

THE NEWSLETTER

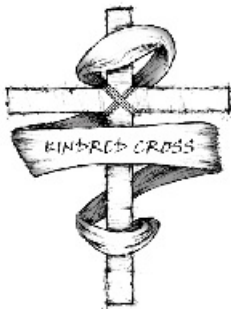
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BENEFIT CONCERT

On Saturday, November 7, at 7pm, KINDRED CROSS will be performing a live **"Love in Action"** concert at Cornerstone Fellowship. The concert is FREE, but a freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Foizon Family.

If you know the family, please plan to be at Cornerstone to help this family in need. Thank you, Kindred Cross!

GRACE AND GRATITUDE

THANKSGIVING - a great combination of a secular and sacred holiday. Secular, because it is a recognized day in the United States for a holiday, and sacred, because of its emphasis upon our basic motivation and response to being Christian – gratitude.

Art Linkletter asked a general science student, "What is salt?" She replied, "Salt is what spoils the potatoes when you leave it out."

What is GRATITUDE? Gratitude is what spoils life when you leave it out. Food tastes best when it has been properly seasoned. The seasonings highlight the natural flavor of the food. Life has the best flavor when it is seasoned through and through with gratitude. Gratitude highlights the meaning and value of life.

Parents attempt to instill in their children a response of gratitude. A child is given a gift and his parents ask him, "What do you say?" Have you ever heard a child respond, "Nothing?" This would be an honest response but not what the parents intended. The child's honesty is painful but the lesson is vital. Gratitude is much more than routinely saying thank you at the appointed time in response to receiving a gift.

Luke recorded a story about ten lepers being healed. He highlighted gratitude in the context of ingratitude. As one leper returned to thank Jesus for his healing, Jesus sought to respond to ingratitude by calling it by name and calling to accountability the nine others who had been healed but had expressed no gratitude. Surely Jesus was not suggesting the need to program gratitude. Were that his intent, would he not have asked the ten before they left his presence, "What do you say?"

Grace and gratitude are inseparably intertwined. The inverse also is true, that ingratitude and unawareness of grace are

interrelated. Grace primarily is a movement or an attitude. It is something that radically alters life for the better. Grace identifies the rich, positive relationship that exists between two persons. Positively, grace is the ability to receive another with warmth, permissive acceptance of the other person's uniqueness, with concern, with loyalty that respects the other's confidential communication, with openness to the other's revelation of himself and with one's willingness to reveal himself and how he sees the world, himself, and others. Grace is one person giving himself to another. It is one person confronting another in freedom and responsibility. With this understanding, God is like the sea, ebbing and flowing into each person according to his needs. Jesus demonstrated and lived out the graciousness of God to all people alike. He was able and willing to confront people at their worst and remain gracious.

Jesus responded to the ingratitude of the nine lepers with his statement to the leper who returned to him. He stated that the man's faith had made him well. Wellness means wholeness. Was Jesus suggesting that the nine who did not return were not whole? They may have been cured of leprosy, but they were not well. Ingratitude was an internal leprosy that was eating away at the very fabric of their lives.

It is interesting to note that it is characteristic of cancer patients that they all want to get well. But as the disease overtakes their lives, there is the willingness on their part to accept the inevitability of their lives ending. Their desires and prayers are for strength for the living of their days, while their family members and close friends continue to want some miracle to happen that will heal them. In a sense, the cancer patient at this point is more nearly whole than are his family and friends. Generally, the patient is able to verbalize his appreciation and gratitude for the life he has had and for the life that remains for him. The emotional well being of the patient seems to get better. Often the emotional state of his family becomes bitter. Grace and gratitude are the difference between becoming better and becoming bitter.

THANKSGIVING DAY is November 26. It is a secular holiday in our country. But this year make it a sacred day as well. Practice gratitude to the LORD! Please don't see the day as ... a day off work, a day to sleep in, a day to watch football, a day to plan your shopping trip for the next day's sales, a day to stuff yourself full of food. Instead, get on your knees to praise God for His sovereign majesty. Thank the LORD for his abundant blessings to you and even for the adversities from which you can grow closer to him. Thank him for life, for home, for food, for a country where we may worship as we are called. Ask Him to show you how you need to change to grow closer to Him, then resolve to do it. And pray for all those places where people are not able to

thank the Lord, and even for all those who do not acknowledge Him. The fact that some people do not acknowledge that God is the Creator, Jesus is the Savior and Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit is the Sustainer, does NOT make it not so! And thank the Lord for his greatest gift – the Lord Jesus Christ who died for the sins of the world – your sins and mine!

