



Community Connection

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Verses about Seasons

He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

Daniel 2:21

It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

Psalms 74:17

Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fill your hearts with joy. Acts 14:17

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

For such is God, Our God forever and ever; He will guide us until death. Psalms 48:14

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. Acts 1:7

The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue, 23 Fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise. .

Lamentations 3:22-23

A TIME FOR EVERY SEASON

Did you realize that God's faithfulness can be seen in our changing seasons? Those who know me, understand that I only love 2 seasons: spring and summer. I most often really despise fall and winter. I'm not kidding here! Really! I'm a person who counts the minutes of sunshine that are added to each day after the solstice! The other morning when driving to work I was almost breathless by the beauty of the frost sparkling in my headlights as I drove down a dark road on my way to work. I had to wonder to myself, why do I not like this? For many years of my life, I thought that fall and winter were a time when everything was dying and dead. I later learned from my agronomist husband that everything wasn't dying or dead it was "dormant" (not that it really changed my mindset for a long, long, time! Still looks dead to me!) How amazing is it that God has put into motion the ability of growing things to go dormant for a season to then spring forth with glorious life when the appointed time arrives. Consistently. Every single time. Always. I believe that God allows us to go through seasons in our life that are difficult and seem like they will never end, just as he gives us seasons of great joy and prosperity. In the same way the earth seems dead or dying, our spirits sometimes feel that way. God in His wisdom, allows us to experience both. He draws us to Him in both types of seasons. Isn't it amazing that when our season on earth is over and we appear dead to the world, we will really be beginning a new and glorious season! The best season of all, eternal life in the presence of our Lord! I need to remember that when things seem out of my control, that He is in control and that the hard times are like seasons, they will ebb and flow. They will come and go. We have so many seasons of life. What we do with those and how we learn from them is up to our attitude and being able to ask our loving father, what he wants us to learn from them. What type of season are you in? Do you need support and help through this season or someone to rejoice with in it with you? Join us at Soldier Christian Church and become part of our family of God! We would love to have you!

Soldier Christian Church meets in person and online at 10:30 Sunday. Please feel free to join us even if you have never been before.

Soldierchristian.com

Some other sources of hope and guidance:

Grace to You, John MacArthur-GTY.org
 Dr. David Jeremiah-davidjeremiah.org
 Chip Ingram, Living on the Edge-livingontheedge.org
 Back to the Bible, -backtothebible.org
 Bott Radio Network-92.5 FM
 MyFLR.org
 88.1 and 90.3 FM for Christian Music Radio

To everything there is a season,
 A time for every purpose under heaven.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1



A MORE BIBLICAL THANKSGIVING

No holiday is as distinctive as Thanksgiving. In our busy age, expressing gratitude to our heavenly Father is too easily ignored in our lives, but it is important. On almost every page of the Bible, we see the need to give thanks as a theme. The Old Testament reverberates with the sound of people praising God; Israel's history is full of thanksgiving to God for showing them mercy and delivering them from disaster.

The New Testament is no less full of thanksgiving. Jesus himself offers up thanks to God the Father, most importantly at the Last Supper **Matthew 26:26-27**. Paul not only regularly gave thanks; he actually commanded it of others. This gives us some guidelines for "biblical" thanksgiving:

First, in giving thanks to God, there should be no motive other than pure gratitude. Thanksgiving is giving thanks and that alone. Of all the different types of prayer, this is least likely to be contaminated by our own conscious or subconscious desire to manipulate God.

Second, biblical thanksgiving involves looking back over the past—whether the last week or an entire life—and identifying things for which we are grateful. Thanksgiving is neglected today partly because modern Western culture is so obsessed with the future. But to give thanks to God is to look backward, not forward, and to express gratitude for the good things that have come our way.

Third, thanksgiving should be inclusive. It's easy just to say, "Thank you, God" for the health and wealth we have. But do we also give God thanks for friends, family, housing, holidays, or a hundred other lesser things? Let's give him thanks for all the little things in life, too.

Giving God thanks should be a theme running through our lives. At least five blessings result from this:

First - thankfulness forces us to focus on what we have had rather than what we want. In our materialistic culture, we can succumb to a consumerism of the soul that reduces our prayers to shopping lists. Thankfulness looks outward, not inward. It realigns our lives so that they revolve around God instead of trying to make God revolve around us.

