



OFFERING ADMONITION

E GIVE TODAY, NEITHER
GRUDGINGLY NOR FROM
DUTY, BUT FROM A
HEART FILLED WITH THANKSGIVING!

THANKSGIVING
COMMUNION SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26,
7:30 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving

he first Thanksgiving occurred in 1621. The Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts in November of 1620, and were confronted with a harsh winter that



killed half of them. The following year, with the aid of local Indians, they were blessed with a bountiful harvest. In December 1621, ninety Wampanoag Indians and fifty Pilgrims celebrated a three-day feast, offering thanksgiving to God.

In 1789, five months into his first term, President George Washington proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving. The opening paragraph was as follow: "WHEREAS it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

President Washington offered another proclamation of Thanksgiving in 1795. Presidents John Adams and James Madison also twice proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving. The more common proclamations were within the states.

Thomas Jefferson, as governor of Virginia (1779) proclaimed, "A day of public Thanksgiving to Almighty God . . . to [ask] Him that He would . . . pour out His Holy Spirit on all ministers of the Gospel..."

John Hancock, as governor of Massachusetts (1790), proclaimed, "A day of public thanksgiving and praise... to render to God the tribute of praise for His unmerited goodness towards us."

In 1863, after President Lincoln witnessed the tragedy at Gettysburg, he claimed that "I then and there consecrated myself to Christ." Three months later, he proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving, a tradition that was followed by each president and finally became a national holiday under President Franklin Roosevelt in 1941.

This nation has a long history of giving thanks to God. Traditionally, Thanksgiving is a time to join with family, sit around a dinner table and enjoy the bounty that has been so common since the early Pilgrims arrived on our shores. This is because God has been gracious to the United States.

"Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!" Psalm 105:1



In the ABT Cafeteria Adults - \$5

Children - \$3

Sandwich Steak Fries Salad Dessert

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

The Velocity 180 Young Adult ministry would like to invite everyone for a night of uplifting and invigorating contemporary worship on Tuesday, November 25 at 7p.m.



in the V180 room (room 207).

* child care - not provided.

Christmas Pageant

Fri./Sat. Dec. 19, 2° 7 p.m. Sun. Dec. 21 6 p.m.

ADOPT AN APT FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS!

"Adopt-A-Family" program. Generous members can "adopt" a family that is in need and are not part of the Bus Christmas Store this Christmas season. If you and your family, business or organization would like to "Adopt-A-Family," please come to the lobby and sign up. There will be two cards to be filled out: one card for a donor and another one for/by an eligible ABT family. Please fill out the appropriate card(s). Remember this is to help ONLY ABT families, not the general public.





Popcorn Tins - 21 **Bicycles-27** Crockpots- 11 Toy Cars for Kids- 36 **Boxes of Candy-52** Tool Sets for Dad- 38

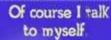
is not an exhaustive list. Basketballs- 30 Footballs- 30 **Bath Sets for Mom-57 Board Games-43** Bibles- 22 Winter Sleds-25

If you would like to give financially, we'll do the shopping for you!

> Will you be the 1 to bring one this week?

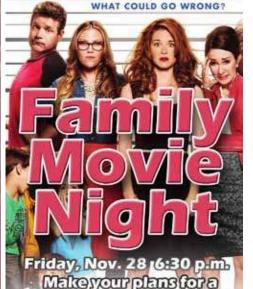
> > 28 Days

Until the Bus Christmas Store Drop off in the Church lobbs.





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family, fundilled feature. Cost: \$2 per person advance, \$5 per person at door

Event will be held in the Multi-Purpose

SPECIAL: Unlimited soda for \$1. FREE POPCORN plus assorted movie candy at various costs.

> Seating is limited so purchase your tickets quickly!

Tickets on Sale in the church lobby after services.

Door Prize - So bring your Ticket!

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

to those adults who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week!

