

# The Messenger

*N. Ft. Myers Church of the Nazarene*

*A loving, caring, serving community of believers in Jesus*

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## **Psalm 103**

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his  
benefits—
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your  
diseases,
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you  
with steadfast love and mercy,
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are  
oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people  
of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and  
abounding in steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, now will he keep his anger  
forever.
- <sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- <sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our  
our transgressions from us.
- <sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
- <sup>14</sup> For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we  
are dust.
- As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like  
a flower of the field;
- <sup>16</sup> for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place  
knows it no more.
- <sup>17</sup> But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to  
everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness  
to children's children,
- <sup>18</sup> to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his  
commandments.
- <sup>19</sup> The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,

and his kingdom rules over all.

- <sup>20</sup> Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
obedient to his spoken word.
- <sup>21</sup> Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers that do his will.
- <sup>22</sup> Bless the Lord, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul. (NRSV)

If you have been in the stores you have noticed that Thanksgiving has been all but overlooked. Christmas, because of its commercial power, is already being pushed. Noticeably absent are the paper pilgrims that used to decorate the stores not too many years ago. Now as soon as the big push to buy costumes and candy is over, out comes the commercialization of Christmas. We are bombarded with Santa Claus and snowmen.

But as believers, shouldn't we be focusing our thoughts upon the goodness of God and offering our gratitude to Him for who He is and for all He has done for us? Someone has called Psalm 103 David's "Hallelujah Chorus." Notice how he addresses his own soul. In this "song" we see that he is actually reminding himself to praise the Source of his blessings. Here are some suggestions for ways we can join him. This Thanksgiving purposefully:

Be aware – Don't forget all His benefits.

Be grateful – Have a thankful spirit at all times.

Be vocal - Tell someone. Sing His praises at every opportunity. Bless someone else by sharing how God has blessed you.

Be consistent – Make sure to make it a part of your everyday experience.

Before the Christmas rush gets started, how about we take the time and just praise the Lord. He's been so faithful.

Pastor Becky

## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 – Tom Moore  
 11 – Frank Easterday  
 12 – Teresa Boye  
 Linda Fregeau  
 15 – Janice O'Lynn  
 Nick Kiser  
 16 – Sherry Chapman  
 Harry Friedman  
 Michael Romano  
 18 – Dave & Linda Fregeau  
 Carl Logan



21 – Pastor Van Garner  
 25 – Jamie Lorenson  
 26 – Butch & Janet Heath  
 Betty Jean Willie  
 Keith Wills  
 27 – Rich & Denise  
 Ballentine  
 Mitchell Irvin  
 30 – Doretta Parker



## November Calendar

9 – Busy Hands Packing Party  
 13 – District NMI Family Fall Festival  
 16 – Church Board Meeting  
 25 – Thanksgiving Day  
 27 – Hanging of the Greens



## Prayer Needs

The Bowersox Family  
 Perry Souzis  
 Jeff Clark  
 June Carsey  
 Shelby Pickett  
 Rev. Greg Story, D.S.  
 Paul Jones  
 Dorothy & Laurel Chapman  
 Louis Perez  
 Kenny & Gail Goodman  
 Unsaved Loved Ones

Tammy Denney  
 Wendy & Emily Horvath  
 Mitchell Irvin  
 Drew Baker  
 Elis Lodge  
 Eileen Massett  
 Tom Blakeman  
 Paul & Grace Boling  
 The Monroe Family  
 Eileen Jennings  
 Those affected negatively by Covid

Tammy Joslin  
 Patrick Lindsey  
 Jeffrey Hailey  
 Greg Atkins  
 Lisa Koch  
 Ernie Rybold  
 Joseph Groves  
 Lorraine Jungles  
 The Garner Family  
 Doug Keuther

Van Skyver Family  
 Darlene Roach  
 Dave Smith  
 Anna Marie Anderson  
 Cindy Jones' son  
 Misty Burris  
 Regina Williams & Fam  
 Youth & Children Min.  
 Our District Family  
 The Church Roof  
 Tom & Marjean Cunningham



### *Busy Hands*

Tues., Nov. 9 - 9:00 A.M.  
 Packing Party for Samaritan's  
 Purse boxes 11:00 A.M.



## *Hanging of the Greens*

Sat., Nov. 27  
 9 A.M.

Lunch following the decorating



**NMI FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL**  
**Mission Extravaganza**  
**NOV. 13 2021 AT LPC3 (10:00am-2:00pm)**

**Live Music**  
**Taste of International Foods**  
**Africa W&W Rollout**

### **Harvest Home 2021**

We are currently accepting donations of non-perishable food items for families in need this Thanksgiving. We will be distributing the food on Monday, November 22.

Place the items you bring in a bag and mark it "Harvest Home" and put it in the fellowship hall