



*Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
Cumming, Georgia
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November 2011 Pastor Randy Richards *Sunday School 9:45 ~ Worship Service 11:00*

A Note From Our Pastor:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." We as God's Church have a great responsibility in our worship and daily life to express thanksgiving to God. God is the One acting, bestowing, and granting gifts for us. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. God's blessings and gifts sometimes come quietly, unexpectedly, or in a way we never would have imagined. No matter what our circumstance or condition, we always have much to be grateful for as we "count our blessings." God doesn't always immediately and instantaneously answer our prayers. Sometimes, I wonder if he grants us little pieces of answered prayers to see if we are going to give him the credit, the honor, and the glory that he deserves. Therefore, whenever and wherever we pray, I encourage each of us to whisper those "thank-yous" to God for all things, big or small that he has granted. Sometimes, in life's busy pace, we think about everything else except to thank God for being with us all day and providing us with all that we need. So, take time and the opportunity to praise God through a prayer of thanksgiving. For when we are truly grateful, our hearts of thanksgiving will be blessed. When we are truly thankful, we will be overwhelmed with joy and trust in Him. So, please take some time to praise and thank God for all the help, comfort, guidance, promises, and gifts that He shares with you. As Psalms 8:1 states, "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth...!"

Along this same sentiment, let me say what a blessing it is for a pastor to see a church respond to the great need of prayer on behalf of Sandra Watson and her family as well as others in our church and community that are enduring a major health crisis in their lives. I believe the prayers are not only making a difference in these individual's lives, but are also having a profound effect on others who have taken notice of the support and love in our gatherings to pray. I realize that we should never pray just to be seen or heard. I believe that God knows our hearts and that these prayer meetings have been held not for any type of "show", but simply because a church values and knows the power of the combined prayer efforts of its members. So, let me say, "Keep on praying!" No matter where and when we pray, whether alone in our "closets", or together at the hospital chapel, prayer works! I look forward with hope for the day when Sandra will once again be able to testify about how good God has been to her! Keep praying for miracles for all of our sick and afflicted. It seems like every day we hear of someone else who has been diagnosed with cancer, had a heart attack, or some other serious health problem. I don't understand and won't pretend to know why God allows some things to happen. I also won't attempt to tell you that God will grant every miracle that we ask and pray to receive. No one really can know what God will do or what is in his Ultimate Will in any given situation. But, I do know this: That my God is ABLE! And, if we don't ask, we probably will not receive. We must keep praying and asking God to work the miracles which I firmly believe He is capable of performing. Just remember, when praying and asking, to also give Him Thanks!

Happy Thanksgiving!
In Christ's Love,
Randy