



Thanksgiving in
Our Hearts

The Power of Thanks

By Ruby Johnson

Psalm 100:4 says, “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.”

Since Thanksgiving is coming up, I encourage you to thank someone for something—whether it’s for providing food or for making a difference in your life. Halle Porter shared that she thanks her family about once a week, and she also makes an effort to express gratitude on a deeper level.

Thankfulness is more than just good manners—it actually improves mental health! Being thankful shifts our focus from negative to positive thoughts, which helps reduce stress and anxiety.

Grandparents Day

Bring your grandparent to class! We love having our grandparents visit us and they love hanging out with us, too!

Sign-ups required
<https://www.cheartx.org/gpday25>



Belong. Believe. Become.

Joining a Youth Group

By Brooklyn Simmons

Have you ever felt lost or broken in this world of sin? Walking in faith is never meant to be a solo journey. In a youth group, people stand by one another, and you never go through anything alone. A youth group is an environment to feel safe and noticed. Therefore, our leaders are dedicated to pouring into students, helping them learn about Jesus.

My life wasn’t completely changed until church camp. I have always been insecure about my looks and tried to be perfect so that people wouldn’t judge me. Several people shared their testimonies about how they had always felt insecure and thought so many people were judging them. In our youth group, they found peace because they all loved one another and were focused on the same thing.

I have been at the same church, Christ Fellowship, my whole life, and never really felt like I belonged. As a kid, I was very shy, and so I had a hard time going up to people and making friends, but so many of the leaders helped me come out of my shell, and now I try to help people do the same. The people there make you feel welcomed, and many of them definitely helped me grow in my own faith. I realized they don’t judge me about anything. Whether it is how I look or if I am myself. Ultimately, we all have the same goals growing in our relationship with Jesus, helping people come to Christ, and not being the light but reflecting it.

Read more online...
<https://tinyurl.com/bcc2526>

Entertainment Section By Ruby Johnson

Best Movie Couple



Sebastian and Mia
From La La Land

Abby Johnson said she
likes this couple because they
are relatable.

Treasure Hunt

"No chair, no stool, yet
I stand on one leg,
Seek me upstairs, no
need to beg.
Under my foot rests
what you seek,
Candy treasure for
the sharp and meek."

See clue on page 2.



By Ava Mena

Design and Create With Mrs. Dottie

A glimpse into a jewelry journey

Have you ever made clay beads or seed beads bracelets? Well what about a wired bracelet, probably not. With Mrs. Dottie she will teach you how to. All of her life she has dealt with tiny wrists and ankles therefore she decided in 2000 to start making jewelry for herself because of oversized jewelry.

Since middle school she has been making unique jewelry to go with her handmade dresses. In addition, Mrs. Dottie has some pieces of jewelry that are her mother's. Which inspired her to make special pieces for her daughter and granddaughters. In hopes of saving her granddaughters pieces until they are older.

An art teacher suggested she check out a few areas where they made jewelry in their basement. At that time she learned how to make earrings, jumprings, and bracelets. Then she moved on to soldering items. Mrs. Dottie also made precious metal clay (PMC) and became certified to teach PMC.

Mrs. Dottie was inspired by her mother. Her mother was a seamstress and made many wedding gowns,

bridesmaids dresses and prom dresses for people in their area. Along with mending clothes Mrs. Dottie said, "She also taught me not to have "idle" hands because "busy" hands were more productive."

This is Mrs. Dottie's first year at CHEAR as a tutor. Though she has been teaching since she was a senior in high school. Half of her senior year was working with students that were developmentally challenged. Mrs. Dottie went to college and received a degree in Special Education where she taught a classroom for 12 years. During that time she went back to college to get a masters and advance certification to become an Educational Diagnostician.

When asked if she would take the class again, Malia Smallwood said, "I would take it again because I find it's easier to have a person in front of me explaining how to make something." Mrs. Dottie's passion for teaching and hands-on learning continues to inspire her students to create, and stay joyfully "busy."



Photo by Ava Mena

CHEAR NEED TO KNOW:



By Danielle Smallwood

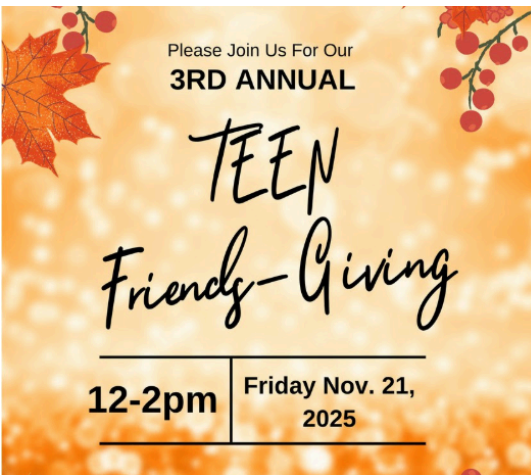
Teens Friends-giving

Gather. Give thanks. Make memories.

Get ready to celebrate friendship, food, and fun at the 3rd Annual Teen Friends-Giving! This year's event will be held on Friday, November 21, 2025, from 12-2 PM at the beautiful Katherine Rose Memorial Park in Mansfield, TX. Teens from all around are invited to gather for an afternoon filled with laughter, games, and good vibes. It's the perfect way to kick off the Thanksgiving season with your best friends (and maybe make some new ones!).

Bring your favorite snack or drink to share and join in on all the excitement from cornhole and flag football to spike ball, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're coming to play, snack, or just hang out, Friends-Giving is all about connecting and celebrating the spirit of community. Don't miss out on this awesome fall tradition — grab your friends and head to the park for an unforgettable afternoon!

Clue: Find the hidden treasure in the Youth Building



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-Psalms 100:4

