

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Wednesday Evening Class We invite each of you to attend the mid-week Bible Study upstairs on Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. We are involved in a Bible study series entitled "Authentic: The Discipline of Personal Bible Study". We encourage you to attend these vital and exciting studies!

Church Clean-Up We will regularly have monthly church cleanings on the last Saturday of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. The next cleaning day will be on September 26, so be sure to attend and help!

## #325: COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS (BLUE HYMNAL)

### VERSE ONE

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings - name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done. (Chorus)

### VERSE TWO

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings - ev'ry doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by. (Chorus)

### VERSE FOUR

So amid the conflict, whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged - God is over all;  
Count your many blessings - angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. (Chorus)

### CHORUS

Count your blessings - name them one by one;  
Count your blessings - see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings - name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings - see what God hath done.

## Funnies: Sayings...

A man has reached middle age when he is cautioned to slow down by his doctor instead of by the police.

Life is never fair, and perhaps it is a good thing for most of us that it is not.

Don't take life so seriously ... it's not permanent.

Despite the cost of living, it's still quite popular.

Time wounds all heels.

Experience teaches you to recognize a mistake when you've made it again.

If you're old enough to know better, you're too old to do it.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you!

The trouble with life is, by the time you can read a girl like a book, your library card has expired.

(Milton Berle)

The cardiologist's diet: if it tastes good, spit it out.

# Welcome to the EVERLASTING COVENANT CHURCH

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*To promote membership in the body of Christ by bringing people to Jesus, enhancing their spiritual growth towards Christian maturity, and nurturing them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, thereby magnifying God's holy name.*

# ORDER of SERVICES

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

**Witnessing to the Truth:**

*“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.” – Acts 5:29, KJV*



## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES – 10:30 A.M.

- Devotion ..... Deacons & Congregation
- Morning Hymn: “Count Your Blessings” ..... Choir & Congregation
- Responsive Reading ..... Pastor & Congregation
- Selection ..... Choir & Congregation
- Announcements & Recognition of Visitors*
- Tithes and Offerings ..... Deacons  
*(Visitors are NOT required to contribute - members are encouraged to do so)*
- Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Pastor
- Selections ..... Choir & Congregation
- Sermon
- Invitation to Christ



### SERMON NOTES

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Words of Wisdom:

## The Wooden Bowl



*A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man’s hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. However, the elderly grandfather’s shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. “We must do something about Grandfather,” said the son. I have had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.*

*So, the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather’s direction, sometime he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.*

*The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, “What are you making?” Just as sweetly, the boy responded, “Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.” The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather’s hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family.*

*And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled. On a positive note, I have learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on and it will be better tomorrow. I’ve learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.*

## RESPONSIVE READING: EXODUS 20:1-17 (NIV)

- 1 And God spoke all these words:
- 2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.
- 3 “You shall have no other gods before me.
- 4 “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.
- 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,
- 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- 7 “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.
- 8 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
- 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.
- 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
- 12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.
- 13 “You shall not murder.
- 14 “You shall not commit adultery.
- 15 “You shall not steal.
- 16 “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- 17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”