



# Covenant Life Church

## Newsletter #15

### Thanksgiving

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**Dear CLC Family and Friends,**

#### Announcements

##### 1. Building Update

We are very thankful to announce that the county has completed their reviews of our church application to operate. We are currently reviewing the reviewer's comments and are working to complete the requested corrections to meet the county code to operate as a church. Please continue to pray for us as we endeavor to meet all requirements to operate.

We also greatly appreciate any donations to the church which can be made through our website at: [www.covenant-life-church.org](http://www.covenant-life-church.org) or through the mail at: Covenant Life Church, PO Box 1262, Springfield, VA 22151.

Please don't forget to "like" us on **Facebook** and we encourage you to watch our services on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/covenantlife4](http://www.facebook.com/covenantlife4)

##### 2. Schedule

- A reminder that during the Thanksgiving weekend, we will only have service online via **FACEBOOK** at **2:30PM on Sunday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup>**.
- The final leadership discipleship class was on Monday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is no discipleship class on Monday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.

- **Single Ministry Game Night via Zoom** will be held on Saturday, **December 5th at 7:00pm**. More information is forthcoming.
- We will resume the Discipleship curriculum with a Faith series on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, and will pause for Christmas break beginning **December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 3<sup>th</sup>**. During this two week period, we will only have Sunday service at 2:30pm EST via FACEBOOK.
- **All services will resume the week of January 4th**, beginning with the Discipleship Class on Monday at 8pm, Prayer Tabernacle on Tuesday at 7:30pm, Table Talk on Friday at 7:30pm and Prophetic Class on Sunday at 1:00pm.
- Please check the website for further calendar events.

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## **From the Desk of Apostles Jeff & Dr. Linda Herbert**

This is an exciting time in the Kingdom of God. Although there is turmoil all around us, we are thankful that we are recipients of Jesus' great love and that we have victory in His Name. The Lord's sacrifice on the cross was the ultimate expression of his love for mankind. Jesus Christ provided all for us through His shed blood. Whatever we believe that we are lacking we can pray and believe Him to meet our need and He promises to provide it (Phil 4:19). His sacrifice also made possible, the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to endue us with power to overcome in all areas of life (Romans 8:37).

In this season of Thanksgiving we need to praise God for the price that Jesus Christ paid on the cross and for the many blessings that He has bestowed on us throughout our lives. The song of old entitled, Count Your Blessings, by Johnson Oatman (1897) exhorts us that as we count our blessings, we will begin to realize all that God has done for us.

### **Count Your Blessings**

***When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed; When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost***

***Count your many blessings name them one by one; And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done***

***Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done***

***Count your blessings, name them one by one; And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done***

***Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?***

***Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly; And you will be singing as the days go by***

***Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done***

***Count your blessings, name them one by one; And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done***

***When you look at others with their lands and gold; Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold***

***Count your many blessings, money cannot buy; Your reward in heaven, nor your Lord on high***

***Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done***

***Count your blessings, name them one by one; And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done***

Psalms 105:1 says, "O Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known His deeds among the people." We need to share testimony of the great things that God has done in our lives and thank Him for His goodness to us. Although it may be easy to fall into discouragement at the things that are lacking in our lives, we must remember that without Christ we are nothing and we have nothing! Paul the Apostle wrote to the Philippians: "...I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ" (Phil 3:8, [NIV](#))

Paul indicated that nothing else mattered in comparison to Christ. The Apostle Paul sacrificed and lost everything because his single goal was Christ. He endured shipwreck, imprisonment, betrayal, and many other things – all for the cause of Christ. Despite all of this, Paul exhorted believers to be thankful. He told the Colossians, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful (Col 3:15, NIV).

Despite the circumstances surrounding us today, we have much to be thankful for in our lives. We encourage you to make a list of all the things that

God has done for you and thank the Lord for his bountiful goodness and mercy. He is worthy of our praise.

Psalm 48:1 says, "Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, His holy mountain" (NIV).

***Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Covenant Life Church!***

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## **From the Desk of Pastors Sean & Andrea Hinson**

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**To the members, partners and faithful visitors of Covenant Life Church; We are thankful for each and everyone of you, and appreciation your love and support to CLC and the Kingdom of God. Blessings to you all for your faithfulness. We love you!!!!**

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## **From the Desk of The Elder**

### **"Through it All"**

I will never forget the year 2020. I can honestly say that I checked "live through a Pandemic" off my bucket list. As a nation, we have experienced many ups-and-downs this year because of the Pandemic. For example, we have lost loved ones, friends, jobs, and even relationships. When the

Pandemic started earlier this year, I suspect that 99.9% of us did not foresee our future. At times, it was scary, confusing, lonely and downright stressful. But, ***through it all***, the Lord remained faithful, loving, kind and generous. The Lord provided streams of water in the desert causing our faith and reliance on Him to skyrocket. The Lord opened up alternate streams of income, started businesses, provided food on the table when we did not know where our next meal would come from, and healed our bodies and emotions.

The Lord provided a new sanctuary for our Covenant Life family and even increased the membership. The Lord taught us to think outside the box using new technology for ministry events and to communicate with each other and our families. For me, I started a weekly Zoom bible study and my prayer life has increased significantly.

In this season of thanksgiving, I am so thankful to the Lord. The bible says that the Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and faithful. The Lord has poured out His love upon us and has not left us in the midst of this Pandemic. The Lord has been even more loving, kind and gentle than I could have ever imagined. The Lord is so good to us and His love towards us cannot be measure. Psalms 116: 12-17 states” *what shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou has loosed my bonds. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord”*. To my Covenant Life family, Happy Thanksgiving. I pray God’s riches blessings upon you all and I will continue to pray for your safety, health and welfare. If you are travelling this holiday, please be safe.

**I love you more! Hugs and Kisses**