In gratitude for all your blessings to us, O God, and in devotion to your son, Jesus Christ, we dedicate our lives to the service of others and the glory of your holy name.

READ YOUR BIBLE

Continuing to provide suggested passages to help you toward achieving the discipline of studying God's Word, please use the following as your guide for the month of November. We will never understand how to walk the Jesus way unless we immerse ourselves in the guidebook He has provided -- the Bible.

November

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| 1. Revelation 1:9-20 | 16. John 8:31-38 |
| 2. 2 Kings 6:8-17 | 17. Romans 6:15-23 |
| 3. Psalm 73:13-28 | 18. 1 Corinthians 9:1-18 |
| 4. Psalm 119:89-104 | 19. 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 |
| 5. Proverbs 4:1-9 | 20. Galatians 5:1-6 |
| 6. 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 | 21. Ephesians 6:1-8 |
| 7. Ephesians 1:15-23 | 22. 1 Peter 2:11-25 |
| 8. Ephesians 3:14-21 | 23. Matthew 24:45-51 |
| 9. Luke 2:41-52 | 24. Psalm 119:25-40 |
| 10. Matthew 5:38-48 | 25. 2 Timothy 1:1-14 |
| 11. 1 Corinthians 3:1-15 | 26. Hebrews 10:11-25 |
| 12. Ephesians 4:1-16 | 27. Psalm 103:1-22 |
| 13. Philippians 1:1-11 | 28. Jude 17-25 |
| 14. 2 Peter 1:1-9 | 29. Revelation 2:1-11 |
| 15. 2 Peter 3:9-18 | 30. Psalm 90:1-17 |

HERE are a few of my favorite **THANKSGIVING** passages for you to read and study during November: 1 Chronicles 16:8-36 (David's psalm of praise); Psalm 7:17; Psalm 28:7-8; Psalm 95; Psalm 100; Psalm 107:1-2a; Psalm 136; 1 Corinthians 15:57; 2 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 9:15; Colossians 3:15-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24; Hebrews 12:28

FALL FEST

Children up through 5th grade are invited to come to the church for an evening of fun, Sunday, November 1, 5-7pm. We hope all kids will BE THERE!!!

Sponsored by the Children's Team, your help is needed in the form of individually wrapped candy for the children! Please bring your donations and place them in the bin provided in the lobby.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

DON'T FORGET!!!! We need your help to make this year's OCC a success! Since 1993 millions of boxes have been delivered to hurting children while also telling them about God's greatest gift – His Son, Jesus Christ. You and your family can take part in this exciting project simply by picking up an Operation Christmas Child brochure & box and preparing your SHOE BOX GIFTS.

Also, please pray for the child who will receive your shoe box. You still have time to get your boxes ready. The brochure will tell you how to prepare your box and what types of things should go in it. The deadline to return your boxes is Sunday, November 15. Ask Duck Wilson your questions.

God bless you for providing this ministry of God's Love to children around the world.

BEING THANKFUL

Since we are not God and cannot do everything for ourselves, then we ought to be thankful for what God and others do for us. That's fair. That's big. That's noble. That's recognition. That's so different from the spirit that receives and receives and never says thanks, at least not aloud.

Thankfulness makes personality shine and keeps morale from lagging. It's easier to bear what we don't have if we're grateful for what we do have. It keeps us from sinking into despair and pessimism, encourages us to renew our efforts, and heartens us to continue in the pursuit of our dreams. It even shows in the face, giving it a warm glow and a cheerful smile.

As we approach Thanksgiving, may you SHINE with gratitude.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

As we did last year, families and friends of Cornerstone are invited to share Thanksgiving Day dinner with others who may not have family near. We will gather at Cornerstone for a traditional Thanksgiving Day celebration. Set aside the date NOW – Thursday, November 26th. Make your reservation NOW using the slip in your weekly worship folder.

LOOKING AHEAD

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING comes back to Cornerstone this fall/winter. Registrations and evaluations will be held Monday & Tuesday, November 9 & 10, with practices beginning the week of January 11th and a game schedule from January through March 2016. UPWARD's first game day is scheduled for Saturday, January 23rd, with the Closing Celebration scheduled for Saturday, March 12th.

