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Children's Ministry

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Grateful Hearts, Helping Hands

A Month of Gratitude, Kindness & Community



NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

- Native American Heritage Month
- National Diabetes Month
- National Epilepsy Awareness Month
- Ruby Bridges Day
- Veterans Day

Happy Thanksgiving!

"O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good."
Psalm 107:1 • KJV excerpt

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NOVEMBER FAITH FOCUS

Do You Know Our Statement of Faith?

WE BELIEVE



1 We believe the Bible to be the infallible written Word of God.



2 We believe that there is one God, eternal in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.



3 We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, and Christ at His return.



4 We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ.



5 We believe that the regeneration of the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.



6 We believe that the redemptive work on the cross provides healing for the human body, in answer to believing in prayer.



7 We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.



8 We believe in the sanctified power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is able to live a holy and separated life in this present world. Amen.



Thankful for God's Word!

Don't forget to recite our Statement of Faith every day!

The Thank You Tree

Grateful Hearts, Helping Hands

A November story for our Kid Zone families



On a chilly November morning, Maya arrived at GTI Kid Zone and found a big paper tree on the wall. Its branches were bare. Beside it sat a basket of orange, purple, and gold paper leaves.

"Where are all the leaves?" she asked.

"We're going to help our tree grow," her teacher said. "Each leaf will tell about a blessing or a way we shared God's love."

Maya wrote, Thank You, God, for Grandma. Eli wrote, Thank You for my friends.

Then their teacher asked, "How can our grateful hearts become helping hands?"

Maya thought about Grandma carrying groceries. That afternoon, she asked, "May I carry the bread?" Grandma smiled and handed her the bag. The next Sunday, Maya added a leaf: I helped Grandma.

Soon, the tree held stories of children putting away toys, sharing crayons, and making cards for neighbors. But Eli stared at his blank leaf.

"I didn't do anything big," he said.

Maya remembered the new boy who had stood alone by the classroom door. Eli had waved him over and made room at the table. "You helped someone feel welcome," she said. Eli smiled and picked up his pencil.

Throughout November, the children practiced kindness as they learned. For Native American Heritage Month, they read a story by a Native American author. They learned about different Native American cultures and the importance of listening with respect.

As they recognized National Diabetes Month and National Epilepsy Awareness Month, they talked about caring for friends whose health needs might differ from their own.

"We can ask how to help," Maya said. "And make sure everyone is included," Eli added.

By the last Sunday, colorful leaves filled the branches. A small leaf near the bottom caught Maya's eye. It said, *I saved someone a seat.*

"That's mine!" Eli said. Maya grinned. "Your little leaf helped our tree grow."

Their teacher opened her Bible and read, "O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good." They thanked God for the people who cared for them and asked Him to help them care for others.

As Maya left Kid Zone, she saw someone gathering a handful of dropped papers. She knelt down and began to help.

The tree was staying at church. Her helping hands were going home with her.

