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NOVEMBER 2019

The adult Sunday School class has been going through a really good video series on church history at 9:00 AM over the past month or so. We have learned what the early church after the apostles looked like, and have looked at some of the problems the early church faced. One such problem was that many of the early Christians came from the Jewish faith system, and therefore wrestled with the question of whether one had to first be a Jew then a Christian, or if one could directly become a Christian. Another problem faced by the early church was a belief that God calls Christians to live separate from the world, which meant for many that they were to literally cut themselves off from society and the people around them.

The truth of the matter is that indeed God does call us to be separate from the world. We are called to love the creator of the world, but not the things of the world. 1 John 2:15-17a describes this concept in detail:

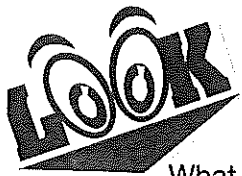
15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires... (ESV).

An important question is what does this Scripture passage say, and how do we live it out. Some in the early church believed that applying this truth to our everyday lives meant that the really good Christians would remove themselves from the world and go off and live somewhere perhaps in the desert by themselves. When I asked the class what they thought of this response, some made strong arguments against cutting oneself off from the world and society. I then asked this question, "Why do you believe that?"

A truth is that just about all people have strong opinions on many matters. However, what's more important than a person's opinion are the reasons for that opinion. Some simply respond well I don't know why I believe something I just do. Others say we should believe in something because they say it is true. This is an appeal to their authority on the matter. We generally accept this type of statement from doctors, lawyers, police officers, and sometimes pastors. We expect the person in authority to know what they are talking about because they are generally more skilled, more educated, older and wiser or better trained than us.

While occasionally appealing to authority is a quick and easy way to find an answer, it is not always the best. This is seen especially in the early church where oftentimes the church authorities got many of the clear truths we understand today wrong. God has given us His Word the Bible so that we can find answers for ourselves. While there are a few really tough concepts that cause even the best Bible scholars to disagree on, the vast majority of theological truths can be understood from simply reading and understanding the Bible. What we need to always keep in mind is that all theological truth needs to have at its core good solid Biblical reasoning. Believe something as theological truth not because I said so, but because you can see that truth clearly taught in the Bible. While we won't always agree on theological issues, what we should all agree on is that any theological truth we hold comes from a clear Biblical teaching. For if we stand on the clarity of God's Word, we will never go wrong.

Pastor 



What to look forward to from the Zion Youth Group!



Friday, November 22 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

We will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner and Dessert Auction! Come enjoy a meal made by the Youth Program and pick up some dessert that can be shared with your family for Thanksgiving! The funds raised by this event will go towards the summer trip to Fly Beyond where the students will be trained in their faith and enjoy events and games at the AFLC summer camp called the ARC in Wisconsin!

SOME THANKSGIVING HUMOR

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?

The outside

Why did the turkey cross the road?

It was the chicken's day off.

Why can't you take a turkey to church?

Because they use such FOWL language.

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

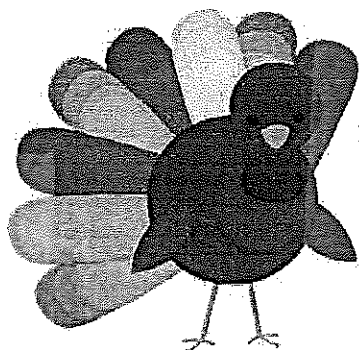
Pilgrims!

If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be most famous for?

Their age

What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?

Plymouth Rock



November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.

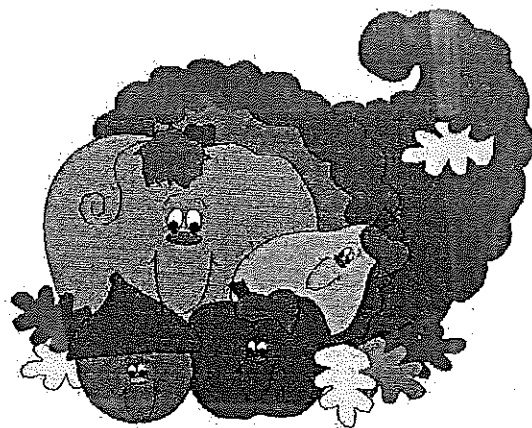
With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.

