



“Preparing the Gift”

Sermon by Steve Lane



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Good Morning and Welcome! You had lots of choices this Sunday, and we are so glad that you are here with us! We want to connect with you at your speed and in your way. Please take a moment to complete a Connect Card from the seatback in front of you, and bring it by the info center to receive a special gift.



About Us ~ We follow Jesus Christ, believing that he not only provided a way for us to have peace with God, but gave us an example of how we should live. Our doors and arms are open humbly and joyfully to anyone who wants to learn with us how to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. As we say, "Grace happens here."

Kids & Babies

During our Modern Worship service, our nursery is fully staffed to care for children from birth through 3 years old, while kids in pre-k through grade 5 are encouraged to join **Little Eden Kids Church** for a special worship time of their own. Parents can register children in the **Kids Courtyard** beginning at 10:30am. Pickup is immediately after the service.

Courtyard Café ~ offers coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice, and water from 8:30 –11:15 am each Sunday. Please stop by and enjoy a cup o’ joe and catch up with friends. Refreshments & hugs are always free.



Did you know on this day in history... 11 November 1918

The Germany ~ Armistice Agreement was signed! Germany facing invasion from the allies and with poor supplies of food and weapons signs armistice agreement with the allies bringing an end to World War I.

This Week @ Sarasota Community Church

Sunday, November 11

9:00am – Traditional Worship Service
10:05–10:45am – Ascend Student Sundays – Mod 3
10:05–10:50am – Bible Class en Español – Mod 18
 Faith Issues – Mod 17
 Holy Spirit Group
 Practical Living – Green Room
 United – Room 9
 Remembering the Forgotten God Book Study – Mod 1
10:30am - Kids Church -Room 11 off Kid's Courtyard
10:30am - Nursery - Room 8 off Kid's Courtyard
11:00am – Modern Worship Service
6:00pm - High School Community Group

Monday, November 12

Morning – Hurricane Michael Team Leaves

Tuesday, November 13

6:30am – Men's Faith & Life Group – Der Dutchman
6:30pm – 7:30pm – Open Prayer Time – Green Room
7:00pm – The Gathering

Wednesday, November 14

8am – Men's Breakfast – Der Dutchman
6:30pm – 8:30pm 4041 Thanksgiving Dinner – Community Hall

Thursday, November 15

9:00am-12:00pm – Dorcas Circle – Rooms 9 & 10
11:30am -1:00pm – Living Joyfully Luncheon – Community Hall
6:30pm – Worship Team Practice – Auditorium

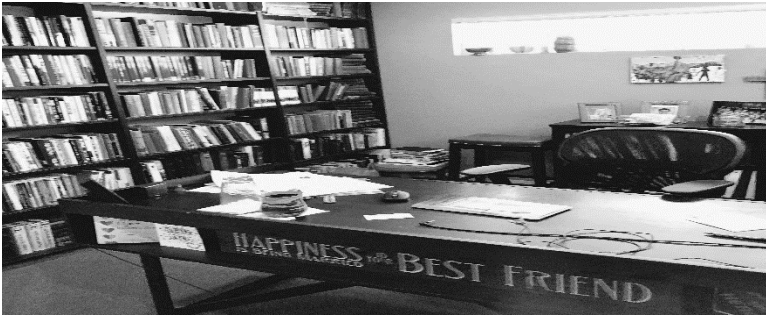
Saturday, November 17

10:00am – 12:00pm Caring Sisters Luncheon – Community Hall

We are here for you....

If you or your family are in need of pastoral care or visitation please be in touch with Shirley Good, Pastoral Care Minister at 941.254.1653 or 361.739.2323





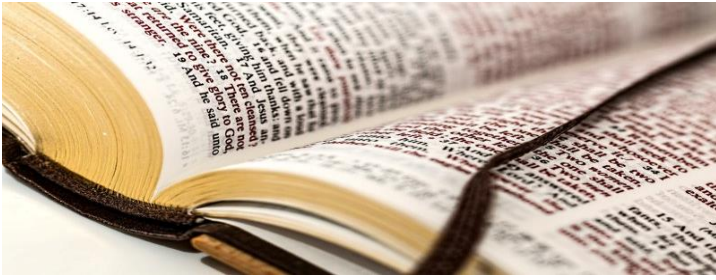
Whenever a person receives a gift, it's natural to show gratitude. But when the gifts flow freely everyday it's just as natural to forget to show that gratitude. It's just human nature. We live with so many blessings from God. It's easy to forget to say thanks. But we can choose to build gratitude into our lives in three very practical ways, which we're talking about in this series, "The Gift of Gratitude." One of those areas is financial.

Some churches and ministries promise that if you give them your money, God will make you rich. We don't say that at Sarasota Community Church. In fact, some of us live sacrificially in order to support the things God cares about, and we believe that by doing so we are storing up treasure in heaven. This is a joy to us. We give not to get rich, but to be rich -- in good deeds. And we believe God will continue to take care of us, giving us wisdom to be good stewards of what we receive.

