

Thanksgiving Thoughts Part 1 of 2
John Jones

Dear Brethren,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I had a couple of thoughts that I thought might guide our bulletin reading over the next two weeks.

Until a couple years ago, I unthinkingly would say that Thanksgiving was my favorite holiday. I was confused why my wife didn't share the same sentiment I did for the day. When I asked her why it wasn't her favorite holiday too, she asked me a simple question: "What are your favorite things about Thanksgiving?" I answered, "The food, spending time with family, sitting back and watching football and falling asleep after the meal, of course!" My sweet wife reminded me that while I was spending time with family, *someone was preparing all the different dishes that went on the table. While I was falling asleep watching football after the meal, someone was cleaning up all the dishes. On the day that I associated with thankfulness and family, I wasn't being very thankful for my own family and all the work that goes into my favorite holiday! Since then, I've done a lot better helping with the tasks I overlooked before that make Thanksgiving possible and (hopefully) my wife has come to enjoy the holiday a bit more.*

Isn't that the way we can be sometimes? For all the lip service we give 'thankfulness,' is it possible that we overlook some of the many things we have to be thankful for? Do I complain when I've got a cough or I'm feeling a little under the weather? How thankful am I on the days when I'm actually feeling pretty well? Am I quick to criticise (publicly or behind their backs) those who might make things difficult in my life? How thankful am I for those who bring joy and comfort to my life? Perhaps we overlook some of the things we ought to be thankful for, because we have failed to realize how much they daily impact our lives. Thanks be to God for those things and people that are so frequently blessing us that we take them for granted!

Colossians 2:6-7 instructs us: "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

One aspect of our daily walk in the Lord is to abound in thanksgiving. This is an instruction to remind ourselves of the many blessings that God has provided for us, even the ones that are so common in our lives we may forget about them.

As you prepare to visit with family, enjoy some great food, and maybe fall asleep on the couch watching football, let's make a daily habit of thanking God for our daily blessings, especially the wonderful gift of Jesus Christ. "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15)

On Our Prayer List... Jimmy Long-knee replacement on the 26th Joyce Long-(fall-home-no fractures) Sarah Parnell
Becky Palk Kathy Martin-requesting prayers Hattie Tate Betty Rumsey -procedure on 11/20
Hadlee Stanfill-foot fracture-in boot x 4wks Jimmy Tyler Michelle Lashlee Al & Vicki Peek W. R. Long

- *Mike Mathis-(Keith & Linda Rodgers son) prayer request-surg on Nov 20th.
- *Stephanie Greene-(Mike's sister) needs prayers in hospital in Jackson
- *Charles Miles-suffered a fall & is in Horizon.
- *Sherry Angela-moved fr ICU to a rm, injures fr a car-wreck-g-mother of Mason
- *Scottie Lashlee-back problems sees a spine specialist on Nov 22nd. Adams.
- *Marcia Simpson-(Mike Burn's aunt) now in St. Thomas Midtown hospital.
- *Neely Ann Martin-(Jerry & Kathy's granddaughter) continue in prayer.
- *Chase Lewis-(Vicki Peek's family) he has lupus, been very sick
- *Ralph Simpson-several medical problems
- *Frank Gugelchuk-(Michelle Lashlee's dad)heart issues
- *Alyssa Gold-(Robert Proctor's niece) in need of prayers
- *John Henry & Carlene Davis
- *Linda Burns (Mike Burns sister-in-law) /Bubba Tummins(Bo & Amy's bro
- *Faye Marshall-Traci Adams mom *June Dreaden-S. Rachford's mom
- *Doug Simpson-(Ruby England's brother) heart problems
- *Nancy Turner-continues to need prayers *Shane Cobb

- THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER**
- *KENNY FLEMING- cancer
 - *JIMMY PHY-cancer treatments
 - *RONNIE ENGLAND -CA/CIRRHOISIS LIVER & AFIB
 - *WANDA WRIGHT -CANCER
 - *DONNA BURNS-WAYNE&ANN BERRYMAN'S NIECE-CA
 - *WANDA DOBBINS-(kin to Tyler's) terminal CA
 - *CHRIS McCURLEY-prostate cancer
 - *JACKIE BORDERS- Lauren Stuart's mom
 - *ROBERT GARDNER(Friend of Bill Williams) CA
 - *RANAE DUNCAN-(Bo&Amy's neighbor)CA treatments
 - *CASEY VAILES-(Ranae Duncan's son)also has cancer
 - *BARRY DEAN-grandfather of a friend of Rachel Bell
 - *LARRY HAYES-(fr Waverly COC) restarted chemo
 - *MAGGIE WRIGHT-(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo

ASSISTED LIVING & NURSING HOME
AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons, TN 38363-**Wyle Marshall** (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad
Humphreys County- 104 Forte Hill Road, Waverly, TN 37185- **Billy Adams**-Rm 712
NHC-812 N. Charlotte, Dickson, TN 37055- **Earline Davis**-Rm 410 **Ronnie England**-Rm 113 **JoAnn Haley**-(Rm
Doris Stokes-Rm 127
Magnolia Place -811 W. Main St. Waverly, TN 37185- **Mary Lana Adams**- Rm-
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Dear Church Family, Words cannot express how deeply grateful we are for the outpouring of love and support we've received following the passing of Jim. Your phone calls, text messages, cards, personal visits, have brought us great comfort during this difficult time. Jim loved his Christian family. Being surrounded by such a caring and compassionate church family has been a source of strength and encouragement. We feel truly blessed to be part of this congregation, which has shown Christ's love in such meaningful ways. Your prayers, thoughtfulness, and support have comforted us greatly, and we appreciate each of you. Thank you for standing by us during this difficult time. Jim said many times "Why can't I get better "? This is no way to live. So the great physician. Said Sunday morning Nov 10th..Come unto me and I will give you rest.
With love and gratitude, Anita
Calvin Sharla Carter Skyler
Shannon Kim Brian Ethan

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:
Thanksgiving Outreach Meal—on Saturday, **November 23rd from 11:30-1:00.** Sign-up sheets in foyer—currently need a few more food items brought, along with some more help on Saturday.
Coat Giveaway-also on Saturday Nov 23rd-**from 11:30-1:00** can give money donations to Derek/Kelly, Terri or Teresa, by this Wed night, or bring men's coats. Will also need workers that day
Fruit Baskets- Sunday, Nov 24th
 Need your help preparing, this Sunday, will start at 12:00 noon, also still need fruit/snacks brought by Sunday morn

PEW PACKERS -each Sunday night@ 5:45
Congratulations to David & Brooke Palk on the birth of their son "Kaden Allen" who was born on November 18th, weight -7lb 11oz & 20 inches long. Also congrats to his big sister Parker, Grandparents Brent & Holly Davis, Great-Grandparents Gary & Pam Davis & aunt Jill.

IN.F.O.C.U.S. We did not have any youth activities for last week, but don't be dismayed...we have a couple of different opportunities coming this week. Our first activity will be FLAME on Wednesday night. We need our teens to be at the building around 4:00(or as soon as you can get there) to help work on our upcoming Thanksgiving meal and Coat Giveaway as well as helping decorate and fill our Thanksgiving baskets. Supper will be provided. Saturday is the big day for this great outreach. I encourage all our kids to come out and help in some area. Our only other activity will be our devotional Sunday night after our evening service. Parents, please keep an eye on our youth group Facebook page for information about our upcoming Christmas parties!
 Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, November 24th 2024

WelcomeJimmy Suddeath
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer..... Ethan Tummins
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Bill Williams
 Danny Dotson John Hurt
 Brent Davis Robert Proctor
 Wayne Coates John Potter
Closing Prayer.....Derek Berryman
Collect Cards.....Parker Rachford
 & Collin Swearns
Greeters..... Not at this time
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #5

Sunday 6PM, November 24th 2024

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster
Prayer.....Wayne Berryman
Sermon..... John Jones
Lord's Table.....Bruce Mayfield
 Caleb Coates
Closing Prayer.....Billy Buttrey

Wednesday 6:30 PM, November 20th 2024

Lead Singing.....Keith Grigsby
Prayer.....Jack Grigsby
Adult Class.....John Jones

If you are unable to serve...please contact
 Wade Tummins, in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)
 If changes need to be made in scheduling please
 contact Jimmy Phy.

