




Welcome to the November 1, 2018 edition of the Bayshore Gardens Community Church Beacon! We are pleased to continue to provide updates on the life and ministry of the church. Also, we invite you to join us in worship this Sunday! Finally, we encourage you to personally bring a friend to experience God!

During the past month (October) we prayed for these folks who had particular concerns: Debbie Fahey, Becky F, Carl Van Wyk (see below) Jeffrey Williams and our Shut-Ins: Fred Geldmaker, Muriel Johnson, Marcia Russell and Evelyn Tolsma.

 It is with sadness that we share the following information: On October 24, 2018 Ray Walters went home to his Lord and Savior. Ray's wife, Linda Walters, is a former Elder and member of the BGCC Board of Consistory. Cards may be sent to Linda at 7709 Murray Ridge; Elyria, Ohio 44035-2080. Linda is hoping to come to Florida in early January.

We also send our love and sympathies to Joyce Van Wyk and family. On November 1, 2018 Carl Van Wyk received his wish to go home to his Lord and Savior. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Joyce Van Wyk and family at 2911 Park Lake Drive; Bradenton, FL 34209-6230.

Psalm 116:15 — "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

THANK YOU, JESUS DINNER

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018
6:00 PM**

**Ham, Place Settings and
Drinks Provided**

**Please bring your favorite,
tasty side dish (enough for 8).
Pray with us that members of our
community will join us for an evening
of celebrating all the wonderful
things our Lord has given us.**



Thanksgiving Observance

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

Dear friends of Bayshore Gardens Community Church-

Greetings to you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost! I pray that our November edition of our newsletter finds you growing in the knowledge of God's love, and I desire for you also that your capacity to experience and share love is growing each day.

November is here and that means all kinds of great things!

It's the time of year when our community once again welcomes back our seasonal residents. It is always nice to see those from our church and community whom we have missed! Welcome back and we hope to see you soon in church! We have been learning about the value and purpose of church, and I encourage you to have a regular practice of inviting people to church each week.

I hope that you will be able to join us Saturday, November 10 at 6 PM for a community dinner held at the church. We want you to come and we want you to bring along some folks too. See you on Saturday!

One of the best holidays of the entire year is coming soon to a home near you: Thanksgiving! Ideally, we are all regularly (daily) taking time to think upon the blessings and gifts from God by expressing gratitude in our daily prayers. This is something that we endeavor to practice each day in our home, and something that I have found that adds such wonderful and important perspective. But if you have gotten out of rhythm, Thanksgiving is the perfect time of the year to get back into this practice! Start with naming 3 things each day for which you are grateful. It's often easier to focus on things that are not going well, or circumstances that aren't ideal, etc. But it is important to balance those thoughts with thoughts of gratitude each day.

Also, I have it on good authority that there is at least one birthday that is being celebrated (it's on November 24) this month! Gifts of shaving cream, razors and scissors will be promptly given to people who are actually homeless, and not given to the one who simply looks like he is :)

In practicing gratitude, here are a few from my gratitude list today:

- I am grateful for God's amazing grace that is saving a sinner like me.
- I am grateful to serve along side of you as your pastor at BGCC.
- I am grateful for all that God has done and is doing at HIS church at Bayshore Gardens.

See you on Sunday!

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Pastor Dustin

Amount Needed for October's Monthly Budget	Amount Received for October's Monthly Budget
\$ 3,648.68 x 4 Sundays = \$ 14,594.72	\$ 11,440.63 General Budget

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