Most people feel an emotional reward when they are generous. There are many good causes to support in this world. I believe every Christian should have a good local church at the top of their list. Here at Sarasota Community Church we take up weekly offerings, and many of us give a percentage of our weekly income to it. But we also collect two special "Generosity Offerings" every year as a way of giving special thanks to God with an offering over and above that weekly gift.

Our fall Generosity Offering will be collected in two weeks, on November 25th. Ask God what he'd like you to give, and be open to whatever you sense him telling you in your heart. Then give it joyfully because you have decided to give it willingly. We will collect it as a gift of gratitude, while we also take communion together.

~Pastor Roger



FOR FURTHER STUDY

"God is the ultimate giver of gifts—but sometimes we struggle to see them. With a new perspective we can better recognize God's gifts. When we do, we become more grateful. We become more caring. We become more generous".

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls". 1 Peter 1:8-9

"In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own"
2 Corinthians 8:2-3

Challenges to gratitude: We face broken dreams. Pain. Suffering. How can we be grateful amidst them? Corrie Ten Boom gave thanks to God for something quite surprising.

The pain in Max Lucado's hand made it almost impossible for him to write. He prayed for the pain to go away. How did God answer?

Let's remember our destination and focus on it. We are on a journey to a place where sorrow cannot live and where joy cannot die. This is where we are headed!

Let's cultivate a grateful point of view. Let's develop a faith that will shape how we think, affect all we do, and change what we love. As we remember God's gifts to us, we become more grateful. As we become more grateful, we also become more generous.



What do you have to be grateful for...

DATE :

THINGS THAT MAKE ME SMILE

- ♥ _____
- ♥ _____
- ♥ _____

THINGS I'M GRATEFUL FOR

- ♥ _____
- ♥ _____
- ♥ _____

THINGS I WILL WORK ON

- ♥ _____
- ♥ _____
- ♥ _____



➤ **Giving at SCC** There are three convenient & safe ways to give at SCC

TEXT TO GIVE	GIVE ONLINE	IN SERVICE
Any amount to	Click "Give" @	Leave your gift in
941.877.5090	www.sarasotacommunitychurch.org	baskets

➤ **Change for a Dollar** isn't where we help our own, or where we support missions programs. This is where we bring a one-time tangible gift of help and hope to people who are "one arm's length away" from us. And the cost? Just **ONE DOLLAR**. Who has God brought to your attention?

➤ **Last Week**

AM attendance.....321
 Offerings & Contributions.....\$10,671
 Hurricane Michael Relief.....\$5,361
 Change for a Dollar \$215/ \$12,732 YTD / \$123,711 Since 12.14.2011



Please Contact Wendy

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➤ **Ushers Needed~** Want an easy way to get plugged in to your church? Want to meet new people? We currently have some Usher and Greeter positions open and need filling in both morning services. If you're ready to take the next step, or feel the urge to help, we could really use your skills!

➤ **Special Person Needed~** From time to time we have small meetings, gatherings, and events where we serve coffee and light snacks. We are looking for someone to pick up treats, make coffee, and clean up (the snacks not the meeting). You do not need to be Martha Stewart because there is no cooking involved. You may serve twice a month for groups of up to 20.

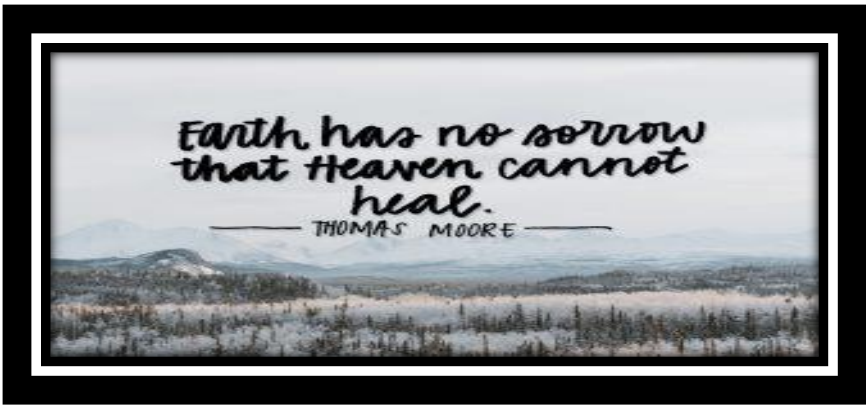
➤ **And ACTION!** We are looking for someone to run cameras on Sunday morning once a month or more. Get a glimpse of all the "behind the scenes" action and all the mints you can eat.

➤ **Volunteers Needed to Paint the Church~** Please come and join James and help beautify our church. We meet Thursdays @ 9 am right here, come make your mark Davinci!

➤ **Need a Hug?** Awesome people just like you are greatly needed in the nursery and in Little Eden Kids Ministry.

