

# The Communiqué



## From Pastor Ken's Pen (UH....PC!)

### "Be Thankful in All Circumstances"

*"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. (1 Thess. 5:16)*

Wow, this is not an easy one! There are several things that the Bible clearly identifies as God's will for us, and this is one appropriate example for the month of November. Thanksgiving and the giving of thanks have become more and more distant from one another. While it is true that some families take time to give thanks before their meal, take turns going around the table naming one particular thing, the majority of families in America have forgotten how to be thankful. This month, we are reminded that we are to be thankful for all of life's circumstances. "Lord, thank you so much for my broken leg, my unpaid bills, and oh yes, for whoever it was who backed into my car and didn't leave so much as a note!" No, such things are not easy to be thankful for; they are, however, permitted by God who is well aware of our plight. You may say, "Well okay, I can be thankful that God has a plan, but I'm certainly not going to be joyful about it!" Whoa, Nellie, yes you will! Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice."

Without baring my soul's burdens or guessing yours, let me simply name some simpler giving of thanks to be shared and celebrated:

**T – The time that God has given me to study His word, worship and serve.**

**H – The hope that secures my heart and destiny at the end of this life.**

**A – The affection I feel when I am with God's people.**

**N – The noise of the morning fowl, and other glorious sounds of nature.**

**K – The kindness of others, willing to overlook, tolerate and point out weaknesses.**

**S – The sights I'm still able to enjoy as I grow older, their beauty and splendor.**

**G – The grace that's so amazing, able to save and sustain me in spite of all evil.**

**I – The interest others show in my well-being, my life, my family and my faith.**

**V – The victory that is ours in Jesus Christ!**

**I – The insight of others to give me wise counsel when I find myself in a dilemma.**

**N – The nudge of the Spirit, when I begin to wander from the path of righteousness.**

**G – The generosity of others, who respond to the needs around them.**

*See you in church - Ken*

## NOVEMBER 2011

|                     |   |
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| Celebrations        | 2 |
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### Elders 2011

Diane Burden  
Donald Burke  
Bill Dixon  
Wallace Hoffman  
Dave Hoffmeyer  
Marvin Pool  
Anne Preston  
Barbara Primm  
Jim Reasor

### Deacons 2011

Pat Folmsbee  
Julie Fulks  
Jill Hembrough  
Cecelia Ingraham  
Pat Polit  
Russ Spitzer

## OFFICE HOURS



**Monday—Thursday  
9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Doug & Peggy Tracy
- 7 Joe & Moe Moe Hammill
- 8 Ed & Barb Sandlin



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bill Dixon
- 9 Young Allgood & Virginia Box
- 11 Allen Box
- 12 Sonja Meisberger
- 13 Ed Sandlin
- 15 Holly Gailey & Bob Reihart
- 16 Phyllis Forsberg
- 17 Barbara Vey
- 20 Pat Allcorn, Rosie Hawthorne & Glenn Piper
- 21 Beverly Bowron
- 22 Bill Brooks
- 23 Pam Miles & Gladys Schoedinger
- 26 Bea Parquet
- 29 Rupert Waite



### THANK YOU

To our lay readers, ushers, greeters, communion servers and flower arranger for the month of October:

- |                |                 |            |
|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Patricia King  | Pat Allcorn     | Pat Polit  |
| Barbara Primm  | Margie Pohl     | Linda Pool |
| Dave Hoffmeyer | Linda Dattler   |            |
| Dodie Willis   | Wallace Hoffman |            |
| Jim Brate      | Norine Spitzer  |            |
| Melanie Tucker | Lauren Preston  |            |
| Karla Medina   | Anne Preston    |            |



### BITS FROM BETTY

Please change the following email in your copy of the church directory:

Don Burke—donaldburke23@gmail.com

Beginning November 1, the office hours will be 9—1, Monday through Thursday.

### He's At It Again!

Dr. Dan Crowder, who Pastor Ken has called Community Church's "resident scholar," has written another book! This time Dan's topic is *The IDEA of Divinity: A Brief Review of the Origins, Beliefs, and Development of the World's Great Religions.*

The Church's Christian Education Committee will sponsor a thirteen-week seminar on the subject beginning in January led by Dan. Thanks to Wreatha's helpful assistance, copies of the book should be available before December 16. The price of the book is \$18.95, and all proceeds will be contributed to the Church's Capital Development Campaign Fund.

