



November 19, 2023

Guest wi-fi: John14:6

## SERMON SERIES

*Gratitude*

### **The Gratitude Attitude**

Acts 2:44-47 NLT      Dr. Cary Killough

## MISSION FOCUS

### **WORLD MISSIONS**

Our Missions Focus for November/December is WORLD MISSIONS.

100% of your giving to our Missions Focus during these two months will support career missionaries worldwide sharing the hope of Christ.

## MONTHLY SCRIPTURE

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.

2 Corinthians 5:18 NLT

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Over lunch today, discuss the things for which you are grateful.
- What steals your sense of gratefulness?
- What happens when a church ceases to be grateful to God?

Materials used to prepare this series:  
 God's Word; The Bible – New Living Translation;  
 Commentaries: The New American Commentary by Robert H. Mounce, The NIV Application Commentary, Expositors Bible Commentary, Tyndale Commentary. *Word Pictures* by AT Robertson. Internet Resources: Preaching Magazine, Sermon Central, Pew Research (9.18.2020). Books: Justo Gonzales, *The Story of Christianity, volume 1*.

## BUDGET as of 11/12/23

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>Monthly Goal</b>	\$ 105,666.65	\$ 16,083.32	Worship 507
<b>Monthly Receipts To Date</b>	\$ 61,475.36	\$ 7,787.21	
<b>Y.T.D. Goal</b>	\$ 1,109,500.02	\$ 168,874.98	Grow Groups
<b>Y.T.D. Actual</b>	\$ 1,118,070.43	\$ 156,503.84	Sunday 311
<b>Y.T.D. Difference</b>	\$ 8,570.41	\$ (12,371.14)	Wednesday 145
<b>Mission Emphasis</b>	\$ 2,173.19		

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

- 19 - ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING POTLUCK** @ 5:30 p.m. Meadowbrook provides the turkey and ham. We ask you to bring a side dish or a dessert. There are also opportunities to help. If you are interested in serving, please signup [here](#) or on our website. See you this evening.
- 22 - NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES or MEAL**
- 26 - 2024 SUMMER MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING** will be held immediately following the 11:00 service in the Connection room. This Mission Trip is July 13-20 to Vancouver, Washington to help renovate River City's facilities while serving their community. Cost is \$650 per person. **RSVP REQUIRED.** Please register [here](#) or on our website. **DEADLINE: November 24.**
- 26 - HOMEBOUND CHRISTMAS CARDS DEADLINE,** A list of Homebound Saints and instructions is located at the Welcome Desk. \*Homebound Saints are also listed in our prayer guide.
- 26 - WORLD MISSIONS CHRISTMAS OFFERING** will be taken during both services.
- 28 - JOYFUL CREATIONS** (Women's Ministry) @ 6:30 p.m. We will be blessed by a devotional and fellowship as we craft together. The cost for this event will be \$5.00 if paying cash/check or \$5.50 if paying online at the time of registration. **RSVP REQUIRED.** Please register [here](#) or on our website. **DEADLINE: November 22.**
- 29 - WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES** ~ This is the last night for 2023. We will resume January 10.

## DECEMBER

- 01 - "TOYS FROM the HEART" DEADLINE,** Shepherd's Heart is working in conjunction with area schools to help provide gifts for families in need. We are collecting unwrapped toys. The Collection Box is in the Adult Education Building. For gift ideas, visit [www.shepherdsheartpantry.org](http://www.shepherdsheartpantry.org).
- 03 - ANNUAL BUDGET CONFERENCE** will meet at 4:00 pm. We will present the proposed 2024 Annual Budget allowing time for questions and discussion. The proposed 2024 Budget and proposed new members for the Administration Council will be available at the Welcome Desk, Sunday, November 26. We will vote on the budget and Administration Council members at the conclusion of both worship services, December 17.
- 08 - UHS MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION** (Shepherd's Heart Waco). Meadowbrook is hosting a Mobile Food Distribution, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., in the BACK parking lot on the *2nd Friday of each month.* We need 8-10 volunteers. Please register [here](#) or on our website. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Amy Castello.
- 08 - CHRISTMAS CHOIR SPECIAL** at 6:30 pm and Sunday, December 10 for both services. Invite your family & friends to join us as our Adult and Children's Christmas Choirs present, "Christmas."

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DECEMBER cont.

- 10 - YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY** at 6:30 pm. Come join us for our yearly Youth Christmas Party! Make sure to wear your favorite Christmas pajamas. We will have snacks, hot chocolate, games, and live Christmas music by our youth band! Make sure to invite your friends.
- 20 - MBC MARRIAGE RETREAT **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**:** We invite all couples to attend our “Empowered to Love” Marriage Retreat, February 9-10/11. Please register [here](#) or on our website.
- 20 - DRIVE THROUGH LIVING NATIVITY** will be December 20 - 22. Stay tuned for ways you can help and sign up to be at part of the sharing the birth of Christ with our community.
- 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY SERVICE.** We will have two identical candlelit Christmas Eve services offered at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Grow Groups will not this day, and children of all ages will sit with their families.

## JANUARY

- 28 - 2024 ALL-CHURCH MISSION TRIP **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**,** The MBC Missions Team will serve with River City Church, a 2019 church-plant in Vancouver, Washington. \$150 per person is due by this deadline. Please click [here](#) to complete the Mission Trip Application and gather more information or visit our website. If you have any questions, contact Amy Castello.

## This Week at MBC -- November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30 a.m. Grow Groups	6:00 p.m. Christmas Choir	6:30 p.m. Worship Team	No Activities or Meal	Happy Thanksgiving	Church Office Closed		8:30 a.m. Grow Groups
9:45 a.m. Worship Grow Groups	6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal						9:45 a.m. Worship Grow Groups
11:00 a.m. Worship Grow Groups							11:00 a.m. Worship Grow Groups
4:00 p.m. Admin Council Grow Group (30's)							6:00 p.m. Youth Band
5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Meal							
6:00 p.m. Youth Band							