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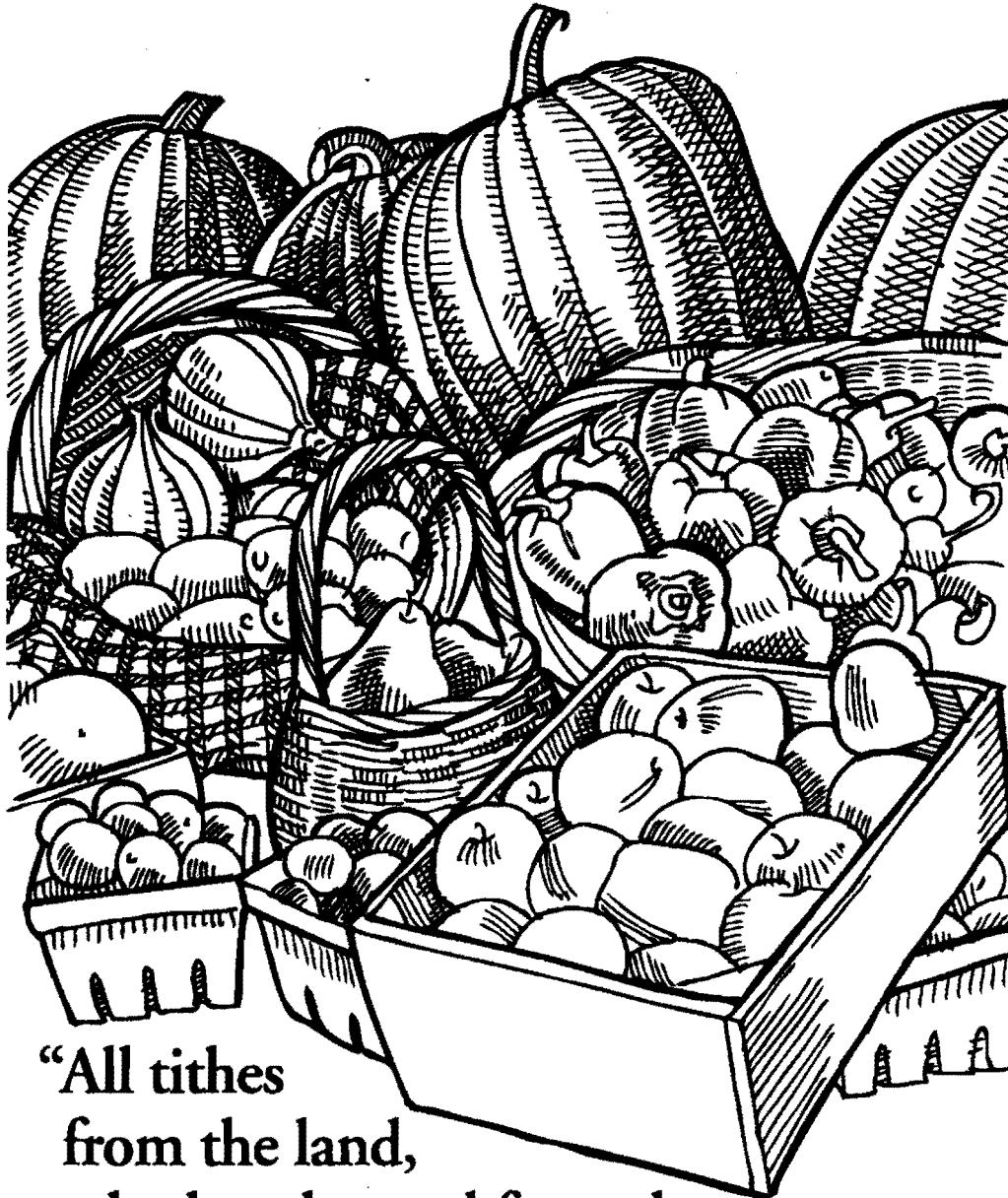
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MISSION STATEMENT

To redeem, renew, and restore individuals through the power of Jesus Christ



“All tithes
from the land,
whether the seed from the
ground or the fruit from the tree,
are the LORD’s; they are holy
to the LORD.” Leviticus 27:30, NRSV

Worship
and
Give
Thanks
at
Crestview
Baptist
Church
every
Sunday
At
11:00am

THE GRACE OF GIVING

Few people are more attractive or more contagious than those individuals who find happiness in generosity. It is unfortunate that so many of us seem to find it hard to associate the two words "enjoyment" and "giving".