➤ **Security~** We need some passionate people who care about keeping the campus secure. If safety is a high priority for you, consider joining our Security Team on Sunday mornings.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. ~Matthew 5:16



Prayers

➤ **PLEASE PRAY FOR BERNIE~ Note from Cathy** “This is where I get to praise GOD, our transplant team and doctors. They call Bernie their miracle patient! He is still very weak and has a ways to go. Thank you all for your prayers, I hold them in my heart”.

➤ **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** ~ Paul Bobbette, Doug Carlson, Bernie Christner, Cydrus Family, Roy Davidson, Jenna Detweiler, Ann Eichelberger, Billy Gentilman, Jan Graber, Nelson Graber, Bryan Gray, Marilyn Guenther, Betty Kauffman, Ada Kennedy, Peggy Kilmer, Glenn King, Debra Kuykendall, Maggie Latham, Lorraine Maust, Dan Miller, Dorothy J. Miller, Roman Miller, Victoria Nussbaum, Shannon Osborn, Queena Phu, the people of Puerto Rico, Emma Rauschenberger, Rhonda Royer, Barbara Schlegel, Jake & Leah Schwartz, John Schwartz, Milton & Carol Yoder.

➤ **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS** ~ who are part of our congregation but cannot worship with us on an ongoing basis because of health issues. This includes: Betty Beachy, Leo Cummings, Helen Cydrus, Dave Gerber, Ed Helmuth, Sandra Jamieson, Vi Kauffman, Emma Mullet, Atlee Schlabach, Del Serrano, and Dave & Catherine Schrock.

“Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave”. Psalm 107:19-20

➤ **4041 THANKSGIVING DINNER**
Wednesday, November 14th @
6:30 – 8:30pm Please join us for our annual 4041 Thanksgiving Dinner to share a meal with all of the churches who meet on the campus at 4041 Bahia Vista Street. We will provide the turkey and side trimmings, please bring a large side dish or dessert to share. Sign up to volunteer at the Info Center.

➤ **LIVING JOYFULLY Thurs, Nov 15th @ 11:30am-1pm.** The topic is "Brain Health" with Dr. Watts. We share personal stories and experiences so we can be challenged to live joyfully and age well. Optional boxed lunches are just \$5. Reservations must be made at the Info Center by Sunday, November 11th. For more info or to reserve your spot, email Nancy B. Yoder at yodernb@gmail.com. Arrive at 11:30 for lunch, the group starts at 12pm and ends at 1pm.

➤ **CARING SISTERS LUNCHEON ~ Sat, Nov. 17th @ 10am -12pm**
Speaker: GAIL ZITTEL, Owner of Hand Rehab Center of Sarasota. A Licensed Occupational Therapist & Certified Hand Therapist. Ladies Luncheon is just \$5 per person. There will be door prizes!!! Sign up at the Info Center or call Sue Sprunger (614) 436-9537
suesprunger@sbcglobal.net
*Caring Sisters is a group of Christian women who get together

and encourage one another with testimonies of how God is working in and through their lives!

➤ **GRIEFSHARE Surviving the Holidays ~ Sunday, Nov 18th @ 4pm – 6pm** Are you wondering how you will survive the holidays? GriefShare is a coping seminar especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Please join us in mod-17 at SCC and RSVP @ www.Griefshare.org or call Shirley 941-254-1653.

➤ **JENN SHENK~ BABY SHOWER**
Everyone is welcome to a Baby Shower Open House for Jenn Shenk on Sunday November 18th 3:00 -5p. She is registered at Target and Amazon. Please come and shower some love to Jenn. RSVP to wendy@sarasotacommunitychurch.org

➤ **DITCHFIELD FAMILY SINGERS ~ Saturday Dec. 8 @ 2:00 p.m**
Christmas is coming! We will again travel to the Sarasota Opera House to enjoy the Ditchfield Family Singers. Bus transportation will be provided from SCC, with the bus departure at 1:00 p.m. After the concert we will return and enjoy an evening dinner together at the Der Dutchman Restaurant. Please sign up at the Info Center today because we have limited tickets. The total cost is \$60.00 p.p. All seats are on the ground floor.

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Church Office Hours

Tue, Wed & Thu | 9a-3p or by appointment

Save the Date

November 2018

- 11 Turn in Operation Christmas Boxes
- 12 Hurricane Michael Relief Team Leaves
- 14 4041 Thanksgiving Dinner
- 15 Living Joyfully
- 17 Garing Sisters Luncheon
- 17 Cator Wilderness – Annual Turkey in the Hole
- 18 Jenn Shenk Baby Shower
- 18 GriefShare ~ Surviving the Holidays
- 19 Overseers Meeting
- 19 Coffee with the Leaders
- 22 Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2018

- 2 Annual Church Family Meeting
- 6 Seniors Ministry Team Meeting
- 12 Christmas Caroling @ Pine Ridge
- 23 BP Checks
- 17 Overseers Meeting
- 17 Coffee with the Leaders
- 25 Merry Christmas!

Bulletin submission deadline is every Wednesday @ 10am. Send your requests to the church office for consideration.

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