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/23 Bobby & Sun Hui DeBoord 11/26 Ken & Linda Fuller
- 11/24 Mike & Reva Paulsen
- Izzy & Marisol Sanchez 11/25 John & Patti Anker Serge & Stephanie Duchatellier

Larry Linegar

11/27 Robert & Kum Ferrell 11/28 Emmett & Betty Cale Gregg & Doris Steininger

	BIRTH	₹D₽	NYS
11/16	Pam Beilfuss		Gage McQueen
	Bernard Campbell		Barbara Wright
	Fe Eddie	11/23	Patsy Curry
11/17	Steve Hamilton	11/24	Timothy Carpenter
	Deborah Owens		Carlos Cascon
11/18	Scott Duvall	11/25	Hannah Bamhart
	Angelina Shangin		Jon Connor
11/19	Cindy Brooks	11/26	Linda Fox
	Daesha Naufahu		Joseph King
	Guy Pressley		Analea Thielke
11/20	Donna Hazen	11/27	Robert Bristow
	Veronica Page		Robert Hoch
11/21	Wayne Abare		Jeri Peterson
	Anita Barios		Amanda Williams
	Stephanie Butler	11/28	Daneen Barba
	Steve Gilbert		Mary Barrett
11/22	Nova Ames		Ada Maduakor
	Janeil Browne		Michael Taylor
	Shelia Cox	11/29	Arthur Bartlett
	Shaun Davis		Darla Soto

GOD gives the increase.

Saved this Week	3
Saved This Year	572
Total Baptized 2014	181
Total Joined 2014	140

Baptized

Matthew Bohlman, Jacob DeGuzman Teddy Syvinski, Phyllis Chaussee Christopher Moser



LAST opportuity to bring your shoe boxes to the Auditorium Lobby. The hours for collection are:

Sundav...... 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Monday, November 24 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Four Services

ALL WITH DIFFERENT MUSIC AND MESSAGES THIS WEEK'S SERVICES SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. EVENING SERVICE6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Service7:30 p.m.



FOR WOMEN:

 Drug and Alcoholism

FOR MEN:

- Drug and Alcoholism
- Sexual Addiction

FOR MEN AND WOMEN:

- DivorceCare
- Depression
- GriefShare Anger Resolution

THURSDAYS, Rm. 207 (7 - 9 P.M.) CONTACT

PASTOR TONY SMITH AT 333-6535 OR TSMITH@ANCBT.ORG.

www.recovervabt.org



November 16, 2014

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Route Team Captain

21B Gilbert Griffith 14 Brown 21A Brandon 17 Lin



Riders

Reaching the world for Jesus, one rider at a time!

V180 is in need of either two married couples, four young adults or a combination of both. If you have a passion to work with young adults between the ages 18 - 30,



please contact Pastor Ben Smith 333-6535 or bsmith@ancbt.org.

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Senior Walking: 3 times/Week

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the BIG GYM.

Canes, walkers, walking stick, and oxygen are welcome. Bring rubber soled shoes or sneakers.

MEN'S BASKETBALL NIGHT! **Fellowship and Basketball**

All adult males are invited. Mon. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

ACS Big Gym

GUITAR AND DRUM MUSICIANS NEEDED!

ABT is in need of guitar and drum musicians. If you can "read" music or "play by ear," let's talk.

Please see Bill Leight by the piano after any service or call

the church office at 333-6535.

NEEDED at ACS!

Subsitute Teachers: contact Shyla Wells at 337-9575

Cook Needed at Debarr Preschool The Cook is responsible for preparing and serving morning snack, lunch, and (preparing only) afternoon snack for up to 70 preschoolers. This is a part-time job from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If interested, notify Patty Anker at 333-5516.

Altar Workers Needed!

Contact Glenn Clary at 333-6535 or email at gclary@ancbt.org.





God gives you a passion so that you can use it!

Be A Part Of A Ministry!

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE_ CONSIDER IMPROV

Be a part of the Sunday School Program!

1st grade girls' helper at 10 a.m. 3-year-old boys' teacher and helper at 11 a.m. 1st grade boys' helper at 11 a.m.

Contact Pastor Chris Carter at 333-6535 or ccarter@ancbt.org

Ursery Needs For our regular weekly services

ADULTS NEEDED!

Sundays 10 a.m. Toddler I - 1 adult (eow) Toddler II - 1 adult

Sundays 6 p.m. Toddler 1 - 1 adult

Sundays 11 a.m. Toddler 1 - 1 adult Toddler 2 - 1 adult (eow)

Wednesdays 7 p.m. Infants - 2 adults

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR TONY SMITH AT 333-6535 OR TSMITH@ANCBT.ORG.

ABT - ANYTIME! - ANYPLACE!

WATCH ABT LIVE! LISTEN TO MESSAGES. GIVE ONLINE. KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH DATES AND EVENTS.