In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul reminds us that giving is more of the heart than of circumstances and leads to the grace of giving. God's grace has been poured out to us and we respond in kind by our giving. It comes from the heart. It is meant to be offered to God with

great rejoicing. It has nothing to do with being well off. It is willing-it views giving as a privilege, and it is joyously enthusiastic. That is what happens when grace motivates a heart. It is not dictated by ability.

"It won't do any good to give our possessions to God unless we give ourselves."

What is at the root of such grace giving?

Grace, as said, but the answer is explicit in 2 Corinthians 8:5, "...they gave themselves first to the Lord..."

The grace of God comes to our lives. We give our lives back to God, and ourselves to the welfare of the church. We give the first and best.

There is an implicit lesson: It won't do any good to give our possessions to God unless we give ourselves.

There is no way to grow to spiritual maturity without committing our finances to the Lord. Jesus can have our money and not have our hearts, but He cannot have our hearts without our money. For "where your treasure is there is your heart also."

Let me offer some pastoral advice-while the New Testament sets no figure as to how much one ought to give, the great requirements put on people under the Old Covenant suggest that a good beginning place would be

at least ten percent. For some, because of circumstances in their life, it might be that four or six percent would be a massive beginning.

The church is a place where you worship and are taught. It is the institution that aids in the discipline of your children, that reaches out with ministries, that supports others in missions

The other thing apparent is that giving must be regular. The motivation is to bring health to the body of Christ, to respond to the grace of God.

My advice is to begin giving now.

Because of Christ's fullness we have all received grace, grace upon grace, grace heaped upon grace, and so giving is a matter of grace from beginning to end. Because of grace, let us give the first and best.

For grace to fall upon the entire church we give our first and best. When we give it is a unified, purposeful, corporate demonstration of our thankfulness to what God has already done.

It is grace responding to grace.

It is an expression of confidence that He will do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Pastor Moore



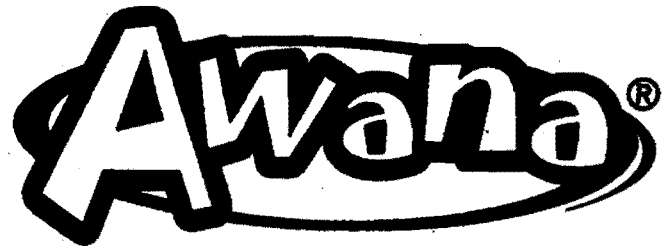
THANKSGIVING FOOD TO BE GIVEN BY CRESTVIEW

Thirty Thanksgiving Food Baskets will be given to needy families on Monday, November 21st. The

cost, or partial cost, of each basket is approximately \$25. You can participate by giving the cost, or partial cost of a basket. Make checks payable to Crestview Baptist Church and clearly designate cash or checks to Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

Your help is needed with basket preparation on Monday, November 21st at 9:00am in Room 11.

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed AWANA Clubs At Crestview 5:00-6:30pm



WHAT IS AWANA?

Based in the Chicago area, AWANA is the only organization with fully integrated evangelism and discipleship programs for ages 2 to 18 that actively involve parents, church leaders and mentors. Each week, more than 1.5 million children and youth, 250,000 volunteers and 170 plus field staff take part in AWANA in over 22,000 churches in the U.S. and internationally. Today, more than 12,000 U.S. churches run AWANA with programs in all 50 states. AWANA can also be found in over 10,000 churches in 109 other countries.

SEGMENTS OF THE CLUB:

Handbook Time: Consists of one-to-one interaction between clubbers and their leaders. Clubbers recite memory work and discuss Bible reading assignments to ensure comprehension.

Game Time: Offers the clubbers opportunities to participate as team members in physical activities. The activities are designed to help develop team spirit, sportsmanship, self-confidence, and gross motor skills, as well as coordination. Games in general are competitive and fun.

