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The Beacon



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Men's Cake Bake

Join us for our annual Men's Cake Bake on Tuesday, November 24 at 6:00 pm. We will have Soup and Chili with the cake judging to follow. Awards will be given in the following categories in each of the **Children, Youth and Adult** age groups:

- Best Tasting
- Best Decorated
- Most Creative
- Most Unusual

WE WILL CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS AS A CHURCH IN A COMBINED "HOLIDAY DINNER" ON DECEMBER 6 AT 12:00 PM. WE WILL NEED TURKEYS, HAMS, ROLLS AND DELICIOUS SIDE DISHES THAT GO ALONG WITH THEM. IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO BRING A TURKEY, HAM OR A DOZEN ROLLS, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.



OUR RECORDS



	<u>October 4</u>	<u>October 11</u>	<u>October 18</u>	<u>October 25</u>
Sunday School:	141	108	141	115
9:00 am Worship:	67	59	54	58
11:00 am Worship:	142	104	114	111
Evening Worship:	54	27	40	41
Offering:	\$5,128.90	\$2,491.45	\$3,476.84	\$3,940.23



"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.

Philippians 1:3 (KJV)

"What are some reasons to be thankful for one another here at Gassville Baptist? There are several but as your pastor I would like to mention just a few.

First, we should be thankful that God in His merciful grace has saved us! We are brothers and sisters in Christ. We are "joint heirs" with Jesus. God has made us a large loving family. All of us, if we have been saved, came to God the same way, by placing our faith in Jesus and repenting of our sins. God treats all of us as a loving heavenly Father should and is concerned about us.

Second, we should be thankful that God has placed us here to do His Kingdom work. What a privilege to be on mission with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I am thankful for your faithfulness in giving of your time, your talents and your tithes. Ministry simply does not happen without your involvement. Your choice to give blesses our church and community just as your choice not to give hurts our church and community. It's your faithfulness to Him that God blesses and uses your hard work and sacrifices are not in vain in the Lord! (see I Corinthians 15:58)

Third, I am thankful for the love we share because of Jesus. This body of believers can be truly amazing in the way they love one another. How people make it through a cold, hard, cruel world without a church family is beyond me. We should pray and practice an abounding love.

This is how Jesus said the world would know we are truly Christians, that we truly belong to Him. (see John 13:34-35)

For all these reasons and many more all of us should be thankful for one another.

Thankfully Yours,

Bro. Gary



THE LORD GIVES

So many times in life we take for granted the things that God has blessed us with. We see them as a given in our lives and that we deserve them no matter how we act. This is not true, if we got the “things” that we deserved we would all still be living by the old covenant of the Old Testament. This covenant was one that required sacrifice and offerings; this system was made so that the individual may be made clean so that they could stand before God. If the individual did not go through the proper cleaning methods and tried to enter into the presence of God they were struck dead. This was because God cannot look upon sin, and so it is destroyed in his presence, hence forth the human who possessed the sin was destroyed as well.

Now, however, we have blessings that cannot even be numbered or described. Jesus Christ is first and foremost was the most amazing blessing we have ever been given. This gave us the opportunity to stand before God and worship our creator on such a level that we can only describe it as...wow. God doesn't stop there though he continually blesses your life. Whether it is a sunrise when you are having a horrible week or a kind word from a stranger in the middle of the day. These blessing, though in disguise, keep us going. At times God places people in our lives that become such blessing for the way they live there and the encouragement they offer during your friendship. This encouragement is one we can lean on in times of pain and distress, without it we would not survive most of the trials of life.

Where else has God blessed us? Well for starters he is blessing our church with the sound and chaos of youth and children. You see a church without youth and children is a dead church. They will slowly waste away and become nothing, but God has decided to bless us with an over abundance in this area. Many of our classrooms on Wednesday night are full and overflowing, this is a great problem to have. Our teachers are blessings in this church because without them these children would have bible study. So many of us take for granted the fact that our church “looks” good and is “growing”, and instead of offering a helping hand in this blessing, you walk away. To deny yourself interaction with this blessing is to deny yourself the opportunity and chance to join God where he is working. Most here feel that they would do no good upstairs on a Wednesday night because the kids don't listen to you. Well let me say this to that statement, if the only time the kids' see you is when you are chewing on them and scolding them for what they are doing, of course they won't listen. There is no relationship there, only dictatorship. Get to know are kids, take them out for ice cream, support them at the sporting events, just share in their lives, and you will be amazed at the blessing you will receive. You see they are longing for parental figures, some of them have none, and so are you going to deny them this? You see the Lord gives to our church, and he can just as easily takes away from it as well. If we don't work with God he will find someone else who will. So please join in the blessing he has given us, you never know it could change your life, or even better you may save one of these teenagers from death just because you said hi.

-Bro. Hunter