# "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.

# On Our Prayer List... Sarah Bell Hattie Tate

Dorothy Killebrew-needs prayers

**Keith Rodgers Earline Davis** W. R. Long

\*Shane Cobb

Betty Rumsey-ER-Pneumonia Michelle Lashlee-having tests Jimmy Buckner

**Fave Featherstone** 

Al & Vicki Peek

\*Rebecca Davis-now home

- \*Neely Ann Martin-(Jerry & Kathy's grandaughter) hit with softball-fractured jaw & sent hm with concussion protocal.
- \*Bethany Burdette-(Don's daughter) been in ICU @ Horizon, now home
- \*Pam Forster-(Leanne & Gail's cousin) recovering fr shoulder surg.
- Carter Jones-home recovering & therapy/Abigail Markam-home recovering
- \*Chase Lewis-(Vicki Peek's family) he has lupus, very sick at this time
- \*Shelia McBride \*Ralph Simpson-several medical problem
- \*Frank Gugelchuk-(Michelle Lashlee's dad)in hosp in Kingsport-heart issue \*Alyssa Gold-(Robert Proctor's niece) in need of prayers
- \*John Henry-now recovering fr Pneumonia & Carlene Davis
- \*Linda Burns (Mike Burns sister-in-law) /Bubba Tummins (Bo & Amy's bro
- \*Faye Hooper- medical problems \*Jeannie Belles
- \*Fave Marshall-Traci Adams mom \*June Dreaden-S. Rachford's mon \*Doug Simpson-(Ruby England's brother) heart problems
- \*Nancy Turner-continues to need prayers \*Ronnie Pleasant-recent surg

#### THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER

\*Kenny Fleming- cancer meds

\*Jimmy Phy-treatments

- \*Wanda Dobbins-(kin to Tyler's) terminal CA
- \*Chris McCurley-prostate cancer
- 'Jackie Borders- Lauren Stuart's mom
- \*Ranae Duncan-(Bo&Amy's neighbor)-CA treatments \*Casey Vailes- (Ranae Duncan's son)also has cancer
- \*Wanda Wright—now on Immunotherapy mthly
- \*Barry Dean-grandfather of a friend of Rachel Bell's
- \*Larry Haves-(fr Waverly COC) restarted chemo
- \*Maggie Wright-(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo
- \*David Stokes-(Drew Swearns) step-dad
- \*Stephanie Smith \*Kenna Rickenbrode
- \*Clay Crafton-(Kathy Martin's nephew) CA has returned \*Sharon Curtis \*Matthew Wright-(brother to Barbara Good) Lung CA

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

5th Sunday Meal

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.



Students!!!!

Our Fall Family Retreat Come join in this uplifting weekend, on October 18th-20th @ Nathan Bedford Forest State Park. It always includes a great time of fellowship, sharing God's

Sept 25th before our service.

word, fun, food & games for all ages. Please ign list on Youth bulletin board to attend.

Need 2 more We will be having a meal @ Secret Pal's for 5:00 PM this Wed night, our College

Our sympathy & prayers go out to the following families & their loss:

\*J. D. Hall- (Holly Tummins) grandfa ther. His service was held on 9/19 in Watertown, TN.

\*Christian Agy (Scotty Lashlee's younger brother. His services was held on 9/23 in Erin, TN.



Baby Sprinkle for Brooke Davis Palk on Oct 27th, see Pam or Jill if you can help with.

shortage, so hope you can give! MFOCU

30th from 1:30-5:30. There is a

American Will be here

Monday, Sept.

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

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

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

## Sunday September 29th 2024

Welcome	Keith Grigsby	
Lead Singing	Mark Forster	
1st Prayer	Dwight Stuart	
Se <i>rmon</i>	John Jones	
Lord's Table	Andrew Peyton	
Danny Dotson	John Hurt	
Gerald Curtis	John Potter	

Billy Buttrey

Closing Prayer......Jim Ridings Collect Cards......Collin Swearns & Parker Rachford *Greeters*...... Not at this time Collect Cups......Youth Security.....Team #2

Jack Grigsby

Sunday 6PM, September 29th 2024

Lead Singing	Mark Forster
Prayer	Calvin Buckner
Sermon	John Jones
Lord's Table	Wayne Coates Marvin England
Closing Prayer	

## Wednesday 6:30 PM, October 2nd 2024

Lead Singing	Bruce Mayfield
Prayer	Drew Buttrey
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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Return Service Requested

\*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.

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## OUR RECORDS for 9/22/2024

I	Sunday Morning Bible School — — — — —	117
I	Sunday Morning Worship	184
I	Sunday Evening Worship	104
I	Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study — — — —	121
I	Sunday Contribution $        +$ $8$	,912
I	Number of Seeds Planted — — — — — — —	2



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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 James Buckner Billy Buttrey Bruce Mayfield W.R. Long Mike Robertson

#### Deacons:

Derek Berryman Mike Burns Wayne Coates John Hurt Robert Proctor Elton Smith Dwight Stuart Dennis Tester Wade Tummins

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