Be Thankful in All Things

When I was a kid, my parents were diligent to be sure that any time I was the recipient of a gift, I sent a thank you note. In my mind, thank you note writing was as big a part of my birthday as the cake.

As a kid, it was a pretty robotic process: Dear (name of the gift giver), Thank you for the (Name of the gift). It is very (describe some aspect of the gift). I'll really enjoy (what I will do with that gift). I love you*.

*(Only if it's your grandma)

This is a good formula when you're eight or if the gift was a Transformer. It gets tricky when the gift is an itchy sweater.

I spent some time this week reflecting on my thanksgivings, as I suspect most of you did. I named some generic thanksgivings that, while not universal, are broad enough to touch many people. Then I reflected on more and more specific things, but the pattern is largely the same. Get things, give thanks.

Let me give you some food for thought. I realized this week that the Bible doesn't hold rigidly to the "get things, give thanks" pattern. There are many examples of giving thanks to God because of who He is and not just because of what He's done. One good example is Psalm 107:1, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" There are many other examples where man is giving thanks to God because of who He is, and not because of what He gives. God is good to give us everything we have and need, but God would still be worthy of our thanks, even if we weren't the recipient of many great gifts.

About Our Worship

Prayer As an integral part of Christian life, our worship includes a lot of prayer. (I Thessalonians 5:17)

Singing Worship is interactive and participatory. (Ephesians 5:19) We invite you to join in as we praise God through singing.

Lord's Each week we celebrate our unity and reflect on the Supper sacrifice of Christ. (I Corinthians 11:23-26)

Offering Offerings are an act of obedience and gratitude. (I Corinthians 16:1-2) Guests are not expected or obligated to give.

1essage The teaching/preaching time seeks to communicate God's truth in relevant ways. (2 Timothy 4:2)

EVENTS CALENDAR

*December 5

*YM Progressive Dinner

December 7

*L2L Lunch & Practices

December 8

*Office Staff Open House

December 10

*J2J Food Packing

December 12

*Christmas Party

December 14

*Elders'/Ministers' Meetings

December 19

*Parents' Night Out

December 24

*No pm service

December 25-26

*Church Office Closed

December 31

*New Year's Family Game Night and Chili Cook Off

Pickleball

Monday Nights 6:00 p.m. in the FAC

The Third Option

6:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesdays through December 9.

SERVICES TIMES

Sunday Worship - 9 am Sunday School - 10:30 am Sunday PM-2:42 Small Groups Wednesday Bible Study - 6 pm

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Denise Thomas, in Encompass Health recovering from surgery.

Holly Santoli, continues to rest and recover at home. She is very touched by and thankful for your continued prayers.

Wilma Smith, mother-in-law of Candie Smith, discharged from the hospital and recovering at home.

Shirley Jackson, recovering at Encompass Health.

Donna Allen, a former member, recently diagnosed with cancer.

Charlotte Forrester, April Tuggle's sister—scheduled for extensive surgery for oral and bone cancer.



PREGNANCY LIST:

Grace Joseph and Aine Wiedenhaupt

BATTLING CANCER:

Billy Griffis, Jeanne Horton, Mae Dell Palmer, Jack and Pam Reece, Gerald Sadler, and Gene Wishum Jr.

MISSIONARIES:

Guyana—Laurence DaSilva Honduras—Steve Teel

Additional <u>prayer requests</u> can be found on the <u>church website</u>.

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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025

ATTENDANCE AM Worship—266 Bible Class—176

Wednesday-n/a

2:42 Small Groups—n/a

Budget \$ 17,980.64

YTD AVG. WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION \$ 17,940.21

2025 RESPONSES: Baptisms—12



worship at JenksChurchofChrist.com

NEW WITH US? Please fill out a Let's Connect card from the chair rack and drop it in the collection plate or box in the fover.

Questions? Our elders or ministers would be glad to visit with you. You can also visit the resources page of our church website at ienkschurchofchrist.com/resources/.

Please stop by our Welcome Center where you can grab a cup of coffee and find more resources and information about what's happening at Jenks Ave.

HAVE KIDS? WE OFFER:

F5 Gym

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Family Activity

Center

Attended nursery for children under 24 months.

Training room - located at the back of the auditorium. You may sit with your children and still participate in worship service.

Infant nursing room - a quiet place to rock, change, and feed. Wall monitors allow mothers to see and hear the worship service.

Activity bags are available for check-out in the Welcome Center.

