

## COMPLAINTS OR THANKS?

Every day of your life you'll **find** reasons to complain, and every day of your life you'll have reasons to be thankful. These two themes, complaint and thankfulness, tug at the heart of each of us. They form fundamentally different ways of viewing the world because they're rooted in fundamentally different ways of viewing yourself.

When we view ourselves as the center of the Universe we develop an "I deserve attitude." And this "I deserve attitude" leads to an inflated and unrealistic sense of personal need. Because you have an inflated and unrealistic sense of personal need, you'll now expect the situations, locations, and relationships of life to focus their energy on serving what you have determined to be your personal needs.

But in case you missed it, this universe wasn't created to serve you; you're not the center of its attention. When those people and places fail to serve you, when they fail to recognize what you have named as your personal needs, you now have found constant reasons to complain and grumble. What a dark and discouraging way to live!

Thankfully, there's another way of viewing yourself. And it begins by recognizing that you are not the center of the Universe. The LORD is the center of the Universe. The word **LORD** was a beautiful and constant reminder to the Hebrews that they were not the center of the universe.

**LORD**, the one true God who created and sustains the universe.

**LORD**, the one true God who delivered them out of Egyptian bondage.

**LORD**, the one true God who made and kept his covenant with his people.

You are not the center of the universe. But the one who is, the LORD God almighty has turned his face of mercy and kindness toward us. Now, when we remember that the LORD has shown us with his steadfast enduring love, when we remember that every good thing in our lives is an undeserved blessing, then a deep and transforming thankfulness fills our hearts. Then we can hear the priestly blessing of Numbers 6 and drive complaining from our hearts and replace it with thanks.

*The LORD bless you and keep you;*

*the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

*the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

**Numbers 6:24–26**

**Grace & Peace  
Derek**

### Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,  
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244

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## Family News & Notes

- **Gwyn Ray** had an allergic reaction to her last surgery.
- **Ann Walker** is home. No visitors at this time.
- **Betty Walker** is waiting for test results.
- **Jim Hertter** is home recovering.
- **Dean Hasler** will be a bone marrow donor for his brother Mike who has leukemia.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**HEALTH ISSUES:** Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Sonia Henry, Jim Hertter, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Peggy McGowen, Bill Newport, Jerry Richardson, Jamie Vorhof, Eddie & Margaret Whalen, Lula Whittle, Jane Winstead

**HOSPICE CARE:** Katie Culley, Robert Coleman, **REHAB:** Margaret Whalen

**SHUT-INS:** Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Louise Schmittou, Helen Weathers

**FAMILY:** Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Allyson Kelly, Sandra Morris, Jane Mullins, Steve Robbins, Terrance Simmons

### SYMPATHY

Goodman Oaks would like to extend our sympathy to **Mitzi Frederick and family** at the passing of **Jerry Frederick**. Arrangements are as follows: Visitation **Monday, November 13, 2017 from 1:00PM—2:00PM** at Forest Hill South. Funeral to follow at **2:00PM**. If you would like to help with the funeral meal, call **Susan Brownfield @**

### BAPTISM

Congratulations to **David Underwood and family**. **David** was baptized **Wednesday, November 8, 2017**.

### EL SALVADOR FUNDRAISER

The El Salvador Dinner and Silent Auction will be on **Sunday, November 19**. The price will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 5—10. The menu will be Chili, or soup, cornbread and dessert. See **Mark or Laurie Hammer** to donate items for the silent auction.

### BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

Please be aware we have numerous construction projects going on in different parts of the building. Please take caution when in these areas.



### NURSERY WORKERS

#### November 12

**10:00AM (0-2 year olds)**

Allison Davis, Jennifer Davis  
Courtney Heitman, Misha Kimbell

**5:00PM:** Karen Bunker, Jennifer Kuykendall

#### November 19

**10:00AM (0-2 year olds)**

Cassie Walker, Mason Branning,  
Paula Miller, Patty Rasco

**5:00PM:** Amy Tullos, Hollie Phillips

## Invite a Friend to Worship in November

Every **Sunday in November** our AM worship will focus on GIVE THANKS. Not only will this series be a blessing to us, it can also be a blessing to your friends. What a great opportunity to invite your friends to worship with us at Goodman Oaks. Invite them, let them know the theme of the series, and let us all

*Oh give thanks to the LORD,  
For he is good;  
For his steadfast love endures forever!*  
**Psalm 118:1**

### ASSURANCE

It is sad that we live in a world where people go to a church building, not to worship, but to shoot people. When church shootings occur you might wonder "Is Goodman Oaks prepared for such an attack?" While I hope and pray that such an event would never occur during our worship, we are prepared. We are prepared because of the dedicated service of the Goodman Oaks' Security Team. I look forward to the day of Jesus' return when we will no longer need security teams to protect our times of worship. While we wait for Jesus to return we can gather for worship knowing we are blessed by the Ministry of our Security Team.

### MIDWEEK THANKSGIVING SERVICE

What a blessing to take every Sunday morning in November and focus on giving thanks. We have so much to be thankful for we have decided to add another opportunity to come together and give thanks. Unfortunately, we cannot add another Sunday to the calendar in November. However, we will meet on **Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00PM** for a time of congregational thanksgiving. **(We will not have classes on Wednesday November 22.)**

### YOUTH NEWS

#### TEEN GROUPS

We will meet this afternoon, **Sunday, November 12**, beginning at **4:45PM**. Our meal will be an early Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixins'! Parents, be on the lookout for meal sign-ups and or let **Jared** know what you would like to contribute.

#### WINTERFEST

The dates for **Winterfest** are **February 16—18**. This is one of many highlights of our year. If you plan to go please let **Jared** know. Also, be sure to give him a \$51 deposit. This will cover your registration fee, your t-shirt and it will get your name on the list of those attending. The total cost will be \$125. The final money will be collected **February 1**.

