

Thanksgiving Thoughts (Part 2 of 2)
John Jones

Church Family,
 For some of us our favorite week of the year is here! Teachers and students have the week off school, the rivalry games of football season are about to be played, and some delicious food is soon to be enjoyed.

I have two thoughts for you this week that I hope can be beneficial as we look forward to Thanksgiving Day.

1) Let's remember those for whom 'turkey day' may be particularly difficult this year.

For some in our church family, there will be an empty chair at the table this year for the first time. When we gather together with our family members, we mourn the loss of those who are no longer with us. We miss their voices and their humor. We long to have one more hug, but we know that in this life, we've already experienced our last moments with them.

If you are experiencing this type of loneliness this year, be encouraged that the great reunion in heaven is described as a "supper," a celebration for those who have "been invited" (Revelation 19:9). Let's all be sure to secure our invitation to the great reunion, not because of our own good deeds, but through our obedience to the love of God who sent His Son to die for us.

For those of us who aren't dealing with loss this Thanksgiving, let's reach out to those who are. Let them know how much you love them and how our church family extends further than 'blood' relations. "We're part of a family, who has been born again, part of a family whose love knows no end!" As a part of that family, we "weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). If this is a time of year when we know some weeping will be taking place, it also needs to be a time of year when some Christian comforting is taking place too.

2) Let's try our best to be 'thankful' for the things in life that we may not be too happy about.

As Christians we are able to see, with the help of God's Word, an "upside down" world (Acts 17:6). We can see "trials of various kinds" of something to consider joyful (James 1:2), because God can use those difficulties to strengthen our faith. We can bless those who "persecute" us, because we are more concerned for their souls than we are for our own wellbeing (Romans 12:14). The choice to live this way may seem bizarre to the world around us, but we have eternity in mind! The choices we make now in this short life impact the eternal destiny of ourselves and others. This year, let's thank God for the difficulties, challenges, and otherwise uncomfortable aspects of life because we can see Him working through them for our own benefit. Thank you Lord for strengthening me! I don't like the way it feels right now, but I know that you know what is best.

Brethren, my family is incredibly thankful for all of y'all. You've blessed us so much in our first six months in McEwen.

Just like we concluded our bulletin last week, "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15)

On Our Prayer List...	Jimmy Long -knee replacement on the 26th	Sarah Parnell	Joyce Long -(recovering fr a fall)
	Kathy Martin -requesting prayers!	Becky Palk	Al & Vicki Peek
	Hattie Tate	Betty Rumsey	Jimmy Tyler
		Michelle Lashlee	W. R. Long


*Atlas Brink-(Bryant & Anna's 4 yr old son) had to have appendectomy at Vanderbilt *Doug Simpson-(Ruby England's brother)-heart problems. Ralph Simpson *Chuck Bumpus-(Emalee Buttrey's brother) heart attack-needs prayers serious condition in Centennial hospital. *Whitney(Bullion)Sager-not doing well, needs our prayers. *Mike Mathis-(Keith & Linda Rodgers son) prayer request-had surg on Nov 20th. *Stephanie Greene-(Mike's sister)needs prayers-very sick in hosp -Jackson *Charles Miles-suffered a fall + heart issues -continues at 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 *Frank Gugelchuk-(Michelle Lashlee's dad)heart procedure on Nov 26th. *Alyssa Gold-(Robert Proctor's niece) in need of prayers/*Shane Cobb *Linda Burns (Mike Burns sister-in-law) /Bubba Tummins(Bo & Amy's bro	THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER *KENNY FLEMING- cancer *JIMMY PHY-cancer treatments *RONNIE ENGLANDCA/AFIB-NOW IN VANDERBILT HOSP *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
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Encourage & pray for one another- (James Eric Warden-ID102618/ Dickson County Jail, Highland Heights, KY 41076) recently baptized into Christ.

ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME/HOME AHC Decatur County -726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363- Wyle Marshall (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad NHC -812 N. Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055- Earline Davis -Rm 410/ JoAnn Haley -(Rm) Doris Stokes -Rm 127 Magnolia Place -811 W. Main St. Waverly, TN 37185- Mary Lana Adams - Rm- AT HOME:JANE RIDINGS -172 Indian Ck Rd/ HERBERT CAPPS -1400 Bradley Rd / ELTON SMITH -7731 Hwy 70E	MILITARY Dustin Proctor - (Navy-Japan) PSC 562 Box 7273, FPO AP 96311-0073 Dalton & Hope Palk - (Navy-Louisiana) 500 Woodland Dr, Apt 597, New Orleans, LA 70131
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS		
Our sympathy & prayers for Mary Lana & family on the passing of "Billy Adams" on Nov 22nd. His service was held on Nov 26th at Luff Bowen in McEwen.	PEW PACKERS -each Sunday night@ 5:45 Special thanks to everyone who helped with our: *Thanksgiving Outreach Meal-60 were feed here at the building & 50 to-go meals were given out *Coat Give-Away.....87 coats were given out *Fruit Baskets 50 were prepared & delivered *None of the above would be possible without you!!! *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them Eph 210	Red Cross—to be here Monday, Dec 2nd from 1:30-5:30. *Corrections fr last wk: baby name & congrats addition) Congratulations to David & Brooke Palk on the birth of their son "Kade Allen"(not Kaden) & also to Aunt Haley & Aunt Hannah!!!
Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting Sunday, Dec 1st @ 5:00 PM		