The fire burns
And the kettle sings,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next Spring.

Clyde Watson

Thanksgiving Word Search

R	E	L	A	T	I	V	E	S	T	I	F	S	M	F
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cook
corn
dinner
fall
family
feast
food
gravy
harvest

maize
pilgrims
pumpkin
relatives
settlers
squash
stuffing
thanks
turkey

30 VETERANS DAY QUOTES TO SALUTE OUR HEROES

1. To our men and women in uniform, past, present, and future, God bless you and thank you.
2. A true hero isn't measured by the size of his strength, but by the strength of his heart. – Hercules
3. Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause. – Abraham Lincoln
4. A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself. – Joseph Campbell
5. America's veterans embody the ideals upon which America was founded more than 229 years ago. – Steve Buyer
6. America must never forget your sacrifices.
7. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. – Patrick Henry
8. For the veteran, thank you for bravely doing what you're called to do so we can safely do what we're free to do in the face of impossible odds, people who love this country, can change it. – Barack Obama
9. On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free. – Dan Lipinski
10. My heroes are those who risk their lives every day to protect our world and make it a better place – police, firefighters, and members of our armed forces. – Sidney Sheldon
11. To those in uniform serving today and to those who have served in the past, we honor you today and every day.
12. The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude. – Jeff Miller
13. We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude. – Cynthia Ozick
14. Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it... it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it
15. Home of the free because of the brave.
16. If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of American worth fighting for.
17. America's veterans have served their country with the belief that democracy and freedom are ideals to be upheld around the world. – John Doolittle
19. To all who have put their lives on the line in defense of the flag, thank you.
20. America without her soldiers would be like God without his angels. – Claudia Pemberton
21. This will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave. – Elmer Davis
22. In valor there is hope. – Publius Cornelius Tacitus
23. Better than honor and glory, and History's iron pen, Was the thought of duty done and the love of his fellow-men. –Richard Watson Gilder
24. How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes! – Maya Angelou
25. For your bravery, hard work, and dedication to our country, we thank you.
26. The secret of happiness is freedom, and the secret of freedom, courage. – Thucydides
27. As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. – John Fitzgerald Kennedy
28. Freedom is never free.
29. Honoring the sacrifices many have made for our country in the name of freedom and democracy is the very foundation of Veterans Day. – Charles B. Rangel
30. Never was so much owed by so many to so few. – Winston Churchill



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Counting our blessings is good practice.

1. It makes us get along with people better.
2. It makes us look around us instead of within us.
3. It makes us more considerate, sympathetic.
4. It causes us to live for others, not ourselves.
5. It makes us a blessing instead of a burden.
6. It corrects our perspective of life.
7. It strengthens our inner resources of faith and hope.
8. It increases our confidence for living.
9. It increases our awareness of God.

A Veteran's Day Prayer

"Bless Them Abundantly"

Dear Lord,
Today we honor our veterans,
worthy men and women
who gave their best
when they were called upon
to serve and protect their country.
We pray that you will bless them,
Lord,
for their unselfish service
in the continual struggle
to preserve our freedoms, our safety,
and our country's heritage, for all
of us.

Bless them abundantly
for the hardships they faced,
for the sacrifices they made,
for their many different contributions
to America's victories
over tyranny and oppression.
We respect them, we thank them,
we honor them, we are proud of
them,
and we pray that you will watch over
these special people
and bless them with peace and
happiness.
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.





THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day! How sweet the
sound,
Sweet music to the ear.
Its birthplace is in the U.S.A.
And it reappears each year.

To many people that I know,
It's just another day.
To them the only difference is,
Instead of work, they play.

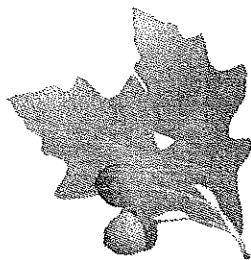
The golfer jumps into his cart,
The hunter grabs his gun.
They seem to think this day was named
Exclusively for fun.

Our loving God again has blessed
This land with precious wheat.
This furnishes the "Staff of life"
And other things to eat.