Scripture: Psalm 107:1, KJV excerpt

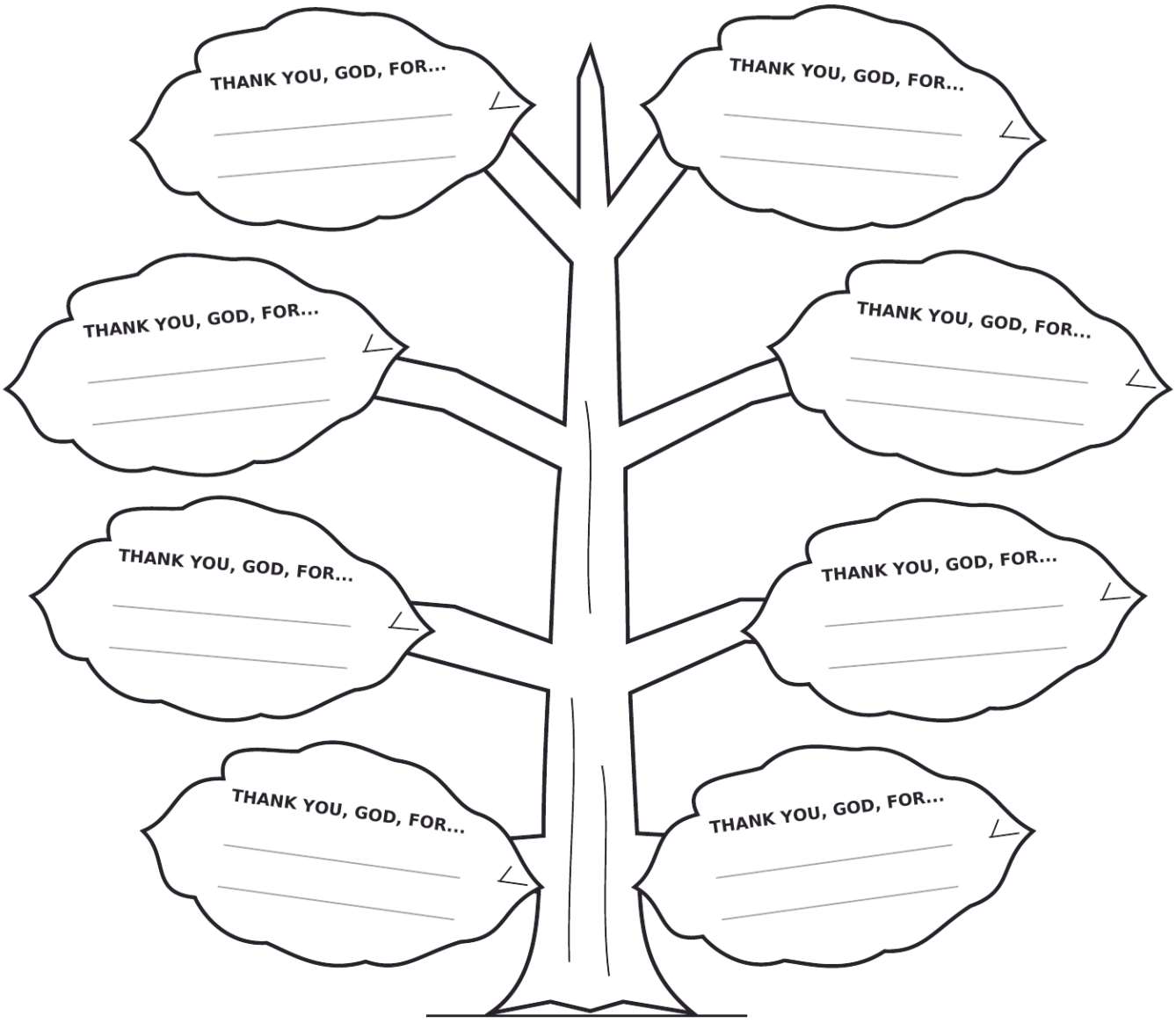
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My Thank You Tree

Grateful Hearts, Helping Hands

Name: _____ Date: _____

Write or draw one thing you thank God for in each leaf.
Color your tree. Then finish the helping-hands sentence below.



I can show my thankful heart by helping...

_____

_____

"O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good."

Psalm 107:1 (KJV excerpt)

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What Am I Thankful For?

God gives me reasons to give thanks every day.

Name _____ **Date** _____

"In every thing give thanks"

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - KJV excerpt

Draw or write one blessing in each space. Color the leaves!

1 Someone who loves or helps me

2 Something God has given me

3 Something God made

4 A time God helped me

My thank-you prayer

Dear God, thank You for _____

_____

In Jesus' name, amen.

I can show my thanks

Check one kind action to try this week.

☐ Say thank you ☐ Help someone ☐ Share kindness

Share one blessing with a friend or someone at home.

THANK YOU, GOD!

GRATEFUL HEARTS | HELPING HANDS

Younger children may tell an adult what to write.

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MASON'S KIDS

Learning Our COGIC Heritage

What Does Our Church Seal Mean?

COGIC means Church Of God In Christ.

THE GATHERED WHEAT

The wheat represents all the people of the Church Of God In Christ.

THE ROPE

The rope represents Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, our founding father, who brought churches together as one fellowship.

THE RAIN

The rain represents revival. It reminds us to keep Jesus at the center of our worship and service.

THE YEAR 1907

In 1907, Bishop Mason received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and called churches together for our first Pentecostal General Assembly.



WORD TO LEARN: REVIVAL

A time of renewed faith, prayer, and worship.

MASON'S KIDS CHALLENGE

- Can you find the wheat, the rope, the rain, and 1907 in the seal?
- I can help my church family by showing love and working together.

Learning our history. Living our faith.

Source: Church Of God In Christ • cogic.org/about-us

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WHAT IS DIABETES?



Our bodies need energy. Our friends need kindness.

LET'S LEARN

Your body uses glucose, a type of sugar, for energy. Insulin is a helper that lets glucose enter your body's cells. With diabetes, the body does not make enough insulin or cannot use it well, so blood sugar gets too high.

TYPE 1

The body makes little or no insulin.
People need insulin every day.
Eating candy does not cause type 1.