Upward Sports is dedicated to introduce children, grades K-6, to Jesus Christ by creating opportunities to serve through sports. For more information, or to register your children/grandchildren, please see Peter Jensen. Please sign up to help with evaluations that will be held on November 9 & 10, 6-8pm each night.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Sunday, December 6 – You are invited to come to Cornerstone's annual Christmas Concert. This year we will again share in the JOY of the Christmas season through this service of word and song. You won't want to miss this highlight of the Advent/Christmas season.

MARK THE DATE – Sunday December 6 at 4pm.

Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you for this special Christmas program. Following the program will be a time of refreshment and fellowship. Come one, come ALL! Watch for FREE tickets to be available for you to use in inviting your friends!

SWAG NIGHT - Ladies & Men -- are you looking forward to SWAG night? The date is Monday, December 7. Come to the church to create your own holiday swag. Bring your greens, ribbons, decorations, etc., (there will also be some supplies available to share) and enjoy this evening of fellowship and creation. We had a GREAT time last year. Plan on coming this year. It's OK to bring a friend. Watch for the sign up sheet so we have an idea of how many to set up for.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT HIBERNIA MANSION, Friday, December 4, at 6:30pm. Join others from Cornerstone as we Christmas Carol for those visiting Hibernia Mansion.

BREAKFAST WITH THE WISE MEN - Saturday, December 12, at 9am. Children up through 5th grade are invited to come to the church to enjoy breakfast with our special guests, **Balthazar, Gaspar and Melchior**.

PUNK ROCK CHRISTMAS PARTY - Wednesday, December 16, at 7pm. Come to the church for a **GREAT TIME** of worshiping and caroling. EVERYONE SHOULD COME!!!!

CHRISTMAS EVE - Thursday, December 24 – PLAN NOW to attend both Christmas Eve services – 6pm Family Service; 11pm Candlelight Communion.

A TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

November 11th is Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans. The following poem was written in their honor.

*I shivered that cold winter in Valley Forge
And rejoiced at the glorious surrender at Yorktown.
I wept as the flames engulfed Washington
And said "Never again."
I wore blue and I bled red.
I wore gray and I bled red.
The blood I spilled was to reunite a nation
Of the people, by the people and for the people.
I am a veteran.*

*I was at Little Big Horn and I prayed.
I was at Wounded Knee and I prayed.
I prayed that one day the old Americans
And the new Americans would be one people.
I was there to charge up the hill at San Juan,
Knowing that my country was emerging beyond its
borders.
I was prepared to make the world safe for democracy.
Young and Idealistic, I came to France
To turn back the hordes in this war to end all wars.
I am a veteran.*

*It was with disbelief that I became
A part of the day which will live in infamy.
Once more I said good-bye to those I loved to protect my
country.
Across the vast desert I met the enemy.
I met him on island after island.
I kept my promise to return.
I met him on the beaches of Normandy,
I repelled him from the gates of Bataan.
I freed thousands from the shadow of death.
I am a veteran.*

*A small nation cried out for help
And I came because others had been there for me.
A nation was saved.
I felt the agony of defeat in the jungles of a distant land.
But I held my head high and when another people cried out,
I once again put on my uniform to save them from
tyranny.
Today I remain ready to pledge my life,
My property, my sacred home
Until there will be peace and freedom on earth
For everyone, everywhere.
I am a veteran.*

God bless all those who put others before themselves, past, present and future, so that we may live in freedom!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Once again this year, we will provide the opportunity for you to purchase Christmas poinsettias in honor or in memory of your loved ones. We will be purchasing branched plants in 6" pots from Ford's Greenhouses. You may select red, white or pink plants. The cost of each plant will be \$7.75. Please use the form in the weekly worship folder. Deadline for orders is Sunday, November 15th.

THE BIBLE PROMISE BOOK

Whatever the need of the moment, the answer is to be found in Scripture, if we take the time to search for it. Whatever we're feeling, whatever we're suffering, whatever we're hoping – the BIBLE has something to say to us. This month, what does the Bible say about **JOY!** Take your Bible and look up each passage. As we work on our faith-walk, the Bible will give us **help** and **hope**.

