THE POINTER

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from the PASTOR

We hear a lot about being grateful as we head into the Thanksgiving holiday and according to Amy Morin writing in *Psychology Today*, being grateful and giving thanks can be life transforming. She notes that there are several benefits and attributes to a life attitude of gratitude, scientifically speaking. Gratitude can open the door to more relationships, improve one's physical and psychological health, help with better sleep, improve self-esteem, and increase mental strength, among others.

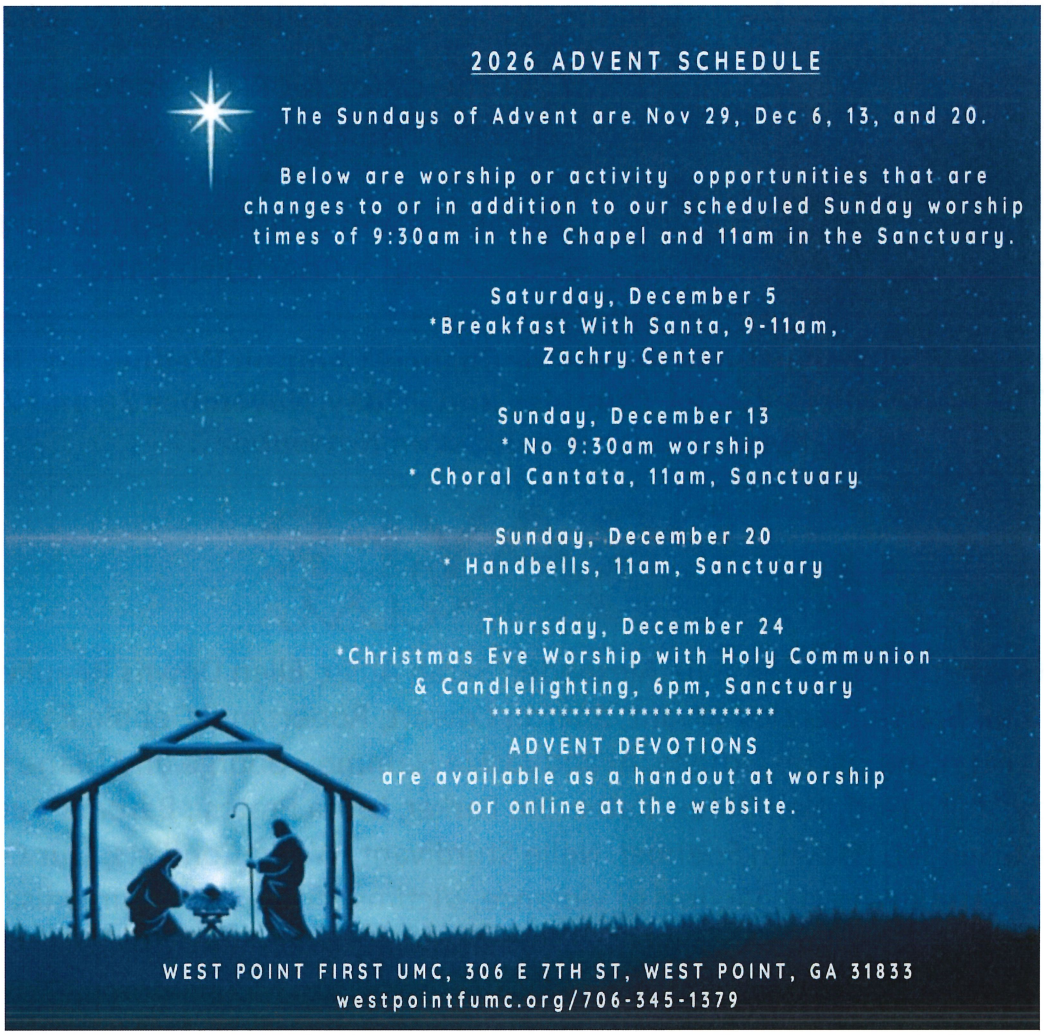
So while the idea of an entire day of giving thanks each year is wonderful, the truth is we need more than that. Scripture offers us an approach to true life as followers of Jesus that can be effective in our everyday lives: *Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT)

May we learn to give God thanks each day, rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks as we respond to God's love and care toward us.

Peace, Pastor Ed



The Daytrippers will visit the beautiful Hills and Dales estate in LaGrange on Tuesday, December 15, with lunch at Monarca Mexican Restaurant. We will leave the Zachry Center parking lot at 9:30 am.
Call to reserve your seat!
Cost: $25 for the tour + money for lunch





December 2: Liz Edmondson
December 4: Elliot Hogan
December 5: George Avary
December 7: Susan Edwards
December 9: Ollie Todd
December 10: David Fagan
December 10: Terri Slade
December 12: Joe Hill
December 13: Helen Zachry



Greetings,
I hope all is well with you. All is well on this end. The M W Lee Mortuary and Team would like to express their sincere appreciation to for you playing a major role as a sponsor in the 2nd Annual Fall Festival. Without your loyal support, this event could not have been possible.
This event was able to bring the community together in a very positive way. We aimed to include the entire family from toddlers to adults.
The entire festival was totally free; and the reason being is because of your financial support.

Again, we expressed our sincere appreciation.
M W Lee Mortuary and Team



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 5,
9:00-11:00 am in the Zachry Center
Cost is $5.00 per person. Free digital photos!
All proceeds will go to
Wellroot (The United Methodist Children's Home).

Call the church office at 706 645-1379
or e-mail sherry@westpointfumc.org

Come enjoy a delicious full breakfast
and a chat with Santa.

There will be no Wednesday Night Supper or Chancel Choir on Wednesday, November 25.
The office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27.
No Men's Prayer Breakfast on November 27.



Elizabeth Alexander, Julie Alexander, Sarah Auler, Ellen Downs Beaulieu, Paul Brown, Bentley Bryant, Sharon Cowart, Robert and Debbie Eason, Hamp Ferguson, Jacob Grubbs, Al and Jackie Hammer, George and Diane Hester, Cindy Smith Huff, Nell Oates, Katherine Parker, Laura Pratesi, Barbara Ruddick, Mona Sikander, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Nelle Sturdivant, World Conflicts, Our Country, Unspoken Requests, Victims of violence, Victims of fire and natural disaster, Those suffering from dementia and their families

New Prayer Concerns: Lisa Archer, Carol McClendon