Second -thankfulness highlights grace. To give thanks is to admit that you are dependent, to say, "I couldn't have done this on my own, but you helped me." Thanksgiving removes the temptation to boast and strengthens the only basis on which we can relate to God: that of accepting our own unworthiness and God's free grace in Jesus Christ.

Third-thankfulness encourages a positive attitude. It forces us to think about what is right with our lives rather than what is wrong. This is important in an age when many feel depressed. Thanking God is a proven way of piercing the gloomiest of clouds.

Fourth- thankfulness develops hope for the future. Looking backward to the past with thanksgiving actually helps us to look toward the future with anticipation.

Fifth -to practice thankfulness regularly ensures that gratitude will spill over into every area of our lives. We cannot thank God for difficult co-workers, relatives, or neighbors for long before finding that we express a positive attitude toward them. Grumpiness and irritability do not grow well in a climate of gratitude. Those who regularly give thanks to God find they are ready to give to others. Gratitude and generosity go hand in hand.

Whether or not we celebrate Thanksgiving, we all need to be reminded to practice thanksgiving on a daily basis. That "**attitude of gratitude**" is not just a duty to be fulfilled but something that will bless us and others. It's typical of God's graciousness that the best gift we can give ourselves and others is to say thanks for what we have already received.

Have a great Thanksgiving this year!

Pastor Ron

Youth Report November

RECENT TRENDS: Deconstruction

“Perhaps like CPYU, you too are concerned about the current trend, particularly among young people, of what is called deconstruction. If you are unfamiliar with deconstruction, **it is the process where someone questions the doctrinal tenets of Christianity that they were raised to believe.** Many wind up walking away from Christianity, while others lean into what’s called progressive Christianity, which looks nothing at all like traditional biblical Christianity. Alisa Childers offers helpful advice on how to respond if one of your children begins to deconstruct. Begin by letting them know that you continue to love and accept them. Engage in discussion by asking questions and then listening carefully. Alisa says we should avoid reacting in fear, which might lead us to fire back with rigid statements and dogma. Journey with them to find answers. Read up on theology and apologetics so that you will be better prepared to give answers. Finally, faithfully pray for your kids.” *(Taken from October issue of CPYU’s Parent Page, Always available monthly at Merge Midweek and on the West counter in West room.)*

A couple thoughts on the excerpt above. First off, they offer a great summary and definition of what deconstruction can look like (in bold). A process where folks question what they were raised to believe. I don’t know about you but I love me a textbook definition. They can’t account for every variation and life circumstances, but they are a place to start and are a framework. Not all that different from the recipe card you just slipped away before you made that desert (What is a recipe card?!?!? We’ll tackle that another day...). This idea of deconstruction has been around for longer than it has become a recent talked about trend, in fact I imagine every one of you has at some point in the process of making your faith your own, have walked through it in one manner or another.

Secondly, therefore it isn’t just a teenager or 20-30 something’s issue. It is a human issue and it isn’t always bad. In fact, when deconstruction is followed by healthy reconstruction it can be an amazingly beneficial and formative thing. I can remember seasons of my life that I was rethinking and working through doctrines I grew up with that were shifting to more readily mirror what scripture says. I can vividly remember a season in my 20’s where some core beliefs I carried were adamantly opposed and challenged. Did they undergo some deconstruction and reconstruction? For sure!

Thirdly, when we do hear of deconstruction in ministry partner’s programs (i.e. Family Life, Focus on the Family, Christian Standard, etc), it is often in reference to current generations’ response to their taught beliefs and a propensity to not reconstruct around the original core tenant’s heart message or to reconstruct using another worldview (Secular Humanism, Naturalism, or more progressive religious ideologies). Sometimes even, just like in our general culture’s response, deconstruction is celebrated just as the de-constructing of a long held stance and choosing or refusing to redefine, replace or fill in anything in its place. Think of how many times in our last couple years a previously core issue most Americans held in common, but then came under fire for what stood for, and any following attempt to wrestle out a common understanding or even definition was as far as any viewpoint could get. As if complaining, contesting and disagreeing was the virtue to end all others.

