

An Update from Andrew...

One of the first vacations Kathryn and I took after we were married was to visit Washington D.C. There are so many memorials to visit that we had no problem filling our week with powerful experiences. We read many of the names on the Vietnam War Memorial, and we silently watched the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We walked somberly through the Holocaust Museum, and we stood in awe at the architecture of the Library of Congress. We visited the monument to Abraham Lincoln, and toured the house in which he died. We stared at the soldiers' haunting faces at the Korean War Memorial right after staring at Fonzi's leather jacket in the Smithsonian Museum of American History.

I was constantly amazed at the number of people who visit these places every day. There was a crowd everywhere we went. Most visitors to these areas were tourists, like we were, and it was easy to see eyes light up and jaws drop as we viewed each site.

One group of people did catch my attention, however – the tour guides. Don't get me wrong, we had skilled, knowledgeable guides who led us through the various museums and displays, but I couldn't help wondering how those attractions affected them. The cashier at the Lincoln Memorial gift shop didn't seem as taken with the monument as we were. After all, she sees it every day. The driver of our tour bus through Arlington Cemetery appeared unaffected by the rows of soldiers' gravesites. After all, he sees them every day. Our Library of Congress tour guide pointed us to the Gutenberg Bible. We stopped to gaze at it, but our guide was already in the next room. After all, she sees it every day.

The week of Thanksgiving, we are reminded to give thanks for what we have. We probably shouldn't need a reminder, but we suffer from the same challenge as the tour guides – we see our blessings every day. We are accustomed to them. In fact, we are so used to them that we don't always reflect on their value. On Tuesday night, our elders will lead us in worship that will prompt us to give thanks for what God has done for us, and I hope we can look at our blessings with a fresh perspective, realizing the immense love God has shown in giving us all these things. If you are traveling this week, we will be praying for a safe trip, and I hope that all of us can enjoy a break from our routine and an opportunity to reconsider our blessings and thank God for them!

Sunday's Messages

AM – Where Credit is Due (2 Corinthians 9:8-15)

PM – Jon David Schwartz, speaking

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Bobby Bishop	Troy Potts
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Dwayne Fulks	Ricky Thompson
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Randy Goodwin	Ken Wiles
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Eddie Harris	Larry Winchester
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TIMES OF WORSHIP

Sunday 9:00 AM
Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM
Sunday 6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

COUNSELING CENTER

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TELEVISION

Connections
Charter Channel 195
Wednesdays 7 PM,
Sundays 5 PM
CPWS Channel 13
Sundays 7:30 PM
Sunday Morning Worship
Charter Channel 195
Sundays 8 AM

OUR RECORD

Week of	11-19-17
Sunday AM	528
Bible Study	403
Sunday PM	291
Contribution	\$21,453.09
Wednesday PM	313
Budget	\$23,000.00

Graymere Yellow Pages

Years ago we had a booklet we called Graymere Yellow Pages. It contained information about businesses owned by Graymere members. Since we no longer have that information, we would like to start this process again. If you are a Graymere member and own a business you would like to be included in the Graymere Yellow Pages, go to graymere.com and under "Contacts" click on "send us a note" and give us the information you would like the congregation to know about your business. It will take some time for us to get the information compiled and posted to the website, but we hope it will be a helpful tool to the congregation.

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Bobby Smithson, 227

Frances Logsdon, 225

Olivyn Hardison, 209

Mary Margaret Lovell, 225

Grace Frank, 106

MORNING POINTE

Marie Voss, 126

Sue Foster, 114

Rebecca McNeese, 102

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Mary Robb, The Gardens

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AT HOME:

Edwin Derryberry

Marie Mayberry

Jewel and Leon Whitlatch

Rebecca Burgett

Our Sick

Dismissed: **Jerry Dickey**

Remember in prayer: **Dody Billingsley; Tessa Fleming; Bettie Sparkman; Susan Campbell; Carl Roden; May Utley**

Senior Adults

The Senior Adult **Holiday Dinner** will be December 7 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall, \$10 per person. Ladies wear an old Christmas sweater and men wear an old Christmas tie. Sign up at the Sr. Info Desk. Payment is due tonight.

Upcoming Events

- **Meals Program:**
November 27: Kyla Harris
November 29: Kathie Porter
December 1: Lynda Barker
- **Pantry Items:** oatmeal/cereal
- The Fellowship Room Sunday Morning Class taught by Andrew Phillips will have a Christmas Party on Saturday December 9 at 5:30 pm at the Gordon's home (1275 Sequoya Trail). Please bring a dish, and a gift for "Dirty Christmas".
- Wanda Robinson's Monday Meals team is in need of two more team members to assist in preparing and delivering meals. If you can help, please contact Wanda, the church office, or Jeff & Kyla Harris.

Graymere Guys Trip

We will be taking a Graymere Guys Trip to go see the Grizzlies play the Lakers on Monday, January 15th. You can choose to get tickets from two sections: \$25 or \$45. If you are interested in going, please sign up in the foyer so that we can get a count by November 30th. If you have questions, see Andrew Phillips.

Wednesday Morning Ladies Class

"The Days of Our Lives" — Wanda Robinson, teacher

All ladies are invited to attend the Wednesday morning Bible class as we study lessons centered around specific times and circumstances in our lives. These lessons are designed to be relevant for all women as we strive to help one another live the Christian life. If you are unable to attend every week, we would love for you to come whenever you can. Some of these lessons may be of particular interest to you and you are welcome to attend those classes. Listed below are the lesson topics through January.

November 29: Surviving the Teenage Years

December 6: Guest speaker

December 13: Middle Age and the Empty Nest

January 3: Guest speaker

January 10: Growing Old Gracefully

January 17: Facing Life as a Widow

January 24: Making Friends with Your In-Laws

January 31: The Single Christian Woman