IN F.O.C.U.S. Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTIES: Details on youth facebook page & pew announcement sheets 

Our youth activities last week began on Wednesday night with FLAME. We had a group of 7 youth in attendance. We began at 4:00 working on decorating the Thanksgiving baskets that were delivered on Sunday. We also spent time decorating and filling the bags that we gave away on Saturday to the families that came to the Thanksgiving meal and coat giveaway. I appreciate all the youth that came and for the hard work they put in. After finishing the projects, we enjoyed some pizza together. Our final activity was our devotional Sunday night after service. We had a group of 16 youth and 13 adults in attendance. We began with a devotional period together as we discussed things that we are thankful for. After the devo we enjoyed a great time of fellowship and a great meal. I am so thankful for Laurie and the hard work that she put in to fix the food. It was a great night with great people! Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, December 1st 2024

WelcomeWade Tummins
 Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
 1st Prayer..... Bill Williams
 Sermon.....John Jones
 Lord's Table.....Bruce Mayfield
 Joe Smith Todd Mullinicks
 Gerald Curtis John Potter
 Caleb Coates Chad Vaughn
 Closing Prayer.....Wayne Berryman
 Collect Cards.....Parker Rachford
 & Carter Howard
 Greeters..... Not at this time
 Nursery..... Not at this time
 Collect Cups.....Youth
 Security.....Team #1

Sunday 6PM, December 1st 2024

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster
 Prayer.....Mike Robertson
 Sermon..... John Jones
 Lord's Table.....John Hurt
 Terry Parchman
 Closing Prayer.....Jack Grigsby

Wednesday 6:30 PM, December 4th 2024

Lead Singing.....Jacen Robertson
 Prayer.....Jim Ridings
 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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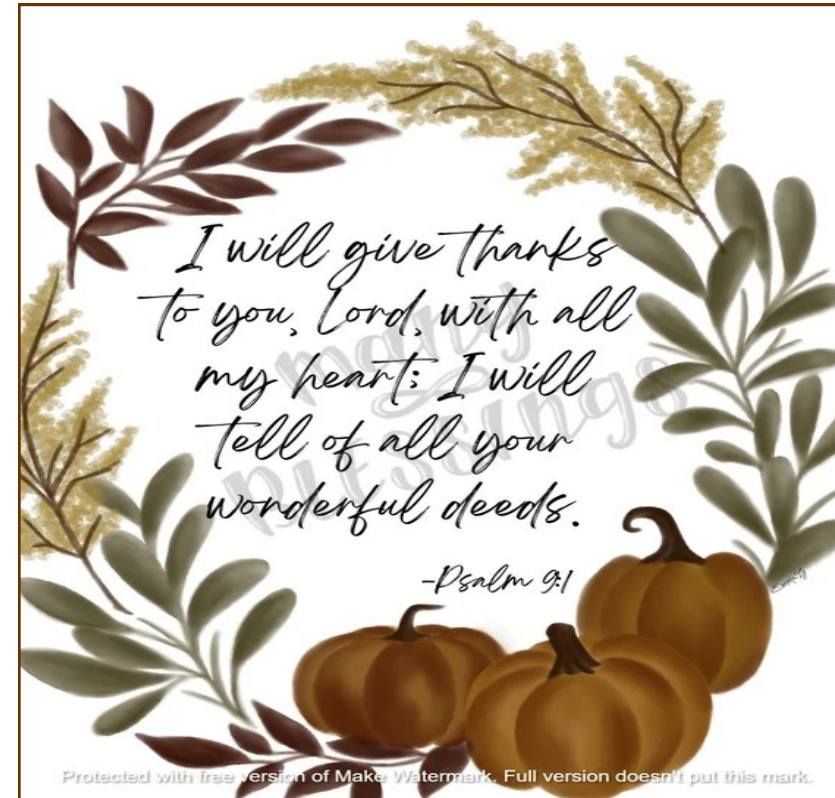


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Schedule of Services

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 Ridings
 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 11/24/2024

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	139
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	194
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	121
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	-----	110
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$10,646
Number of Seeds Planted	-----	9

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