Now surely, you can spare one day
Just set aside to praise;
And show your thankfulness to God
For the food He's helped us raise.

So please, my friend, just rest a while
To think, and praise, and pray.
And give to God your best, your all,
On this Thanksgiving Day.

Arthur J. Stair



GIVE THANKS

When the summer's drought was broken,
Did you thank God for the rain?
When the crops were safely garnered,
Did you thank Him for the grain?

When you watched Fall's flaming beauty
Clothing all the forest land,
Did you thank God for the picture
From the Master painter's hand?

When you read of ragged children
Begging for a crust of bread,
Did you thank the Heavenly Father
That your own were clothed and fed?

When death-dealing bombs were bursting
And the war planes zoomed afar,
Did you whisper, "Lord, I'm thankful
That our land is free from war?"

Have you counted all your blessings,
Tried to name them, one by one,
Friends and health and work and shelter?
See! You've only just begun.

Blessings, ye, we have so many,
We could never name them all;
Let's lift our hearts in glad thanksgiving
For all blessings, great and small!

Bina T. Sarver

HARVEST TIME IS COMING

The harvest is getting closer,
so many sheep need feeding
it's time to go into the field
for so many are needing.

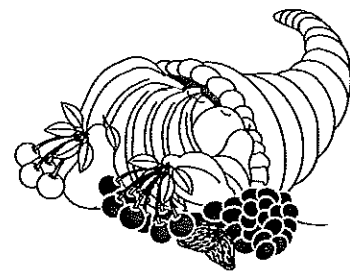
Needing to know God,
His mercy and favor
needing to find hope
the grace of a Savior.

Needing to be set free,
from Satan's deceit
needing the Gospel truth
about the judgment seat.

Needing the blood of Christ,
the Truth, Way and Life
needing to find freedom
from their sinful strife.

Harvest time is coming,
the sheep still need feeding
and it's up to you and me...
to fulfill Jesus' heeding!

Deborah Ann Belka



NOVEMBER MORNING

The hills stand mute in pensive grace
And bright before their southern face
The lake lies kissed by morning sun.
Yet valleys hide their secret springs in shadow,
Where new-born streams begin their downward run.

I walk with muffled step in dampened leaves,
Hear the silence of ancient trees
Forever tied to earth,
While heavenward their ever-reaching arms,
In patient prayer, await sweet spring's rebirth.

A gliding doe in meek surprise
Stops to look with curious eyes,
And hears the unfamiliar sounds.
She watches for the unaccustomed movement,
Then, with flashing tail, is gone in startled bounds.

Alone; yet comforted from daily care,
I see creation lying there
a single bloom in rocky sod.
And in this wild and quiet place
I know the unsurpassed peace of God.

Margaret Worman








SO VERY THANKFUL

NOVEMBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>"Let your light shine whether you are a candle in a corner or a lighthouse on a hill."</p>				1 Debbie Weisz Kim Landsverk Kaden Keller	2 Kris & Jossie Nielsen
3 Stacey Rings	4 Amy Schroeder Caleb Melberg	5 Collin & Susan Christofferson Hannah Davis Brittany Rice	6 Kyle Haustveit Kacie Welsch	7 Brett Rieniets	8 Kyle Christofferson	9
10 Barb Larson Lyle & Claudia Tande		12 Carol Oxner Karen Pederson Shayne Lee	13 Larry Haakenson Bonnie Myren Kristian Roloff Nathan Rings	14 Lydia Carr Bill Oxner Erin Weisz Matt Rieniets Sheila Wolla Trevor Christianson Wilmer Roloff	15 Vernon & Norene Knudson Jeremy Keller Jason Keller Ardis Rice Jim Smithberg	
17 Greg Hartsoch Kayla Lalim Kim Keller	18	19 Jeff Hartsoch Jennifer Syverson Ryan Nielsen	20 Monica Johnson Don Heinle	21 Alexius Christianson Cory Johnson Isaac Kucera	22 Hannah Nelson Jason & Alexis Keller	23 Marguerite Grindy Myles Pressnall Kim & Debbie Keller
	25 Don & Tressy Heinle Grace Syverson Karen Smithberg	26 Lori Olson Keith & Debbie Rice	27 Lester Moe	28 Grace Ramberg Tom Haustveit Katie Skalicky	29 Duane & Phyllis Haustveit	30 "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8