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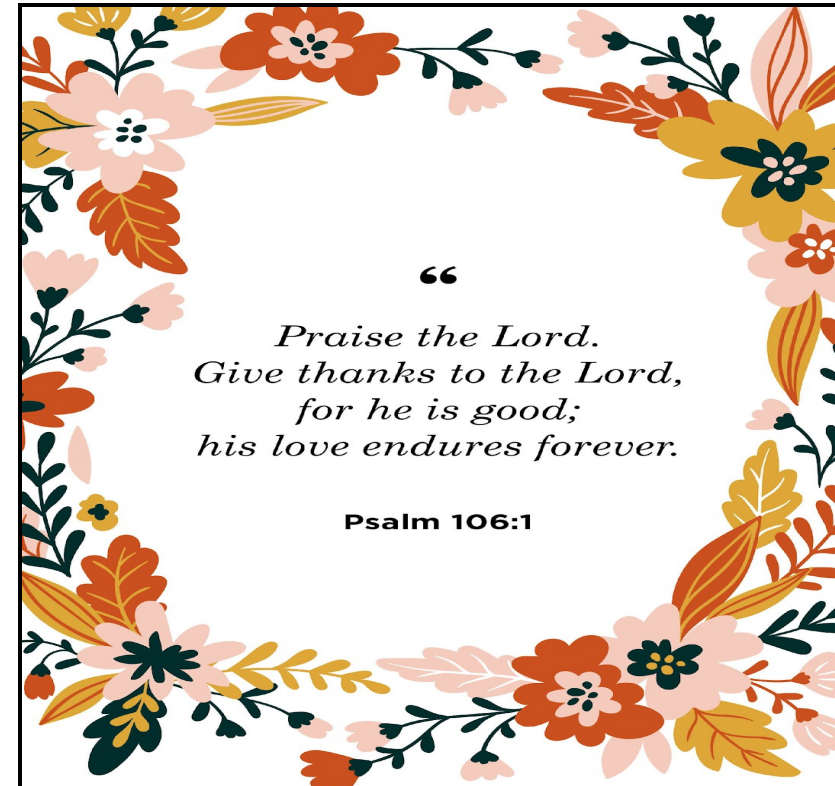
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Week of November 17th 2024

A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:00am
 Worship..... 10:00am
 Evening.....6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 6:30pm

Elders:

Calvin Buckner

Billy Buttrey Bruce Mayfield
 W.R. Long Mike Robertson

Deacons:

Derek Berryman Mike Burns
 Wayne Coates Mark Forster
 John Hurt Barry Phy
 Robert Proctor James Tidings
 Joe Smith Dwight Stuart
 Ethan Tummins Wade Tummins
 Ronnie Tyler

Staff:

Ministers ---- Every Member
 Pulpit ----- John Jones
 Youth ----- Keith Grigsby

Secretaries

Terri Tummins/Teresa Fleming

*If you are unable to attend any service please tune in to our Facebook page or our YouTube page to watch the services. This is NOT a replacement for the command to assemble together as Christ's Body, but a tool for those who may be homebound/shut-in or sick.

The MESSENGER is online!
Visit the church website
to view!



OUR RECORDS for 11/17/2024

Sunday Morning Bible School — — — — — 127
 Sunday Morning Worship — — — — — 211
 Sunday Evening Worship — — — — — 114
 Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study — — — — — 118
 Sunday Contribution — — — — — \$9,427
 Number of Seeds Planted — — — — —

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