ABT IS **A**LWAYS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

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Get Acquainted! Get Connected! Get Involved!

ABT's Sunday Adult Bible Fellowships, 10 a.m. 14 Classes from which to choose!

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	Pastor's Auditorium Class	Multi-generational couples/singles	Auditorium				
	Ambassadors' Class	Multi-generational couples/singles	Rm. 111				
	Couples' Class	Multi-generational couples 30's and up	VIP Room				
	Faithbuilders' Class	Multi-generational couples/singles	Rm. 212				
	FIRST Class	New Christians/New Members	Rm. 119				
	Kingdom Seekers' Class	Multi-generational couples/singles	Rm. 110				
	Korean Class	Korean Speaking	Rm. 113				
	Ladies For Christ Class	Women's Class	Rm. 118				
	Marriage Builders' Class	Married/engaged couples (all ages)	Cafeteria				
	Pathfinders' Class	Adult couples/singles	Rm. 208				
	Real Life	Single Adults 30 and up	Rm. 210				
	Senior Saints' Class	60's and up	Rm 117				
	Spanish Class	Spanish Speaking	Rm. 209				
	Velocity 180*	Young Adults 18 and over	Rm. 207				
	*(Starts at 9:30 a.m.)	-					

The Highest Form of Giving

Theme

We may give grudgingly or from a sense of duty, but the kind of giving God desires most is thanks-giving.

Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 29:31, "Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the Lord, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the Lord. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings."

Relating to the Scripture

Robert N. Rodenmaver in his book "Thanks Be to God" mentions three kinds of giving. (See Drapers Book of Quotations for the Christian World, 10736 on the following)

- 1) Grudge giving. This is when we give but are grumbling or murmuring all the while. Our heart is not in it. It is when we give only because we have to. Grudge giving says: I hate to. "Nothing much is conveyed in grudge giving since 'the gift without the giver is bare." The Bible warns against this kind of giving. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- 2) Duty giving. This kind of giving is from a sense of obligation. It gives because of necessity and obligation. Duty giving says: I ought to. This giving is on a higher level than grudge giving but is still not where God wants us to be. The Old Testament saints gave in this way. "They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required." (Ezra 3:4)
- 3) Thanks-giving. This is the highest kind of giving. It is giving neither grudgingly nor from duty, but from "a full heart." This kind of giving says: I want to. "Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God." Just as in Hezekiah's day, today God still desires thanks-giving. This is giving that is not compelled or forced but giving from a free heart that literally flows over with worship and gratitude toward God. Today let us give our tithes and offerings with thanks-giving.

Offering Admonition

We give today, neither grudgingly nor from duty, but from a heart filled with thanks-giving!





I.	На	ppir	ness isn't based on your happenings or your	
	A. Some important about happiness.			
		1.	Don't look for happiness; it.	
			a. You're as happy as you to be.	
		2.	Happiness is not a	
			a. It's actually the result of right, right living, right	
			b. Making happiness the goal of your life will guarantee that you're going to be happy.	
		3.	Your create your happiness.	
			a. We shape our habits and then they us.	
		4.	Happiness based on happenings is	
		5.	Happy habits are as addicting as habits but they're a whole lot more rewarding	ng.
II.	IF `	YOU	WANT TO BE HAPPY IN LIFE, WHERE DO YOU START?	
	A.		ART WITH DEVELOPING THE HABIT OF BEINGFO EWHO ARE IN YOUR LIFE.	R
in Philippi	, wit	h the	nd Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the L nk my God upon every remembrance of you." (NKJ)	
		1.	The more grateful you are, the more you are.	
		2.	The more ungrateful you are, the more you are.	
		3.	We are not by grateful people.	
Acts 16:1.	2-15	. Wh	at is it you've forgotten that other people have done for you?	
	B.		BE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE, YOU MUST VELOP A MEMORY.	
			1. Memories are a	
Phil. 3:17,	""De	ear br	others, pattern your lives after mine." (TLB)	
	IFY	OU V	VANT TO BE HAPPY IN LIFE, THE BEST AND THE REST.	

THIS SPACE IS FOR YOU TO TAKE NOTES TODAY. Sermon Subject

If you've been blessed by today's sermon, visit our Tape Table in the lobby at the end of the service and order a copy for yourself or a friend. Past services are also available on DVD (\$10) or CD (\$4).