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# Granada Good News

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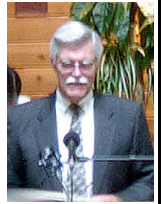
## Pastor's Notes

One aspect of Thanksgiving is being thankful to the one who is responsible for your even having something to be thankful for. In our society more and more of our leaders, teachers, news writers, and media talking heads refuse to acknowledge that the whole season is based on thanking God. Lest we get swayed by an increasingly Godless society, we

need to encourage each other to make sure our thanksgiving is directed to God.

† God is the reason we have each other enabling us to share our Thanksgiving physically, mentally and verbally.

† God is the reason our land is blessed with



Pastor David O'Brien

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## Seniors' Luncheon

Twenty-five Seniors and their guests met on October 20, 2005, for their program and luncheon. **Mary Schoenecke** welcomed our newest church member, **Linda Lopez**; **Jean Lukehart Mullin**; **Mae Arney** invited neighbors **Betty** and **Dale Irving** and friends from Bingo; **Jan & Jerry Johnson** came also.

Prayer requests were asked for **Dorothy Hart** for relief from the severe pain from shingles. **Mae Arney** had praise that she was back home again after having her home

treated for termites. **Jack Deligans** gave a prayer for all above.

**Hugh Colvin** played his guitar and led us in singing *There Is a Name I Love to Hear*, *Wonderful Words of Life*, and *The Lily of the Valley*.

**Alma Farris** read *Food Spoilage Test*.

**Carl Serkland** read *How to Photograph a New Puppy*.

**Hugh Colvin** read *Charity Lesson* and *The Benefits of Tithing*.

**Jane Hook** read *The Master's Card*.

**Catherine Fletcher**

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## Holy Rollers Take 4th Place

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. We bowled using 9-pin no-tap rules, meaning nine pins on the first ball counted as a strike, so scores were up in general. Our ten bowlers formed two teams and Team #1 had the high score of 3348, good enough for 4<sup>th</sup> place and a \$30 donation for our church. Although we were only 15 pins out of 2<sup>nd</sup> place, we were over 300 pins behind the winning score of 3688 posted by St. Michael's. Granada Baptist's Team #1 was led by **Frank Serkland**, who had games of 226 and 209 and a 584 series. **Jessica Robinson, Mae Arney's** granddaughter and owner of a 108 average, had a 216 game and a 513. (Nice bowling, Jessica!) **Norm Taasevigen** had a 210 game and a 563, while **Carl Serkland** had a 188 game and a 501 series. **Alma Farris** had a pair of 160 game and a 455 series. **Carl Serkland** had a 129 game and a 381 series. Team #2 had a total of 3306 and was led by the real star of the day, **Charlie Henderson**, who managed to bowl a perfect 300 game and followed it with scores

of 265 and 209 for a 774 series. (Charlie started his day with 17 consecutive strikes and had 23 strikes out of a possible 24 in the first two games.) Ed Slater had a 216 game and a 551 series, while **Otis Farris** had a 196 game and a 563 series. **Rich Nickison** had a 197 game and a 475 series, and **Chuck Webster** bowled a 180 game and a 424 series. We had four split conversions on the day. Frank and Ed both made the 3-6-7-10 split, Carl made the 3-10 split, and Norm made the 2-7 split.

The Church Bowling Challenge is now on its annual winter hibernation, but will return in February 2006, at 12 noon on a Saturday to be announced. Come and help us try to win the perpetual trophy for a month. You don't have to have any good at bowling to bowl with us. If you can bowl at all, you can be on our team. You can sign up on the sheet that will eventually be in the worship center, or contact Frank Serkland at 449-8257. As always, praying at the foul line will be permitted and encouraged.

— Frank



"Reflect upon your blessings, of which every man has many--not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."  
--Charles Dickens

## Directory Update

A new Church Directory is now available. If you would like a copy, please let us know. Also, please re-

port all changes, updates, etc. as soon as possible.