For further information, contact Dan or Wreatha either at the 11:00AM service or at home at 352-242-2633.

**REMEMBER  
SET YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK  
NOVEMBER 6  
@ 2:00 AM**



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**Saturday, November 5**  
**8:00— 10:30 AM**

Come and enjoy the food and fellowship  
and bring a friend or two

**\$1.00 OFF COUPON**



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Grace Place
- Children's Sunday School 10:00 AM DH
- Women's Tuesday Bible Study 6:00 PM DH
- Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 PM DH
- Pastor Ken's Thursday Bible Study 3:30 PM DH

Have you attended any of the above?

It's never too late to join.

## Community Church **FINANCIAL RECAP** as of 9-30-11

### Operating Account

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$66,042.08  |
| Disbursements     | -\$13,142.60 |
| Deposits          | \$10,655.50  |

**Ending Balance—Operating Account    \$63,555.98**

|                     | <u>September</u> | <u>YTD</u>  | <u>Budget 2011</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Pledge Receipts     | \$5,337.50       | \$80,152.50 | \$101,200.00       |
| Non-Pledge Receipts | \$2,731.00       | \$52,546.24 | \$ 60,000.00       |

**Capital Campaign Contributions— Current YTD    \$ 39,285.65**

Current month                    \$ 1,745.00

Total                                    \$201,204.02

Balance Land Purchase Mortgage                                    \$289,612.16

### **P & L Recap YTD**

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Year-to-Date Operating Income   | \$136,296.65   |
| Year-to-Date Operating Expenses | - \$139,002.38 |
| YTD Income (Loss)               | - \$ 2,705.73  |

## **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE**

What does the Bible say about God and your money? Beginning in Genesis 13:2, Scripture tells us that God blessed Abraham by making him a wealthy man. Abraham was a man of true wealth, having stored up gold, silver, land, and cattle. Joseph was directed by God to store food and provisions for the coming famine, and his obedience was rewarded by actually helping to save a whole nation during the seven years of famine. The Old Testament is full of examples of godly men who understood that saving money was a sign of God's blessing.

In a budget, revenue expected limits the amount of money to be spent. This is true for families, churches, social and service organizations, and political units. A budget is necessary for financial planning, regardless of income. This is the time of year when each family should make out its budget for 2012. In your budgeting, it is very easy to determine the percentage of income you are including for the church. The Community Church 2012 budget can be constructed only after pledges are received, since they represent the expected revenue.

God's economic laws assure honest weights and measures. For example, if you go to a grocery store to buy a pound of cheese, you expect an accurate weight. You also expect to pay an honest amount of money for the pound of cheese, not an inflated price. Our Founding Fathers expected in the Constitution that money would consist of an honest weight of gold or silver. This was true for more than a hundred years. However, almost exactly a hundred years ago, God's laws were replaced by man's economic laws. This means that the federal government began printing more currency than there was gold or silver to redeem. Thus, each dollar loses some of its value as inflation reduces the honest weight that it will buy. In other words, inflation confiscates a part of each person's salary or wages or pension through higher prices. We in the 21<sup>st</sup> century have forgotten the Bible's instruction to save a portion of our resources.

An entrepreneur is one who invests capital or money into a business and takes the risk that his capital will grow. God is also an entrepreneur. God's investment is the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, for you and me. He invested his time, talents, and gifts into us, with no guarantee of a return on his investment. Yet he still loved and loves us unconditionally. Glory to God!

God also expects us to be entrepreneurs. We are to invest our time and talents with hard work. God asks us to do three things. First, earn all you can, legally of course. Second, save all you can. Establish a budget. If you have debts, pay them ASAP. Proverbs 22:7 reminds us that "the borrower is servant to the lender." (continued on page 5)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What a wonderful thing it is to be able to celebrate a life as we did at our last fellowship with Dodie Willis. Yes, we are all God's precious children, and here at Community Church we continue to recognize all of *our* precious children with the Celebration of Life series. I still haven't decided which I enjoyed more – learning about Dodie's life and her love for Howey-in-the-Hills or all the delicious meat and potatoes we had. Hmmmm – I think I will have to declare it a tie.

Our "food fest" time of the year is fast approaching. At Community Church, we'll be kicking off the season with a Thanksgiving feast at our November 13<sup>th</sup> fellowship luncheon. The turkeys will soon be tucked away in the freezer awaiting their big day, and I'm looking forward to seeing all the



scrumptious side dishes that will be brought in to make the turkeys taste even better. The choir has begun practicing for the Christmas cantata so now I'm certain the holiday season is drawing near. What an exciting and joyful time this is as we begin to prepare our hearts to once more hear the glorious Christmas story of Jesus' birth.

Welcome back to everyone who has been gone over the summer. I hope you returned refreshed and ready to once more become an important part of your church.

In God's Love,  
Rosie Hawthorne,  
Fellowship

## OUTREACH

Outreach meets the second Wednesday of each month, and the committee is currently comprised of Les Deatherage, Murray McMahon, Wil Rivera and myself. Our responsibilities include tracking new visitors, maintaining visitor packets, sending cards to first time visitors and residents new to the area, pancake breakfasts and the Halloween open house.

Our next breakfast will be on Saturday, November 5th. Don't forget to use the dollar off coupon in this issue for November.



Coming on December 10th in conjunction with the Howey Christmas festival, we will have a tent down by the lake and will be serving a pancake breakfast as well as a pulled pork sandwich in the afternoon. Outreach is working with Rosie to plan this event, so we will need volunteers for both the morning and the afternoon. If you would like to participate, call Don Burke at 352-638-6185.

By the time you read this, our Halloween open house will have taken place. Thanks to everyone who donated candy and/or their time.

If you would like to become a member of our Outreach committee, please call Don Burke.

Don Burke,  
Chair



## Annual Christmas Angel Tree for Local Children



If you have been wondering when our Annual Angel Tree will appear, we have news for you !

Angels will appear on the Angel Tree November 27 – the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and will be available for your selection on November 27 and December 4. Angel tags will have name, age, sizes and Christmas wishes of Lake County children who, through no fault of their own, are in the Foster Care system, due to abuse, abandonment or neglect, and are assigned to the Guardian ad Litem program. The children are age birth through eighteen.

We will ask that you purchase your gifts, wrap them, tape the angel tag to the package, and return them to the church by December 11 for distribution to the Lake County children at Christmas time. Use your own discretion in filling their wishes. There is no minimum or maximum

Your special gifts are always appreciated by these needy children. God bless you for your concern and kindness.

Murray and Marilyn McMahon

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to join us at 10:00 AM for fellowship and refreshments followed by our meeting from 10:30 to noon on Thursday, November 10th. Our speaker this month will be Ernie Rossi, an astronomer, who will inform us about the December sky. Also, we will give thanks by reaching out to others by becoming mission partners through our *Thanksgiving Offering*. Our annual program grants bring new life and hope to people throughout the world. We will have our dedication service for our 2011 Thanksgiving Offering during our meeting.



There is still room for anyone who wants to participate in the *Beatitudes* study on the first Wednesday of each month. We meet from 10:00—11:30 in the morning at Grace Place. If you would like to join us, please contact Pat Polit at 352-638-6139.

Pat Polit, Moderator

## NOTES FROM NORINE

November is upon us, and we will soon be making Thanksgiving plans with family and friends. Russell and I will be leaving very early on the 11th for the arrival of Breanna Rose, our newest grandchild. While this has been a difficult year, at the same time, I think of how grateful I am. It really helps to focus on the positive and not dwell on the negative. Whatever problems we may have in our own lives, there are always others who either share the same problems, or worse. Let us all be thankful for what the Lord does for each of us and praise Him for His goodness, love and grace.



The theme for the choir anthems this month is PRAISE. Let us spend some quiet time in reflection. Look where you once were, and where you are now. Whether you are worried about your finances, or your health, your children, or a loved one, if you are where you should be in your relationship with God, you should feel a certain kind of peace. You know, God whispers sweet peace to us all. We must be still and listen for He speaks in a small voice. He has been speaking to me a lot lately, and there are messages I need to deliver to you, the congregation. I think you all know by now that I am extremely displeased with my voice, and so I try not to sing, but I feel that I must listen

to Him. So I spend hours practicing songs that deliver such beautiful messages. I guess this is my warning to you that I'll be singing more at the 9:00 service.

The choir is very happy to welcome Gail Edelman to the choir. She is our newest soprano who we've been praying for. Thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayers. Speaking of answered prayer, the strangest thing happened to me at work last week. A customer who came in while I worked on Sunday, came in again on Wednesday and asked if I remembered her. I said I did, and she explained that she was there to tell me that my face came to her mind. She did not know why, as she does not know me, but she prayed for me as she felt that was the reason I appeared in her mind. I was so very touched by this. It gave me a feeling of peace and comfort to know there are good, godly people among us. We do not often hear of the good in people so I just wanted to share that story with you, as it was such a blessing and inspiration to me. I gave her a hug, thanked her, and told her how very much it meant to me. I will never forget her, or how God truly watches over us.



Happy Thanksgiving to you all,  
Norine

Finance... (cont'd from page 3)

Third, give all you can. This includes pledging to the church and giving to our own families through savings and investment.

Man's concept of economics is the opposite of God's intention. Man plays the role of Robin Hood, redistributing private wealth for the public good. That is the reason our modern welfare system is a failed experiment. It violates God's principles by rewarding someone who refuses to take the risks necessary to become self-sufficient. God expects us to work hard for him and for ourselves. Paul frequently declared himself to be a servant to our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us do the same with our lives and the money God has provided.

Wallace Hoffman

Member of Stewardship and Finance Committee

# NOVEMBER 2011

| SUN  | MON                                 | TUE   | WED  | THU  | FRI                        | SAT   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------------|---|
|  |                                     | <b>1</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br>8:00<br><br>Women's Bible<br>Study<br>6:00—7:30 DH                               | <b>2</b><br>Mom's<br>Morning Out<br>9:00 DH<br><br><i>Beatitudes</i><br>10:00—11:30 GP<br><br>Choir 6:30<br>Sanctuary                                | <b>3</b><br>Finance<br>2:00 GP<br><br>Bible Study<br>3:30 DH<br><br>AA<br>7:00 DH  | <b>4</b>                   | <b>5</b><br>Pancake Breakfast<br>8:00—10:30 DH<br><br> |
| <b>6</b><br>Communion Sunday<br><br><br><br>Food Pantry<br>Collection | <b>7</b>                            | <b>8</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br>8:00<br><br>Membership<br>10:00 GP<br><br>Women's Bible<br>Study<br>6:00—7:30 DH | <b>9</b><br>Mom's<br>Morning Out<br>9:00 DH<br><br>Outreach<br>6:30 GP<br>Choir 6:30<br>Sanctuary<br>Bible Study<br>7:00 DH                          | <b>10</b><br>Office Closed<br><br>PW<br>10:00 DH<br><br>Bible Study<br>3:30 DH<br><br>AA<br>7:00 DH  | <b>11</b><br>Veterans' Day | <b>12</b>   |
| <b>13</b><br>Fellowship<br>Luncheon<br><br>                         | <b>14</b>                           | <b>15</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br>8:00<br><br>Women's Bible<br>Study<br>6:00—7:30 DH                              | <b>16</b> Mom's<br>Morning Out<br>9:00 DH<br>Food Pantry<br>9:30 GP<br>Deacons' Mtg.<br>6:30 GP<br>Choir 6:30<br>Sanctuary<br>Bible Study<br>7:00 DH | <b>17</b><br>Bible Study<br>3:30 DH<br><br>Session Mtg<br>6:30 GP<br><br>AA<br>7:00 DH   | <b>18</b>                  | <b>19</b>   |
| <b>20</b><br>Christ the King<br>Sunday   | <b>21</b><br>Newsletter<br>Deadline | <b>22</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br>8:00<br><br>Women's Bible<br>Study<br>6:00—7:30 DH                              | <b>23</b><br>Mom's<br>Morning Out<br>9:00 DH<br><br>Choir 6:30<br>Sanctuary<br>Bible Study<br>7:00 DH  | <b>24</b><br>Office Closed<br><br>Happy<br>Thanksgiving<br><br><br>AA<br>7:00 DH | <b>25</b>                  | <b>26</b>   |
| <b>27</b><br>First Sunday in<br>Advent<br><br>                      | <b>28</b>                           | <b>29</b><br>Men's Breakfast<br>8:00<br><br>Women's Bible<br>Study<br>6:00—7:30 DH                              | <b>30</b><br>Mom's<br>Morning Out<br>9:00 DH<br><br>Choir 6:30<br>Sanctuary<br><br>Bible Study<br>7:00 DH  |  |                            |   |

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Community Church recognizes all military veterans in a tribute to their vital, distinct contribution to our American way of life. As the Declaration of Independence declares, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." The American military has at all times existed and fought for the preservation of these rights. The Continental Congress established the marine corps in 1775.

These are the members and friends of Community Church whom we recognize for their service:

| NAME              | BRANCH OF SERVICE           | DATES     |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Young Allgood     | US Navy Seabees             | 1941-1945 |
| Doug Amidon       | US Army                     | 1946-1947 |
| Tom Astaldi       | US Air Force                | 1965-1998 |
| Jim Bassett       | US Navy                     | 1952-1978 |
| Glenn Bowron      | US Coast Guard              | 1942-1945 |
| Allen Box         | US Navy                     | 1941-1945 |
| Bill Brooks       | US Marine Corps             | 1942-1946 |
| Jack Chase        | US Army                     | 1943-1945 |
| Irvin Creed       | US Army Air Corps           | 1942-1945 |
| Dan Crowder       | US Army Air Corps           | 1945-1946 |
| Les Deatherage    | US Army                     | 1956-1958 |
| Rodney Dostal     | US Army                     | 1953-1955 |
| Rev. Ken Folmsbee | US Navy                     | 1968-1977 |
| Bill Foster       | US Army                     | 1954-1956 |
| Bill Franklin     | US Navy                     | 1950-1955 |
| Doug Gitchell     | US Navy                     | 1958-1962 |
|                   | US Army                     | 1962-1980 |
| Ken Grace         | US Air Force                | 1962-1969 |
| Roger Grover      | US Army Guard & Reserve     | 1967-1972 |
| Bill Hempsted     | US Navy                     | 1967-1970 |
| Wallace Hoffman   | US Air Force                | 1953-1978 |
| Dave Hoffmeyer    | US Army                     | 1964-1968 |
| Bud Kyle          | US Army                     | 1952-1954 |
| Mario Masias      | US Marine Corps             |           |
| Richard McCamy    | US Merchant Marine          | 1943-1949 |
| Pat McCann        | US Air Force                | 1956-1960 |
| Murray McMahan    | US Air Force                | 1950-1954 |
| Bob Olsen         | US Air Force                | 1955-1962 |
| Buzz Paulsen      | US Navy                     | 1935-1945 |
| Lauren Preston    | US Army, Corps of Engineers | 1964-1967 |
| Marvin Robertson  | Canadian Navy               | 1954-1955 |
| Ed Sandlin        | US Army                     | 1954-1955 |
| Ted Schaffer      | US Army                     | 1944-1945 |
| Henry Schurman    | US Navy                     | 1942-1945 |
| Ralph Sera        | US Army Artillery           | 1944-1946 |
| Clyde Small       | US Air Force                | 1956-1960 |
| Erich Vey         | US Navy                     | 1944-1946 |
| Rupert Waite      | US Marine Corps             | 1959-1963 |
| Jack Williams     | US Army                     | 1951-1953 |

If there are additional veterans whom we should recognize, please call Wallace Hoffman (352-728-0081) so they can be included in the December Communiqué. We should recognize also the wives of these military veterans and especially honor the widows of veterans. Often they sacrificed through frequent PCS (permanent change of station), TDY (temporary duty) and separations because of deployments.

Wallace Hoffman

Membership Committee Co-Chair

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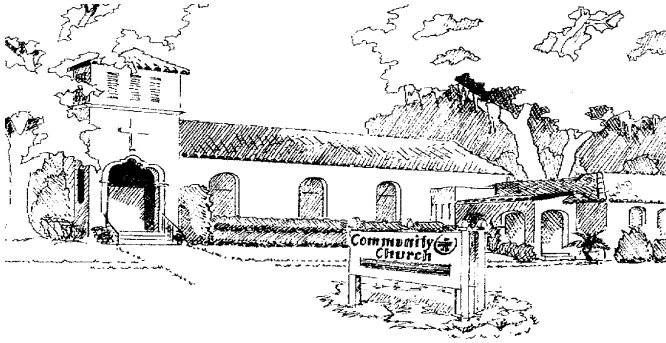
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|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Worship Services         | Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM    |
| Sunday School (Children) | Sunday 10:00 AM           |
| Pairs and Spares (Adult) | Sunday 10:00 AM           |
| Fellowship Luncheon      | Sunday (2nd) 12:00 PM     |
| Women's Bible Study      | Tuesday 6:00 PM           |
| Choir Practice           | Wednesday 6:30 PM         |
| Presbyterian Women       | Thursday 10:00—noon (2nd) |
| Crafters                 | Thursday 9:30—noon (4th)  |
| Bible Study              | Thursday 3:30 PM          |