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| Isaiah 55:12 | John 15:11 | Isaiah 61:10 |
| Psalms 89:15-16 | Habakkuk 3:18 | Isaiah 41:16 |
| Psalms 118:15 | Isaiah 51:11 | Psalms 64:10 |
| Psalms 4:7 | Psalms 33:21 | Psalms 63:5 |
| Psalms 126:5-6 | 1 Peter 1:8 | Psalms 68:3 |
| Psalms 97:11-12 | Nehemiah 8:10 | John 16:22 |
| Job 22:26 | | |

Obviously these are only a few of the passages that speak about JOY. For more, check your Bible's concordance.

ADVENT BEGINS

Advent, the first season in the Church Year, begins on Sunday, November 29. Advent is a religious term that refers to having a season of preparation for a special, holy day – the time prior to Christmas Day. Advent begins on the Sunday closest to November 30 (sometimes that means the last Sunday in November and sometimes it means the first Sunday in December). The Advent season is a special time of the year when the change in routine can bring great stress or great joy. In reality it is a mixture of both. But as we contemplate the giving of God's Son to a lost and dying world, that those who believe and receive Him will be saved, we are reminded that the Babe of Bethlehem's manger became the Man on the Middle Cross who gave His life as a ransom for many. So, though we celebrate the birth of a child, we are humbled and awed by God's unspeakable gift – His great sacrifice!

The purpose of our preparation during Advent is to celebrate and seek to understand the birth of Jesus to Mary, with the help of Joseph. No words were spoken that night by the Son of God. No miracle or signs were given by him whom we claim is Emmanuel, God with us. The sign to the shepherds was that he would be wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. The swaddling cloths were strips of linen, or other material, wound about a newborn baby. This was a common practice. What was not so common was to find such a baby, lying in a manger, which was a trough, or box, used for the feeding of the cattle.

The baby Jesus, at the time of his birth, did not even have his own bed. Imagine the cattle, coming to eat, and finding not food but a newborn baby. Imagine shepherds, coming to see the Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and finding such a humble setting. It is not what would be expected.

In like fashion, we must approach our life with God with eyes open to the unexpected. God works in wondrous ways. He works in mysterious ways. He often uses common, ordinary things to

convey his message. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8). We need to pray to God to help us see things in his light. We need to ask for guidance so that we can make the right interpretations of the signs and symbols that are around us. We need to seek that sensitivity that will enable us to see God in every event and every person as we meet them in our journey through life. Think about it.

ARE YOU A PEACEMAKER or AN INHIBITOR OF PEACEMAKING

The ministry of our fellowship is devoted to the basic principles of Peacemaking. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. We are committed to making peace and sowing peace.

We are resolved that

As people reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believe that we are called to respond to conflict in a way that is remarkably different from the way the world deals with conflict. We also believe that conflict provides opportunities to glorify God, serve other people, and grow to be like Christ. Therefore, in response to God's love and in reliance on His grace, we commit ourselves to respond to conflict according to the following principles:

Glorify God • *Instead of focusing on our own desires and dwelling on what others may do, we will seek to please and honor God – by depending on His wisdom, power, and love; by faithfully obeying His commands; and by seeking to maintain a loving, merciful, and forgiving attitude.*

Get the log out of your own eye • *Instead of attacking others or dwelling on their wrongs, we will take responsibility for our own contribution to conflicts – confessing our sins, asking God to help us change any attitudes and habits that lead to conflict, and seeking to repair any harm we have caused.*

Go and show your brother his fault • *Instead of pretending that conflict doesn't exist or talking about others behind their backs, we will choose to overlook minor offenses, or we will talk directly and graciously with those whose offenses seem too serious to overlook. When a conflict with another Christian cannot be resolved in private, we will ask others in the body of Christ to help us settle the matter in a biblical manner.*

Go and be reconciled • *Instead of accepting premature compromise or allowing relationships to wither, we will actively pursue genuine peace and reconciliation – forgiving others as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us, and seeking just and mutually beneficial solutions to our differences.*

By God's grace, we will apply these principles as a matter of stewardship, realizing that conflict is an opportunity, not an accident. We will remember that success, in God's eyes, is not a matter of specific results but of faithful, dependant obedience. And we will pray that our service as peacemakers brings praise to our Lord and leads others to know His infinite love.

Whenever you are responding to conflict, you need to realize that other people may harden their hearts and refuse to be reconciled. In times like that, remember that God does not measure success in terms of results but in terms of *faithful obedience*. He knows that you cannot force other people to act in a certain way. Therefore he will not hold you responsible for their actions or for the ultimate outcome of a conflict. All God expects of you is to obey his revealed will as faithfully as possible (Romans 12:18).