## November 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

### Schedule of Events

November 6 — 11:00 am — **Lord's Supper and A.J. Hyatt Offering**

November 11 — **Veterans' Day**

November 13 — 12:30 pm — **Fellowship Luncheon** — Our Thanksgiving Dinner Sign up, bring friends and family

November 17 — 10:45 am — 22 Mike Overton

November 24 — **Thanksgiving Day**

### Weekly schedule

Sunday, 9:45 am: Bible Study for all ages

Sunday, 11:00 am: Worship

Tuesday, 10:00 am: Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Saturday, 7:30 am: Prayer Breakfast

### Plan Ahead:

Saturday, December 24 — 6:30 pm — **Candlelight Christmas Eve Lord's Supper**



### Birthdays

4 **Robert Hansen**

20 **Lauren Pelser**

21 **Roberta Kihle**

22 **Mike Overton**

23 **Bruce Edwards**

24 **Rachel Janavich**

26 **Charlie Reynolds**

26 **Joyce Basinger**

27 **Len Dighton**

### Anniversaries

10 **Mike & Kim Overton**



### Personal Thoughts

Back in the days when the fastest form of communication was the telegraph, a young man answered an ad in the newspaper for a Morse code operator. He arrived at the listed address and found a large, busy office filled with many noises, including the clatter of the telegraph in the background. He noticed a sign instructing him to fill out a form and wait until he was called to enter the manager's office. After filling out the application, the young man sat with seven other applicants for the same job. Several minutes later, he stood up, walked across the room and marched right into the manager's office. The other applicants were amazed at his nerve and assumed he would be automatically disqualified. Imagine their surprise, then, when the manager escorted the young man out of the office several minutes later and announced, "Gentlemen, thank you very much for coming, but the job has just been filled." The other applicants protested, saying he'd been the last to come and they hadn't even had the chance to be

*"Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later He spoke through David, as was said before: 'Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.'" -- Hebrews 4:7 (NIV)*

interviewed. The manager replied, "I'm sorry, but all this time you've been sitting here, the telegraph has been tapping out this message in Morse code: 'If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours.' None of you understood it, but this man did. The job is his." Hearing the voice of God can be difficult in a world where we hurry to get to our next appointment and everything needs to be done yesterday. There are so many demands on our attention that we tend to miss God's still small voice. But what could be more important than what God has to say to us? It could be a simple message related to our current circumstance, it might be a correction to a wrong behavior, or it could even be a major job for us. The main thing is for us to learn to listen to God whenever and however He chooses to talk to us. It takes some effort to hear His voice among the other messages we hear, but it's always worth it to hear what the Lord has to say to us.

In Jesus, Frank

### OCC—Operation Christmas Child

Again this year, we are participating in operation Christmas Child (also known as Operation Shoebox), a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes (or plastic boxes about that size) are filled with gifts for needy children around the world. More information is available at the church. Also needed is \$5 per box to help defray shipping costs. Donations will be accepted. Boxes will be shipped this month.

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gave the devotions based on Jeremiah who explained how a potter takes the clay and makes a good vessel out of it, as God created Adam out of the dust of the earth and formed him in His image. God wants us to be good servants in the world He has created for us.

Catherine graduated from Liberty Bible Institute and we're

blessed to have her share her learning with us. She teaches our Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:00 am, and YOU are welcome to join us then.

**Mary Schoenecke** gave the closing prayer and the blessing for the luncheon to follow.

Our next luncheon will be November 17th, so be sure to mark it on your calendar.

— Jane Hook

### Benefits of Tithing

Two men off for a sailing trip around the world are shipwrecked. The minute they got on to the island one of them started screaming and yelling, "We' re going to die! We' re going to die! There' s no food! No water! We' re going to die!"

The second man comfortably propped himself up against a palm tree and acted so calmly it drove the first man crazy. "Don' t you understand?!? We' re going to die!!"

The second man replied, "You don' t understand, I make \$100,000 a week."

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does that make?!? We' re on an island with no food and no water! We' re going to DIE!!!"

The second man answered with a confident smile, "No, you just don' t get it. I make \$100,000 a week and I tithe ten percent on that \$100,000 a week. Our church is getting ready to start a building program. My pastor and the finance committee will find me"

### The Stolen Turkey

Ducking into confession with a turkey in his arms, Brian said, "Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned. I stole this turkey to feed my family. Would you take it and settle my guilt?"

"Certainly not," said the Priest. "As penance, you must return it to the one from whom you stole it."

