



THANK YOU | **SHOEBOX**  
for your many — gifts! —

NOVEMBER TEACHING SERIES

TEN THOUSAND REASONS >
— to be thankful —

This is a perfect time to send a postcard to people that have enriched your life. These stamped postcards are in the foyer. **Take as many as you want.** It's a great way to bless people!



NEW TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY SERIES

CHRISTINE CAINE

UNASHAMED

Drop the baggage, pick up your freedom, fulfill your destiny!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 & 28



THE LION KING



The Grapple Group will be viewing "The Lion King" for their November Event on Sunday, Nov. 19 after the service.

— H A P P Y —
Thanksgiving
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Thursday, November 23



THE *Christmas* PLEDGE

1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts. | 2. To express my love for family and friends in more direct ways
3. To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family.
4. To examine my holiday activities in light of the true spirit of Christmas.
5. To initiate one act of peacemaking within my family and friends.



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Nov 05 » Forgiveness
 Nov 12 » Healing
 Nov 19 » Lovingkindness
 Nov 26 » Good Things

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick W. ▶ Pinched nerve	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Misty L. ▶ Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tommy F. ▶ Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>		

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gerry G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry P. ▶ Cancer/spleen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>		

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Your words will tell others what you think. Your actions will tell them what you believe.”—T.D. Jakes

METRICS THAT MATTER (11/12/17)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 32 GIVING ▶ \$792.⁰¹ GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 17 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

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LOVINGKINDNESS

The word, **lovingkindness** comes from the Hebrew word, *hesed* which means faithful love; covenant love. It is easier to describe than to define—it is compassionate, gracious, & empowering.

COVENANT Love

David, and he loved him as himself. ² From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. ³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt. *1 Samuel 18:1-4*

- » Jonathan made a defining covenant with David.
- » Jonathan understood that there was a shift in leadership anointing. God's blessing was being lifted from his father to David.
- » Saul became jealous of David. Jonathan chose David over his father.
- » Jonathan and David were so committed to this friendship that they declared they would take care of one another.
- » This covenant would be far-reaching: it would bless Jonathan's son—Mephibosheth.

Saul's KINGDOM CRUMBLES

Saul's kingdom did not fade. It crumbled. In one day, in one battle.

- » Saul's kingdom fell. Jonathan was killed in a battle. With the Phillistines at Mt. Gilboa by the Jezreel Valley.
- » Learning of the death of his son's in battle, Saul took his own life.

» It was customary that when a ruler was defeated, that his family would be killed as well so that there would be no lineage of that ruler left to reclaim the throne. However, we find in *2 Samuel 4* that Mephibosheth survived.

“Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became crippled, his name was Mephibosheth” *2 Samuel 4:4*

Mephibosheth **BENEFITS** FROM David's **FAITHFULNESS**

- » Because of their relationship and an oath David made to Jonathan *1 Samuel 20:15-16, 42*, he wanted to honor it by finding and caring for Mephibosheth.
- » One of Saul's servants was questioned and told King David of the young man's location.
- » Mephibosheth was summoned to appear before the King. Though afraid, Mephibosheth came not knowing if he would be killed or what might happen to him. He was a cripple, had lost his heritage, and lived in a desolate place named Lo Debar.

¹And David said, “Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathans sake?” ²Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” And he said, “I am your servant.” *2 Samuel 9:1-2*

Mephibosheth **IS SHOWN EXTREME GRACE**

- » His land and possessions are restored.
- » He is invited to the king's table—daily.
- » He is recognized as a prince—just like one of the king's sons.
- » It is the covenant made by his father with David that made it possible.