When you find yourself in a particularly difficult situation that seems that it will never resolve, remember that a Christian

should never close the Bible. When you try to resolve a conflict but do not see the results you desire, you should seek God even more earnestly through prayer, the study of his Word and the counsel of his church. You need to keep your focus on Christ and all that he has already done for you. It is also helpful to follow 5 principles for overcoming evil that are described in Romans 12:14-21:

Control your tongue (avoid gossip, retaliation, anger and bitterness)

Seek godly advisors

Keep doing what is right

Recognize your limits (stay within biblical channels)

Use the ultimate weapon – deliberate, focused love

Even if other people persist in doing wrong, you can continue to trust that God is in control and will deal with them in his time.

Remember that when the Bible talks about forgiveness there is no limit to the number of times we are to forgive. And remember, that when we fail to forgive someone who we believe has wronged us, we become the unforgiven. (See the Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6)

YOUTH NEWS

DON'T FORGET!!

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (grades 6-12) - WEDNESDAYS, 7-8:30 pm weekly (following the Mid-Week Worship Celebration)! Come and experience it! Bring your friends!!

YOUTH SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP - THURSDAYS at 7pm (EVERY YOUTH is invited!)

YOUTH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - for Jr & Sr High - 9:30 am Sunday mornings

Worship Celebrations - Sundays at 8:15 and 10:45 am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm

PLEASE HELP US OUT!

EMPTY INKJET PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Please donate your empty inkjet printer cartridges to the youth group to be recycled. A container is placed in the **coat room** to receive your donations. **KEEP THOSE CARTRIDGES COMING!** We appreciate every bit of help we receive.

EVENTS:

Wednesday, December 16 - **PUNK ROCK CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Thursday, December 31 - **NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH**

CHILDREN'S NEWS

COOL KIDS - Children, 4 years old up through grade 3 are invited to participate in COOL Kids on Sunday mornings at both the 8:15 and 10:45 celebration services. Following the praise time and the reading of scripture in the Worship Center, kids are dismissed to ROOM 108. COOL Kids (**C**hildren **O**f **O**ur **L**ord Kids) helps kids learn to celebrate Christ in a way they enjoy and become excited about.

EVENTS:

Sunday, November 1 - **THE FALL FEST** for children up through 5th grade

THE FIVE FINGERS OF PRAYER

Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember – **PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES.**

The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our

leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

The fourth finger is your ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need our prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

And lastly comes your little finger, the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

THE SONG THAT SILENCED THE CAPPUCCINO MACHINE

(Thanks, Martha, for sharing this story)

It was chilly in Manhattan but warm inside the Starbucks shop on 51st Street and Broadway, just a skip up from Times Square. Early November weather in New York City holds only the slightest hint of the bitter chill of late December and January, but it's enough to send the masses crowding indoors to vie for available space and warmth.

For a musician, it's the most lucrative Starbucks location in the world, I'm told, and consequently, the tips can be substantial if you play your tunes right. Apparently, we were striking all right chords that night, because our basket was almost overflowing. It was a fun, low-pressure gig – I was playing keyboard and singing backup for my friend who also added rhythm with an arsenal of percussion instruments we mostly did pop songs from the 40s to the 90s with a few original tunes thrown in. During our emotional rendition of the classic, "If You Don't Know Me By Now," I noticed a lady sitting in one of the lounge chairs across from me. She was swaying to the beat and singing along.

After the tune was over, she approached me. "I apologize for singing along on that song. Did it bother you?" she asked. "No," I replied. "We love it when the audience joins in. Would you like to sing up front on the next selection?"

To my delight, she accepted my invitation. "You choose," I said. "What are you in the mood to sing?"

"Well,... do you know any hymns?"

Hymns? This woman didn't know who she was dealing with. I cut my teeth on hymns. Before I was even born, I was going to church. I gave our guest singer a knowing look. "Name one."

"Oh, I don't know. There are so many good ones. You pick one."

"Okay," I replied. "How about 'His Eye is on the Sparrow'?"

My new friend was silent, her eyes averted. Then she fixed her eyes on mine again and said, "Yeah, let's do that one." She slowly nodded her head, put down her purse, straightened her jacket and faced the center of the shop. With my two-bar setup, she began to sing.