"I tried," Brian sobbed, "but he refused. Oh, Father, what should I do?"

"If what you say is true, then it is all right for you to keep it for your family."

Thanking the Priest, Brian hurried off.

When confession was over, the Priest returned to his residence. When he walked into the kitchen, he found that someone had stolen his turkey.

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plenty and there is food enough for all.

† God is the reason we have peace on our streets and in our neighborhoods.

† God is the reason we even desire to be thankful for what we have, whether little or much.

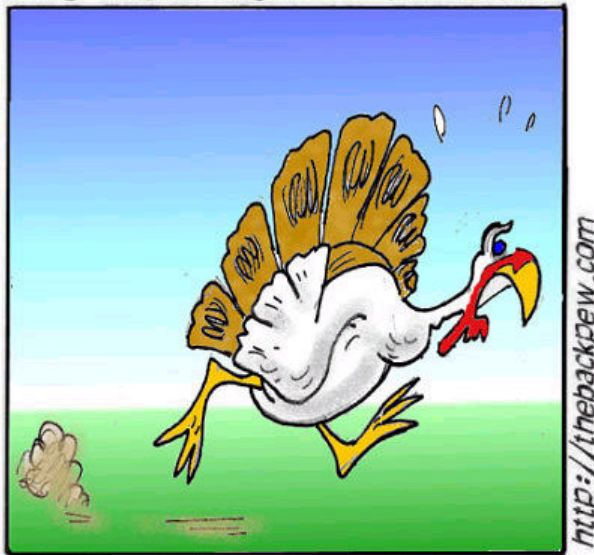
† God's interaction with our forefathers is the reason we even have a Thanksgiving Day.

As we continue to consider the invitations of Jesus each Sunday morning, let us remember to be thankful. Be thankful God has visited us revealing what life is all about. Be thankful that what we have can be shared with

everyone we encounter. God is not a respecter of persons and he loves everyone no matter how bad they are. If our hearts are filled with thanksgiving then we can be thankful to God for whatever situation we find ourselves. We can trust God to defend, protect, bless, provide and surround us with his loving arms of compassion.

Remember – Thanksgiving is for thanking God.

### The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



*Do you not know that the turkeys in a barnyard all run, but not all get away. Run in such a way that you may avoid being Thanksgiving dinner. 1 Cor 9:24*

## The Master's Card

By now you should have seen the catchy television commercials for MasterCard. They start by identifying some things that people can buy with their MasterCard, then show a moment that is priceless and end by saying, "There are some things money can't buy, for everything else there's MasterCard."

Friends, I'm not unlike those agencies promoting their favorite credit card. I'm here to advertise. You see, my life is a commercial for others to see. I'm a card carrying representative for the Master's Card. That's right, the MASTER'S CARD. Let me tell you about it. There are no finance charges, no payments due. My bill has already been covered...it's a prepaid deal. I couldn't afford the price, so Jesus stepped in and paid it for me. My Name is written on the card for all to see.

It is accessible twenty-four hours a day from anywhere in the world. The MASTER'S CARD has so many benefits it's hard to list them all. Let me share some of them with you...you might want to apply for a personal card yourself.

Just for starters there is UNLIMITED GRACE. That's right, there is no preset limit to the amount of grace you receive from the MASTER'S CARD. Have you been looking for love in all the wrong places? Then, look no farther than the MASTER'S CARD. It offers the greatest rate on love that has ever been offered.

The MASTER'S CARD gives you access to many "members only"

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Looking for something you can always rely on in a jam? The MASTER'S CARD is perfect for you.

Another great thing about the MASTER'S CARD is that it never expires.

Once you're a member, you're a member for life...eternal life, that is. Membership has its privileges, you know.

How do you receive the MASTER'S CARD? Dial 1800-ROMANS10:9 "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Jesus is standing by right now to take your call. Don't delay. This great offer won't last forever. Peace, joy and hope: Invaluable. Faith, contentment and assurance: Inestimable.

Salvation: Priceless.

There are some things money can't buy. For those, there's the Master's Card.

Christian, why not be an advertisement for the MASTER'S CARD. Let your life be a commercial today for Jesus Christ.