

Listing Our Blessings

Can you believe that we are now into November? Where did this year go? Am I the only one that feels like it was just summer and now here we are thinking turkey and Christmas shopping? Time really does fly doesn't it?

Can I ask you a personal question? How has your year gone? Have you even slowed down to think about it? One thing the holiday season is good for is reflecting upon our year. There is an old hymn entitled, "Count Your Blessings." The chorus of that hymn says, "Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God hath done." There is value in counting the blessings of God.

Let me share with you some blessings we have seen this year at OUR CHURCH...

- List mission activities,
- List ministry initiatives held during the year,
- List out special events that were meaningful,
- List out anything that would excite members.

For all of that we give God the praise and glory! Why is it important to see God's hand in the past? **Because it gives us faith for our future!** The same is true in your life. I listed out a few things we have seen God do here. What would you list? Take some time this month to do just exactly that.

Then as we prepare for our offering today, here is what I want to challenge you with. Give a gift of thanksgiving back to God for all that He has done for you. Your gift will honor the Lord first of all. It will also allow us to continue to see many of the things I just listed happen in the days to come. All of us have been blessed in some way. Now let's give so that the blessings we have received can be passed along to others!