

THANKSGIVING 2007

Dear Grace Church Family,

The Psalmist gives us wonderful instructions for worship: “ Make a Joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands, come before his presence with thanksgiving, into his courts with praise, be gracious unto him, and bless his name, for the Lord is good and his mercy is everlasting, his truth endures forever!” This really is an attitude towards life. A life well lived is one that truly is grateful and thankful about all the wonderful things, all of which come from God. Galatians 5:22-23“ But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.” What wonderful attributes that we have when we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. We are wonderful because the Spirit of God has so overwhelmed our being that we become what God called us to be: People of Love! Jesus said that we will know His followers by their love. Our thankfulness to God is evidence of our love of God. Thankfulness is a recognition that we need God to supply our needs everyday, in every way.

We have less than two months in 2007. We must give thanks for all of God’s blessings: the life we have, family, friends, fellowship, food, clothing, homes, jobs, transportation, recreation, education, edification, reconciliation and the list goes on. It is only when we begin to pause and give thanks, that we remember just how much God has blessed us, in so many ways, so many times. Grace Church is a church of prayer, a church of outreach, a church of ministry, a church of love. One of the ministries of Grace Church that has grown is the food pantry. Each Week more and more families line up at Grace Church for food. You make this possible with your generous gifts. We count very heavily on the Thanksgiving Offerings as we come to the end of our fiscal year. This year the vestry is asking a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50.00), but whatever you give will be joyfully received and used for God’s Kingdom and Glory here at Grace Church. God Bless you and Yours. I am

Faithfully and Thankfully,

Harold James Cobb, Jr.