Lastly, 2 Timothy 1:5 says, “I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.” I appreciate the newsletter’s nod towards Alyssa Childers (who is a great and approachable resource on this subject, even if doctrinally I might see a few things differently), but also the encouragement that we stick it out and continue journeying together with them as much as possible. Paul could see Timothy’s faith and its common groundings that somehow looked and seemed a whole lot like his mother and grandmother’s. This doesn’t mean it wasn’t Timothy’s faith, that he didn’t somehow own his faith, but oh how a family’s efforts to be present with their children and their journey really makes a difference. Or so here it did it would seem.

I wonder if we shouldn’t look at deconstruction a little like I’ve tried to encourage myself and our students with doubt. It’s not doubt that is often bad, it is unexpressed (and unattended) doubt that can drag us down. Maybe the same should be said for deconstruction. That it is in the wrestling with, working out, digging through, and journeying alongside that helps an amazing and healthy root of faith find itself flourishing. And even if folks aren’t where we’d hope they are in the process, might we always press what they are reconstructing in that void of where those beliefs once stood and honestly ask and prompt if the current answers and ideas do a better job than the God who once lived there? Might this even be a question that any of us should be asking ourselves daily anyhow?

What's Happening in our Area!

Saturday, November 12 –Soldier Christian Church Turkey Supper

Friday, December 2 7pm– Everlasting Joy Worship Dance Christmas Performance Circleville Christian Church. An evening of praising God through dance. There will be a reception following the performance. Free will donation.

Recipe of the Month

We are going to use this space to share recipes with each other from the community. If you have one to share or one you would like us to find, please contact Laura -lmichelle14@yahoo.com or Marty-martywill54@gmail.com

Tricia's Amazing Potato Soup

- 1 box of chicken broth**
- 1 bag of shredded hash browns (30 (ish) oz)**
- 1 package of cream cheese cut into 1 inch chunks**
- Bacon (if you are Tricia, it's a package of bacon bits, if you are Kelly it is real bacon)**

Put chicken broth, 1/2 of bacon and hashbrown into a crock pot. Cook all day on low or a few hours on high. Until hashbrowns are soft. About 30-45 minutes before serving, mix in cream cheese. Serve when melted. Top with bacon, cheese, whatever else you want!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Make someone's day! Send them a card, text or call them to celebrate their special day!

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

2nd -Jennifer Buck
4th - Megan Keehn
6th - Shane Mulroy
4TH - Jack & Judah Williams
7th - Kelly Holliday
9th - Kevin Halbleib
11th - Jessica Buck
13th - Lori Messer
14th - Ava Rieschick
15th - Noah Hill
16th - Sierra Keehn
17th - Yvonne Terry
21st - Joe Denny
22nd - Jenny Reed
24th - Tanya Keehn
25th - Jena Williams
27th - Bill Brown
29th - Silas Holliday

Anniversaries

4th Ron & Barb Ahlgren
6th Jeff & Yvonne Terry

11th Jim & Sally Kissel



DECEMBER

Birthdays

1st-Joan Hill
3rd-Jerod Conley
5th-Krista Lane
7th-Lincoln Schreiber
8th-Nellie Conley, Jacey Rivera, John Harstine
10th –Brenda Penrod
12th-Connie Baldrige, Anita Halblieb
16th-Liam Conley, Becky Milne, Anna Mae Brundage
17th-Maggie Holliday
19th-Mason & Macey Kenworthy
20th-Ruth Holliday
23rd-Bethany Kenworthy
26th-Evie Schreiber
28th-Natalie Novak

Anniversaries





Something Punny!



- *What side of the turkey has the most feathers? The outside!!!
- *What do you call a rude turkey? A jerk-key
- *What do you get when you cross a Turkey with a guitar? A Turkey that makes music when you pluck it!
- *How do farmers find new cows to buy? They look through a cattle-log!
- *What is a robot's favorite snack? Computer chips!
- *Where is one place you should never take a dog? A flea market!

KIDS CORNER

Be thankful for your little ones! There will come a time (and it will go fast) when they won't be little anymore! Spend quality time with them and just enjoy the blessings that they are. Here are some fun Thanksgiving crafts for you to enjoy together!

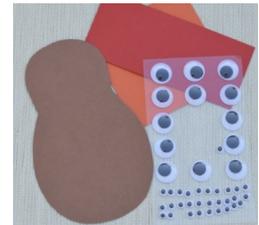


Cone Tabletop Turkeys

You need: construction paper, tape, feathers (or make them from paper) Markers. Cut a circle out of brown paper, then cut it in half. Fold into a cone shape and tape. Cut a beak from orange, a wattle from red and make whatever style of eyes you want with white paper and markers. Glue real or paper feathers on the back!