"Why should I be discouraged? Why should the shadows come?"

The audience of coffee drinkers was transfixed. Even the gurgling noises of the cappuccino machine ceased as the

employees stopped what they were doing to listen. The song rose to its conclusion.

"I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free. For His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me."

When the last note was sung, the applause crescendoed to a deafening roar that would have rivaled a sold-out crowd at Carnegie Hall.

Embarrassed, the woman tried to shout over the din, "Oh, y'all go back to your coffee! I didn't come in here to do a concert! I just came in here to get something to drink, just like you!" But the ovation continued

I embraced my new friend. "You, my dear, have made my whole year! That was beautiful!"

"Well, it's funny that you picked that particular hymn," she said.

"Why is that?" I asked.

"Well,..." she hesitated again, "that was my daughter's favorite song."

"Really!" I exclaimed.

"Yes," she said, and then grabbed my hands. By this time, the applause had subsided and it was business as usual. "She was 16. She died of a brain tumor last week."

I said the first thing that found its way through my stunned silence. "Are you going to be okay?"

She smiled through tear-filled eyes and squeezed my hands. "I'm gonna be okay. I've just got to keep trusting the Lord and singing His songs, and everything's gonna be just fine." She picked up her bag, gave me her card, and then she was gone.

Was it just a coincidence that we happened to be singing in that particular coffee shop on that particular November night? Coincidence that this wonderful lady just happened to walk into that particular shop? Coincidence that of all the hymns to choose from, I just happened to pick the very hymn that was the favorite of her daughter who had died just the week before? I refuse to believe it.

God has been arranging encounters in human history since the beginning of time, and it's no stretch for me to imagine that God could reach into a coffee shop in midtown Manhattan and turn an ordinary gig into a revival. It was a great reminder that if we keep trusting God and singing the songs, everything's gonna be okay.

THE NEXT TIME YOU FEEL LIKE GOD CAN'T USE YOU, JUST REMEMBER, GOD CAN USE YOU TO YOUR FULL POTENTIAL!

Besides. You aren't the message, you are just the messenger.

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN (Readings for Advent)

| The First Week | WONDERFUL COUNSELOR |
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| Sunday, November 29 | Luke 1:26-35 |
| | <i>Conceived of the Holy Spirit</i> |
| Monday | Galatians 5:22-26 |
| | <i>The fruit of the Spirit</i> |
| Tuesday | John 16:7-15 |
| | <i>The Spirit of truth</i> |
| Wednesday | 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 |

Thursday *Freedom in the Spirit*
Titus 3:4-7
Friday *Born again of the Spirit*
John 3:3-6
Saturday *Entering the kingdom*
2 Corinthians 3:1-3
A letter written with the Spirit

The Second Week MIGHTY GOD

Sunday, December 6 Matthew 1:18-23
God with us
Monday Luke 2:1-7
God in a manger
Tuesday 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Power displayed in weakness
Wednesday Ephesians 3:14-21
The power of God at work in us
Thursday 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
God chose what is weak
Friday 1 John 3:1-3
Children of God
Saturday John 1:9-18
Jesus, the Word, is God

The Third Week EVERLASTING FATHER

Sunday, December 13 John 14:8-11
Show us the Father

Monday John 10:22-30
Jesus and Father are one
Tuesday Galatians 4:4-7
Adopted as sons and daughters
Wednesday John 16:25-28
The Father loves you
Thursday John 17:20-26
United in faith
Friday Romans 8:12-17
Children and heirs of God
Saturday John 3:16-21
The Father sent his Son

The Fourth Week PRINCE OF PEACE

Sunday, December 20 Luke 2:8-14
Peace on earth
Monday Matthew 5:1-11
Blessed are the peacemakers
Tuesday 2 Thessalonians 3:13-18
The Lord of peace
Wednesday John 14:27-31
My peace I give to you
Thursday Romans 15:8-13
Filled with joy and peace
Friday 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Strength in weakness
Saturday 2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Jesus, the Yes to God's promises

THANKSGIVING Word Search – Find the hidden words

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| FALL | FAMILY | FEAST | GRATITUDE | HARVEST |
| INDIANS | MASSACHUSETTS | NOVEMBER | PIE | PILGRIMS |
| PLYMOUTH ROCK | PUMPKIN | SQUASH | STUFFING | THANKS |
| THANKSGIVING | TURKEY | | | |

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