NOVEMBER 2019 ZION ACTIVITIES

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			<p><i>"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8</i></p>		1	2 <p>"Reasons that sound good aren't always good, sound reasons."</p>
<p>3 Mission Festival & Mission Offering Sunday</p> <p>9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service Mission Festival Dinner 6:30 p.m. Effective Parenting</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 pm Confirmation 6 p.m. Christian Ed. Meeting 6:30 pm Youth Meal 7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Choir</p>	7	8	9  AFLBS Puppet Team & Mixed Quartet at the Tioga Theater 3 p.m. Join us for a fun afternoon!
<p>10</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Effective Parenting 7 p.m. Volleyball at the Community Center</p>	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>  THANK YOU!	<p>12 7 pm Deacon/Deaconess Mtg. 7:15 pm Trustee Mtg. 8:15 pm Council Mtg.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Meal 7 pm Youth Group 7 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Zion Circles Meet: Circle 1 - 9:30 am Circle 2 - 2 pm Circle 3 - 7 pm</p>	15 	16
<p>17 Building Project Offering</p> <p>9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Effective Parenting 7 p.m. Volleyball at the Community Center</p>	18	19	<p>20 2 pm Ladies WMF</p> <p>5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Meal 7 pm Youth Group 7 p.m. Choir</p>	21	<p>22 Thanksgiving Dinner & Dessert Auction 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. <i>(sponsored by Youth Group)</i></p>	23 
<p>24</p> <p>9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Effective Parenting 7 p.m. Volleyball at the Community Center</p>	25	26	<p>27 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service</p> 	28 	29	30 <p><i>"They may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do."</i></p>



RADIO MINISTRY

Anyone who would like to sponsor a Sunday broadcast or contribute to the radio fund in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office, thank you! The radio broadcast is \$100 per Sunday. Our radio broadcast can be heard on Sundays at noon on AM Radio Station KTOG 1090.

USHERS THIS MONTH

NOVEMBER HEAD USHER: Ronnie Lund

Volunteer Helpers

~Special Offering Baskets~

FIRST SUNDAY of each month is Mission Sunday.
THIRD SUNDAY of each month is New Building Project. We will have a basket in the back of the church on these two Sundays for special offering.

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from our Newsletter and you would like to be included, please call the church office

~CLOTHES CLOSET~

HOURS TO SHOP ARE:

MONDAY 2 - 7 P.M.

SATURDAY 9 - 12 NOON

IF YOU HAVE NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE (PREFERABLY THAT GO WITH THE SEASON WE ARE IN) PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT THE CHURCH. THANK YOU! VOLUNTEER HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED!



Looking Ahead:

AFLBS Mixed Quartet & Puppet Team will perform at the Tioga Theater - 3 p.m., Saturday, November 9th (Sophie Burtman and Lydia Carr are on the teams!)



Zion Sunday School Christmas Program Sunday, December 8th - 3 p.m.



Ladies Christmas Tea - 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 12th

~A Big Thank You!~

The month of October was Pastor Appreciation Month. Our family was greatly blessed by the cards and gifts given to us from our church family here at Zion. I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all who have helped to make our time with you so special. It is hard for me to think that I will have been here as your pastor for 7 years come the end of December. Time has certainly flown by! Besides the gifts and cards we received, I know that many of you pray for me and my family on a regular basis. While ministry can be hard, it is so rewarding to serve a people that are so thoughtful and kind. I rejoice in the life and ministry we share, and look forward to our future together. Pastor Rich, Brenda, and Family



~New Building Update~



Progress continues to be made on the new church building! We praise God and are so very thankful for all the helpers who volunteer their time with various projects such as; the painting of interior walls and doors, our building and kitchen committees who have deliberated over paint colors, cabinets, bathroom tiles, those individuals who frequent the new building daily doing tedious miscellaneous jobs that need to be done, and those who are involved in any other aspect related to this building project, etc. We invite you to stop by the building site to see for yourself the progress being made. We ask for continued prayers for safety of the workers, wisdom for decisions being made, and continued gifts received to help complete this project, thank you!
"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:3-6

