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How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? (Rom 10:14)

OCTOBER 2024



## Thank You

BY BILL POWELL

Well, the Fall Fundraiser is over, and how do I say this and get the full impact of what needs to be said? Thank you, but it doesn't seem to be adequate. Praise God and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The fourth verse of the song “How Great Thou Art”, comes to mind. “When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, my God how great Thou art.”

Many are wondering how we ended up. Our total was \$62,000 the best Fall Fundraiser ever. I marvel (yet, I shouldn't) at how God's people are such givers not just financially but in love, serving, and caring. After 26 years of being a part of this ministry, the Lord's faithfulness in supplying our needs has never wavered. Jesus said He would build His church, and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. That is a promise He will keep. *(Mat 16:18 ESV) And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

We are His church, and He said He will never forsake us. *(Heb 13:5ESV) Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

We didn't make our goal. However, we will live in our means and trust in the Lord. With the shortfall from our spring Sharathon, several adjustments have been made, and a big push to get our name out there we hope will help. The need for this ministry has never been greater. We will not waver in our purpose to reach the lost and disciple the saved as long as we have breath.

Again, thank you to every one of you who gave of your time, talent, and treasure. May the Lord bless you greatly!

*Bill*

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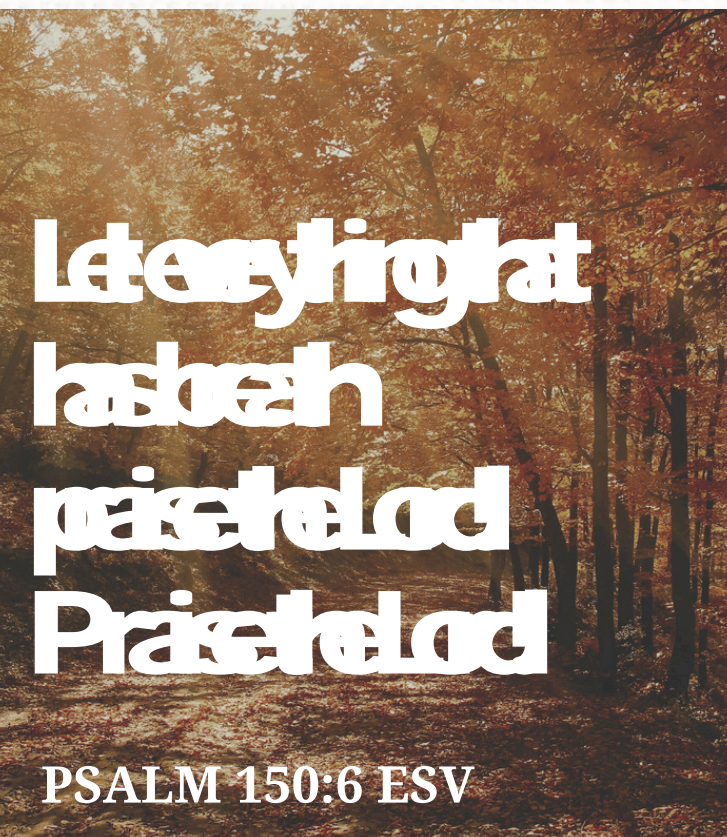
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Prayer Corner | Join us Thursdays at 9am

Please join us in praying for our Nation! As we are all preparing to vote in November, we pray that the Lord would reveal the truth in order to make the right choices. Above all we pray that His truth would pierce hearts and cause those who do not know Him, to seek after Him. We also ask that you join us in praying for the remainder of hurricane season. That He would protect us and shelter us from future storms. Also as holidays begin to amp up and the hustle and bustle distracts us, we pray that we would take time to stop and reflect on the goodness of God. In that same breath we praise Him for his provision during our Fall Fundraiser. We thank Him for all He has provided.



Let everything that  
has breath  
praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord

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## A Heart Of Thankfulness

BY BRANDON SCHMIDT

**I Thessalonians 5:16-18**, has been a favorite passage of mine for a long time and one that I quote often. As believers in Christ Jesus, we are called by the Lord to be joyful in life, to pray without ceasing, and also to have a thankful heart. God's Word teaches us that this is one of the wills of God for our lives, that the man and woman of God be joyful, pray unceasingly, and be thankful. As we survey the American landscape today, we see many people struggling with these basic commands of God. Too often in life we allow our circumstances to dictate our walk with the Lord and our attitude towards things. While certainly circumstances affect us greatly, they should not be the driving motivator in how we live our lives. Consider Christ for a moment, He fulfilled this perfectly all the while, not having a permanent home (Mt. 8:20), being mocked and ridiculed (Mt. 26:47-68; Mt. 27:27-31), and eventually killed by His enemies (Mt. 27:32-50). He was even denied by one of His closest followers, Peter (Mt. 26:69-75). Yet, it was for His joy that He endured the cross and saved God's people from their sins (Heb. 12:1-2). You see Jesus didn't allow circumstances to stop him from being joyful, from praying unceasingly, nor from being thankful to the Father. I want to encourage you, to pray more, rejoice more, and be thankful to God more and thus fulfill the Word of God. Also, remember that this month is pastor appreciation month and what a great opportunity we have to show the gratitude and love towards are pastors. Take some time and think of a great way to show them that very appreciation.

