnson**

November

- 3 **Brad Edgar
Charlotte Salosky
Chera Strellick**
- 6 **Karen Behm**
- 9 **Wade Cowell**
- 13 **Marilee Martin
Carl Brooks
Carly Stewart**
- 14 **Ayden Judy**
- 15 **Paul Salosky**
- 17 **Emily Rockwell**
- 21 **Bryan Cumberledge**
- 23 **Dale Gaskill
Diesel Weber**
- 24 **Amanda Gansor
Jessica Majewski
Logan McNay**
- 25 **Anna Gansor**

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Rolling Meadows: Geraldine Calvert

Evergreen Assisted Living: Marilee Martin, Loralyn Walker