Paper Plate Turkey Wreath

You need: paper plate, brown paint, yellow, orange, & red construction paper, pipe cleaners, google eyes (if you want) Paint the paper plate brown and cut out the center as shown. Cut strips out of the construction paper and a body as shown. Cut out a beak and a wattle. Roll the strips into circles and attach to the plate to make the feathers. Add the body, beak, wattle and eyes. Glue pipe cleaners for legs.



Fall Sugar Cone cornucopias

How fun are these!!! You can fill them with any type of treat you would like. Dampen a paper towel and place it over the ends of the sugar cones. Microwave for 20-30 seconds, Working quickly, use a skewer or small dowel to curl the ends of the cone into the shape. Be careful! Its HOT! Add your treats, wrap with plastic wrap and add a decorative ribbon!



Upcoming Church Specials

November

- 6-Wrightsmen
- 13-G. Keehn
- 20- D & K Holliday
- 27- L & L VanDonge

December

- 4-Baldrige
- 11-Schreiber
- 18-Conley
- 25-Williams

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Larry VanDonge, Elder 785-834-5475
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Bill Brown, Elder 785-834-2552
Kyle Coe, Elder 785-834-5147



Soldier Christian Church

*We at Soldier Christian Church exist to
Glorify god, Evangelize the Lost, Mature
the Saints and Serve one another*



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Would you like text notifications? Information
and Prayer concerns? Please text the numbers
below and join in!

Send to:
81010

Text the message:
@sccinfo

Send to:
81010

Text the message:
@sccpray

We are here to HELP! What can we do for you?

Do you have a need? Medicine pick up? Grocery pick up? Help with chores?
Child Care? Do you need a ride to an appointment? Yard mowed?
Seriously, We have people who are willing to help with whatever your current
needs are. Please contact anyone from the list on the left and we will try to get
your need met. That is **why** and **what** we are here for.

WEEKLY SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Sunday Morning

Pre-Sunday School Sing 9:30
Sunday School (K-Adult) 9:45
Church 10:30

Tuesday Mornings

Women's Bible Study & Prayer
9:30am West Room of Church

Wednesday Evenings

Middle & High School Youth
@Circleville Christian Church 6-8 pm

Elders Meetings

Last Wednesday of the Month
10 am

ReVive Modern Praise Night

Last Saturday of the Month
7pm Annex

Women's & Men's Business Meetings

1st Sunday of the Month 5 pm
Women - SCC Men-Annex

Soldier Christian Church
130 Jackson St.
Soldier, Ks 66540

Below are the addresses of local nursing homes and assisted living cen-
ters. Below the address you will find the number of residents each facili-
ty currently houses. If you have time on your hands, please consider
sending notes, pictures, letters, anything to brighten their days.

Medical Lodges
1121 w 7th
Holton, Ks 66436
31 Residents

Vintage Park
410 Juniper Drive
Holton, Ks 66436
39 Residents

The Pines
725 Iowa Ave.
Holton, Ks 66436
6 Residents

The Pines South
14005 214 th
Holton, Ks 66436
11 Residents

Red Bud Plaza
205 W. 9th
Onaga, Ks 66521

Eastridge
604 First St.
Centralia, Ks 66415

Prayer Requests

Carry each other's burdens...and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ
Galatians 6:2

Personal Prayer Requests :

- *Randy Perez
- *Jamie McKenzie
- * Sherry Ann Durst
- *Mark Grollmes
- *Carlita Pederson
- *Carl Farley
- *Nina Reed
- *Ron Young
- *Anita Schafer
- *Beth Finch
- *Hank Reid
- *Kyle Coe
- *Ron Ahlgren
- *Jacey, Jorge, & Family

By this shall all men know that ye are my
disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 13:35



Praises:

*The Pancake feed at the hall went
well and raised much needed funds

If you have any requests
To add, please contact
Laura Holliday785-305-0727

Other Prayer Requests:

- *Pray our country.
- *Pray for the elections
- *Pray for persecuted Christians
- *The conflicts in the world
- *Pray for our country's leaders

