

# “Thank You, Lord!”

Contentment is a rare commodity in our materialistic world. There is always something better or, perhaps, just an updated version of what we already have in our possession. But, all too often, when we finally get the thing we earnestly desired, we are struck by the discovery that its possession simply does not bring the feeling of satisfaction we expected. We are left longing for something else. It is a vicious cycle, a slavery from which we must seek deliverance.

The apostle Paul addressed the danger associated with a greedy, materialistic mind-set, saying, “But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs” (1 Timothy 6:6-10).

Is there something inherently evil about material possessions? Certainly not. But, there is danger to be avoided—namely, the danger of giving higher priority to the possession of earthly wealth than to the possession of spiritual treasures. In the light of eternity, it is foolish to lose ourselves in the things of this life. John exhorts us, saying, “Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever” (1 John 2:15-17). The only treasure that will endure is the treasure we lay up in heaven.

The real tragedy is to miss out on the riches of heaven in order to seek material riches. Jesus says, “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions” (Lk. 12:15). Our society judges a man’s worth by the faulty standard of what he owns, what he wears, or what he drives. In this, parents have a great responsibility to set a proper example of contentment before their children.

While there are no easy answers or short-cuts in accomplishing this monumental task, teaching our children to express thanks is a great start. The Bible says that we are to give thanks in everything (1 Th. 5:18). While we are living in a day of unparalleled prosperity, it seems strange that our greatest danger should be the danger of forgetting God, the source of all our blessings. Consider God, His blessings, and our need to say “Thank you, Lord!”

\*Taken from our 11/13/22 bulletin.

<b>On Our Prayer List...</b>	<b>Sarah Bell</b> Hattie Tate	<b>Keith Rodgers</b> Earline Davis	<b>Betty Rumsey-ER-Pneumonia</b> Michelle Lashlee-having tests	<b>Faye Featherstone</b>
<b>Dorothy Killebrew-needs prayers</b>	<b>W. R. Long</b>	<b>Jimmy Buckner</b>	<b>AI &amp; Vicki Peek</b>	
<b>*Rebecca Davis-now home</b>	<b>*Shane Cobb</b>		<b>THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER</b>	
<b>*Neely Ann Martin-(Jerry &amp; Kathy's granddaughter) hit with softball-fractured jaw &amp; sent hm with concussion protocol.</b>			<b>*Kenny Fleming- cancer meds</b>	
<b>*Bethany Burdette-(Don's daughter) been in ICU @ Horizon, now home.</b>			<b>*Jimmy Phy-treatments</b>	
<b>*Pam Forster-(Leanne &amp; Gail's cousin) recovering fr shoulder surg.</b>			<b>*Wanda Dobbins-(kin to Tyler's) terminal CA</b>	
<b>Carter Jones-home recovering &amp; therapy/Abigail Markam-home recovering.</b>			<b>*Chris McCurley-prostate cancer</b>	
<b>*Chase Lewis-(Vicki Peek's family) he has lupus, very sick at this time</b>			<b>*Jackie Borders- Lauren Stuart's mom</b>	
<b>*Shelia McBride</b>	<b>*Ralph Simpson-several medical problems</b>		<b>*Ranae Duncan-(Bo&amp;Amy's neighbor)-CA treatments</b>	
<b>*Frank Gugelchuk-(Michelle Lashlee's dad)in hosp in Kingsport-heart issue</b>			<b>*Casey Vailes- (Ranae Duncan's son)also has cancer</b>	
<b>*Alyssa Gold-(Robert Proctor's niece) in need of prayers</b>			<b>*Wanda Wright—now on Immunotherapy mthly</b>	
<b>*John Henry-now recovering fr Pneumonia</b>	<b>&amp; Carlene Davis</b>		<b>*Barry Dean-grandfather of a friend of Rachel Bell's</b>	
<b>*Linda Burns (Mike Burns sister-in-law) /Bubba Tummins(Bo &amp; Amy's bro</b>			<b>*Larry Hayes-(fr Waverly COC) restarted chemo</b>	
<b>*Faye Hooper- medical problems</b>	<b>*Jeannie Belles</b>		<b>*Maggie Wright-(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo</b>	
<b>*Faye Marshall-Traci Adams mom</b>	<b>*June Dreaden-S. Rachford's mom</b>		<b>*David Stokes-(Drew Swearns) step-dad</b>	
<b>*Doug Simpson-(Ruby England's brother) heart problems</b>			<b>*Stephanie Smith</b>	
<b>*Nancy Turner-continues to need prayers</b>	<b>*Ronnie Pleasant-recent surg</b>		<b>*Kenna Rickenbrode</b>	
			<b>*Clay Crafton-(Kathy Martin's nephew) CA has returned</b>	
			<b>*Sharon Curtis</b>	
			<b>*Matthew Wright-(brother to Barbara Good) Lung CA</b>	

<b>ASSISTED LIVING &amp; NURSING HOME</b>		<b>MILITARY</b>
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<b>Humphreys County</b> - 104 Forte Hill Road, Waverly, TN 37185- <b>Billy Adams</b> -Rm 712, <b>Mary Lana Adams</b> -Rm 703		<b>Dalton &amp; Hope Palk</b> - (Navy-Louisiana) 500 Woodland Dr. Apt 597 New Orleans, LA 70131
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>5th Sunday Meal</b> This coming Sunday, Sept 29th, we will be having a (potluck meal) after our am services, then go back upstairs for an afternoon service. There will be no evening service.</p>	 <p><b>Our Fall Family Retreat</b> Come join in this uplifting weekend, on October 18th-20th @ Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park. It always includes a great time of fellowship, sharing God's word, fun, food &amp; games for all ages. Please sign list on Youth bulletin board to attend.</p>	<p><b>Our sympathy &amp; prayers go out to the following families &amp; their loss:</b></p> <p><b>*J. D. Hall- (Holly Tummins) grandfather. His service was held on 9/19 in Watertown, TN.</b></p> <p><b>*Christian Agy (Scotty Lashlee's) younger brother. His services was held on 9/23 in Erin, TN.</b></p>
<p> <b>American Red Cross</b> Will be here Monday, Sept. 30th from 1:30-5:30. <b>There is a shortage, so hope you can give!</b></p>	<p><b>Need 2 more Secret Pal's for our College Students!!!!</b></p>	<p><b>We will be having a meal @ 5:00 PM this Wed night, Sept 25th before our service.</b></p>
<p><b>IN F.O.C.U.S.</b> Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation</p>		<p> <b>Baby Sprinkle for Brooke Davis Palk on Oct 27th, see Pam or Jill if you can help with.</b></p>

Our only youth activity for last week was our devotional Sunday night after service. We had a group of 8 youth and 8 adults in attendance. Since I preached Sunday night, we didn't have a devotional period but enjoyed a great time of fellowship while enjoying a great meal that Mike and Traci Adams provided.

Our next big youth event is our RUSH trip this coming weekend. We have a group of 15 youth and 3 adults who will be going. RUSH is always a great weekend for our teenagers to be on campus at Freed Hardeman University and to grow spiritually with several classes that will attend and several keynote speakers and time of singing together. I look forward to this opportunity.

In Christian Love, Keith