Kingdom Kids—Sunday evenings during evening worship (ages 3 years to 2nd grade). A safe, learning-friendly environment where children learn about the Bible through puppet shows, singing, games, and crafts.

Elder On Call: Paul Calhoun

Hal Burleson, Paul Calhoun, Joel Chapman, Jim Holsombake, Jim Hurley, Bart Lewis, Lawrence Peavler, Carl Scott and Gary Witham

DEACONS



Visit our website for a list of deacons and their service areas.

MINISTERS

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Discipleship Minister Nick Rice (928) 225-0814 nick@ienkschurchofchrist.com

Youth Minister Brian Crosby (406) 871-7085 brian@ienkschurchofchrist.com

ELDERS

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L2L Practices

Lunch

Speech, Song Leading/Songs of Praise and Bible Bowl

Office Staff Open **House Lunch**

L2L Lunch & Practice

Sunday, December 7

11:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

Monday, December 8 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch in the church office. Make plans to start your week with good food and great fellowship! Everything is provided.

J2J Food Packing in the FAC Wednesday, December 10

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We look forward to spending a

fun evening together that is full

of fellowship, food and festive

Babysitting is available in the

to attend and pay, to bring a

main building for \$10 per family.

Sign up at the table in the fover

dessert, help with serving food or

entertainment!

Friday, December 12 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the FAC

For high schoolers—adults

Cost: \$15 per person

Dairy and gluten free

items will be available.

4:00 p.m. Set-Up 5:00 p.m. Packing

Rm 13

Rm 6

Rm 9

Rm 11

Rm 12

F4

Wednesday Classes

Adult	Rm 17/18
2:42 Leaders	Rm 22
Women	Rm 25
HS & MS	F3
5th Grade	F4

Faith Ave-2 yrs-4th Grade

Children are dropped off in rm 23 between 5:50-6:00 p.m. and picked up between 7:00-7:10 p.m.

Children must be signed in and out by a parent.



Scan here to see this year's schedule.

Don't forget to look for two swords in this week's bulletin!

News & Events

See the back of the bulletin for a more complete list of activities and meetings.

Christmas Holiday

December 24—no p.m. services December 25-26—office closed

New Year's Family Game Night & Chili Cook-Off Wednesday, December 31 6:00 p.m. in the FAC

J2J Holiday Baskets

We are collecting blankets to be delivered with Christmas food baskets. Blankets can be placed in the tote in the foyer.

\$60 provides families with Christmas dinner.

Humble House Christmas

hope, and encouragement of

We invite you to share the love.

Christ with the women of Hum-

ble House, a recovery program

helping ladies rebuild their lives

Please take an envelope from

the tree in the fover. Each has

Place \$30 inside the envelope.

and write a word of encourage-

ment on the card provided and

Your message may be the very

Also on the table is information about Jenks Ladies' Ministry

events for January-March 2026

along with a sign up sheet for

place in the box on the table.

reminder of hope she needs.

the name of a Humble House

with strength and dignity.

lady.

Sponsor a family by scanning the QR code, clicking "Give Online" on the website, or by bringing a donation to the office.

With Sympathy

Our brother, Rex Palmer, passed away last Saturday. Please keep Mrs. Mae Dell and their family in your prayers as they grieve his loss. A memorial service will be held for Mr. Rex after the holidays.

The Third Option

December 2 6:00-8:00 p.m. in room 22

SESSION 12 Feelings and the Hurt Cycle

For the Men

Tuesday, December 16 6:45 a.m. in the FAC

For the Ladies

Ladies' Bible Class resumes meeting on January 6.

Christmas Luncheon Tuesday, December 16 @ 11 a.m. in the FAC.

Teen Corner

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Mornings L2L Pearls Study

Wednesday Nights Study of Hymns

UPCOMING EVENTS December 5

Progressive Dinner

December 14 Hand Out Gift Bags

Youth Minister Brian Crosby (406) 871-7085 brian@ienkschurchofchrist.com



Youth Events Calendar

Facilities, Classes & Locations

Sunday Morning Classes

Main Building

Restrooms

Adults	17/18	Engaging in Our Culture	Under 2
Adults	26	Apologetics	2's- 3's
Adults	F2	Revolutionary Parenting	4's/5's/K
Adults	F1	The Life of Christ	1st/2nd
Young Adults	F5	Taught by Hunter Morris	3rd/4th
HS & MS	F3	L2L/Pearls	
			5th Grade

Parents' Night Out

help with childcare.

Friday, December 19 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the FAC Parents, enjoy a night out with free babysitting!

2026 Kick-Off Meal Thursday, January 15

the first event: