

Pastor's Corner

November 2012 – Rev. Eric Lane

November is a good month for us to stop and look back at the year, and reflect upon the many blessings that we have enjoyed. I realize that there are some who are still searching for jobs and struggling to make ends meet; yet I still feel that we can find much for which to give thanks to God.

The other day my oldest daughter, Melissa, asked if I would come over and watch my two younger grandsons. I had a lot of places to go and a great deal of work to do, but I told her that I would come. As I held my new grandson in my arms while my other grandson sat close by and looked on, I began to realize that this was the most important thing for me to be doing then. Somehow, I also found time to handle all those other things that I almost used as excuses for why I could not spend a few hours with my grandsons.

The same is true in our spiritual life. The difference is that, though God is always willing and ready to spend time with us, it is we who are often too busy to stop and spend time with God.

If we would stop and spend a little time with God every day, then I expect we would discover that we could still find time to take care of those things that we were planning to use as excuses for ignoring God.

Thanksgiving is a good reason for spending time with those you love, and for one day to put aside any distractions. As Christians, we too have a day set aside to worship and offer our praises to God. We worship on Sundays as a reminder to us that Christ rose on that day; and because of this we were once known as the people of Easter, or Easter people. Yet, many people have robbed Thanksgiving of its meaning. Likewise, we, the Children of God, often have robbed Sunday of its true meaning. I hope that as you go through this month and into Thanksgiving that you will be sure and take time to STOP, and give thanks to God for the many blessings that we have.

Thanksgiving is a day when we remember our forefathers and mothers who gathered together to give thanks for surviving a harsh winter and making it to spring. The weather turned warmer and the seeds that they planted began to sprout. As new life appeared—life that would sustain their lives—they could not help but celebrate.

Even so, Christ offers to us new life—a life in which all our sins can be forgiven—so let's not forget to give God thanks.

God Bless—and have a blessed Thanksgiving!