Council Time: Includes but is not limited to singing, instruction from the Bible, lessons on the Christian walk, and mission studies.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Each club night we will begin by signing in at the registration table in the foyer outside the gym, and proceed to the circle on the floor in the gymnasium. Next, we will have a brief opening and announcements by our commander, Ryan Tran. Then, a clubber will be chosen to lead everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Pledge of Allegiance to the AWANA Flag, and Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. Following a closing prayer, we divide into our individual clubs and go to our rooms for Handbook Time and council Time.

COST:

There is no registration fee; however, each clubber is responsible for purchasing a handbook, and uniform shirt. The fee for the book and uniform is \$25. This will be paid when you register your

student for the program, AWANA requires that the Clubbers wear their uniforms in order to receive awards and participate in certain AWANA activities. We do not ever want money to keep a child from participating in AWANA, so please let us know if there is a financial concern and we will make every attempt to provide the funding as needed. We also ask that the clubber bring a small amount of money each night for club dues. This money will be used to purchase snacks and awards throughout the year.

PARENTS:

All parents are welcome and encouraged to participate in the AWANA ministry. There are always openings where you can serve. You are also encouraged to work with your child(ren) daily so that they may learn the scriptures in their handbook. With your help and the exciting AWANA program, you will see tremendous spiritual growth in your child(ren). At CBC, there are specific requirements that must be fulfilled in order to work with the children, which include:

- You must be a born-again Christian
- You must be a member of CBC or a local church of similar beliefs.

Crestview offers 3 AWANA Clubs:

TRUTH & TRAINING (third to sixth grade)

Led by: Randy Rogers & Maritza Velez



TREK (Middle School)

Led by: Celeste Tran & Angela Gibbons



JOURNEY (High School)

Led by: Will Strain & Ismael Velez



Other AWANA Leaders

Commander: Ryan Tran

Secretary: Lisa Strain

Games: Jim Palmer, Andrew Gibbons

Refreshments: Bonnie Palmer

Additional **Workers:** Deanna Martinez, June Coffman, Will Strong, Becky Strong, Kellye Jackson, Dora Roberts, Brittany Roberts and Jessica Palmer.

**ADVENT CELEBRATION
BEGINS NOVEMBER 27TH**

Advent begins the last Sunday of November. The November 27th Worship service will kickoff the four Sundays of Advent.

Many Crestview members have discovered the joy of observing Advent. If you haven't, we encourage you to try it. Your life will be enriched.

Advent is a Latin word meaning to come. Christians should prepare themselves both mentally and spiritually for Jesus to come into the world. We celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas day, but our preparation begins with Advent. Advent is the first season of the Christian year, and it begins four Sundays before Christmas Day.

It is easy for the real meaning of Christmas to be forgotten in the rush of the holiday season. The beauty and wisdom of Advent is the opportunity it gives us to stand back and experience the many spiritual joys of Christmas. How marvelous it is to consider that Christian families all over the world are drawn closer during Advent because of God's loving gift—Jesus Christ.

The first candle in the Advent wreath at church will be lit Sunday, November 27th. It would be a great time to plan for your family of all generations to attend and to invite your neighbors and friends to begin Advent season with you in worship.

CHRISTMAS / ADVENT CALENDAR

- November 27 First Sunday of Advent
- November 30 Deadline to order Poinsettias
- December
- 3 Men's Breakfast / 8:30am
- Men Decorate Church Outside / 9am
- 4 Second Sunday of Advent
- 4-11 Week of Prayer for International Missions
- Lottie Moon Offering
- 11 Third Sunday of Advent
- AWANA Caroling
- 18 AWANA Christmas Celebration
- Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 19 Distribute Christmas Food Baskets
- 24 Candlelight Service / 6:30pm
- 25 Birthday Party for Jesus / 9:45am



To order a Poinsettia *In Honor* or *In Memory Of* someone, fill out this form and turn it in at the church office or place it in an offering plate along with your designated check made payable to Crestview Baptist Church. If you are purchasing a plant with cash, please use an envelope with your designation clearly marked.

Cost Per Plant - \$8.00
Deadline to order plants is
Wednesday, November 30th

NAME _____

PHONE _____

PLANTS ORDERED _____

One plant per each person
honored or remembered

CHECK AMOUNT _____

CASH ENCLOSED _____

CHECK NUMBER _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____