TYPE 2

The body has trouble using insulin and may not make enough. Kids and adults can have it.



BE A HELPFUL FRIEND

Be patient during blood-sugar checks or care breaks. If a friend feels shaky, dizzy, sweaty, or confused, get an adult right away.

LET'S TALK!

1. What sugar gives the body energy?
2. What helper works like a key?
3. Who can help if a friend feels unwell?

Answers: 1. Glucose. 2. Insulin. 3. A trusted adult.

LET'S CREATE!

Insulin Key: Draw a key labeled 'insulin' and a cell with a door. Explain how insulin helps glucose enter the cell.

Kindness Card: Draw yourself including a friend in a game. Add a kind message.



Everyone belongs in Kid Zone!

Sources: CDC & NIDDK • cdc.gov/diabetes

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WHAT IS EPILEPSY?

Understanding our brains. Caring for our friends.

LET'S LEARN

Your brain sends tiny electrical messages. Epilepsy is a condition that causes repeated seizures. A seizure is a sudden change in the brain's electrical activity. A person might stare, seem confused, or shake. They cannot control it.

Epilepsy is not contagious. You can be a caring friend!

BE A HELPFUL FRIEND



Stay calm. Get an adult right away. Give your friend space.



Never hold someone down or put anything in their mouth.

LET'S TALK!

1. What body part does epilepsy affect?
2. Do all seizures cause shaking?
3. Don you catch epilepsy from a friend?

Answers: 1. Brain. 2. No. 3. No.

LET'S CREATE!

Brain Message Map:
Draw a brain, hands, and feet. Add arrows showing messages that help you move.



Helping Hands:
Trace your hand. On each finger, draw or write a way to show kindness.



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Source: CDC • cdc.gov/epilepsy

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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THANKSGIVING BIBLE SERIES

Growing in gratitude through God's Word!



1

WEEK 1

Remember the Goodness of God



Psalm 103:1–5

2

WEEK 2

Be the One Who Says Thank You



Luke 17:11–19

3

WEEK 3

Thankful Hearts Give



John 6:1–13

4

WEEK 4

Give Thanks in Every Season



Acts 16:22–34

EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:45 AM | AGES 1–12

Bible Lessons • Fun Activities • Friends • Faith

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Come grow a thankful heart with us!

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RUBY BRIDGES DAY

NOVEMBER 14



Little feet. Big courage. Lasting change.

On November 14, 1960, six-year-old Ruby Bridges became the first Black student to attend William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans. Her brave steps helped open doors for others.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Be brave. Choose kindness.
Welcome everyone.
Stand up for what is right.



Be strong and of a good courage.

Joshua 1:9 • KJV

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2026 HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NOV 11 — **Parent & Teacher Meeting**
7:00 PM

NOV 22 — **Friendsgiving**
During Kid Zone • Parents, bring a dish to share!

NOV 29 — **Youth Day**
Children's Chorus: "Every Praise" by Hezekiah Walker
Girls: denim skirts • Boys: jeans • Everyone: bright T-shirts

DEC 6 — **Children's Orchestra Winter Recital**
1:00 PM • Life Center • Sis. Loretta McBryde

DEC 12 — **Pancakes with Santa**
$5 Donation • Helen J. Macklin Fellowship Hall
Givelify: select the Kid Zone tab • All are welcome!

DEC 13 — **Happy Birthday, Jesus! Pajama Party**
During Kid Zone • *Wear your Christmas pajamas!*

DEC 13 — **Annual Music Department Winter Concert**
Our Children's Chorus will be ministering!

DEC 19 — **Children's Christmas Chorus Dress Rehearsal**
1:00 PM

DEC 19 — **Christmas in the Park**
Toy Giveaway

DEC 20 — **Children's Christmas Program**

HOLIDAY REHEARSALS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHORUS
During Kid Zone: November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Attire: festive black & red

CHRISTMAS SPEECH REHEARSALS — ON ZOOM
November 5, 12 & 19
December 3, 10 & 17
Parents, check your email for your child's speech.

BRIGHT STAR BUILDERS • AGES 4–6
A special Christmas presentation together as a class!

GIVE & SERVE

LET'S FILL 5 SHOEBOXES!
Bring new toys, plushies, socks & T-shirts to the Kid Zone collection barrel.
Drop-off dates: November 16–23, 2026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PANCAKES WITH SANTA!
Need community hours?
Email your volunteer form to:
gtikidzonechildrensministry@gmail.com

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Jesus is the reason for the season!

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- **Sunday Lessons**
- **Upcoming Events**
- **Ministry Updates**
- **Parent & Teacher Resources**



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