Finally, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who gave during our Fall Fundraiser. It was a success, and we thank you so much for your aid in continuing this ministry. The work is not done, so please pray for us as we continue to labor for the Lord. Thank you once again for all of your help, prayers, and support. May our kind Heavenly Father extend His grace and mercy to you.



## Holidays Ahead

BY LUCAS WILLIAMS

I don't know about you, but I am beyond excited for these next three months. October to December is absolutely my favorite part of the year: Fall, cooler weather, pumpkin spice, family, Thanksgiving, Christmas music, trees, lights, and Christmas Day – not to mention the start of a new year after it's all over! (Did I mention my birthday's in December?) Yes, this time of year is the most wonderful time of all.

But before it starts, let's pause and remember the God who gives us "every good thing given and perfect gift" (James 1:17) After all, we can enjoy these blessings as they are, but without Christ, what do they mean? Absolutely nothing. Don't get so caught up in the Fall season that we forget Him, who died to redeem us from the Fall in Genesis 3. Let's not focus on the family gatherings but forget that we are now a part of the family of God. May we not enjoy Thanksgiving so much that we forget to thank our Lord. And, of course, how can we forget Christ, for whom the very season of Christmas exists, while caught up in all the festivities? Yet how many of us will!

I pray that this year we will focus on Christ while enjoying the many blessings He gives us. Let's never lose sight of Him. As I like to say, "Keep the main thing the main thing. And the main thing is Jesus."



## I Could Use A Push

BY DENISHA STEARNS

*Clickety-clack, clickety-clack, clickety-clack.* The train cars passed before me in a blur. Melting into the driver's seat of my vehicle stopped behind the crossing gate, I took a cat nap. As the sound faded, I opened my eyes to the last train car shrinking down the long stretch of track. *Wait!* I leaned forward and squinted. *Was that an engine going backwards? Is it broken? Where's the caboose?* Intrigued, as I parked the car at my destination, I opened Google, who did not disappoint. I had thought that trains only pulled. But apparently, trains can be configured to pull, to push, or to pull and push at the same time, depending on the need. Train companies will choose the pull-and-push set up for long lines or for heavy lines to add strength for forward momentum and stability from derailment.

The train reminds me of pastors and the work they do. Pastors are like engines, pulling the congregational train through long days and late nights as they pray, perform operational management, present sermons, and plan direction. When a pastor of mine crosses my path and barrels down long stretches of the tracks of salvation and sanctification, I question, *does he look a little weary? Stressed? Utterly exhausted??* So, what would happen if I "coupled up" on the back with a push engine of encouragement through words fitly spoken or serving the Lord in the work he is doing? How about adding strength and stability to that congregational train?

"Hey, I could use a push" is a phrase we may never hear from our pastor, but don't take his silence as code for "I'm good. I don't need a thing." During Pastor Appreciation Month in October and every other month, our encouragement– like the push of a rear train engine– could be the answer to an unspoken prayer.

**1 John 3:4(KJV) I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.**



## The Air I Breathe

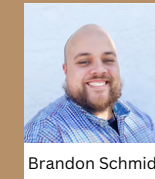
BY CHRISTINA HUTCHINSON

I was sitting at the park with Ryan while watching Cora play with a new friend. The wind started to pick up and had a cool and crisp feel to it. I took in a deep breath and watched the leaves drift down, feeling the fresh air fill my lungs. I thought of the Michael W. Smith song that features the lyrics "*This is the air I breathe.*" Fall always has a way of slowing life down, giving us space to reflect, to breathe deeply, and to appreciate the beauty in God's creation. And in those moments, I'm reminded of how vital air is to our physical life, just as Christ and His word are to our spiritual life.

As the leaves change and the days grow shorter, there's a peace that settles in, reminding me of the constant presence of Christ. Just as the fall breeze sweeps through the trees, refreshing the world around me, His presence renews my spirit. "The Air I Breathe" speaks to that truth—how His word, His love, is the very breath that sustains me. In the busyness of life, it's easy to forget to pause and inhale the fresh air of His promises. But fall, with its gentle nudges, reminds me to take a step back, breathe deeply, and let His word fill every corner of my heart.

Just as the physical air refreshes our bodies, the Word of God breathes life into our souls. When Michael W. Smith sings, "This is the air I breathe, Your holy presence living in me," it resonates deeply with the truth that without Christ, we can do nothing. The same way the fall air gives me a sense of renewal, His Spirit revives me, carrying me through each season of life. With every breath I take, I'm reminded that His love, His word, is the air that sustains me—an ever-present reminder that He is as close as the air I breathe. God Bless!

Meet your hosts!



Brandon Schmidt

### WEEK DAYS

6am - 7am  
9am -12pm

**Brandon & Christina**

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Christina Hutchinson

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**Brandon & Christina**

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Lucas Williams

### SATURDAYS

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