

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(815-3033) Caleb Graves
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Steve Boyd
 Reading.....Marty Boles
 Scripture.....TBA
 Lord's Table (N).....*Shannon Griffin
 (S).....*Harold Cook
 (N).....Jordan Thomas
 (N).....Cory Prince
 (N).....David McColloch
 (S).....John Nussbaum
 (S).....David Roberts
 (S).....Marc Martin
 Sermon.....Steve Hillis
 Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(815-3033) Caleb Graves
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Paul Hurst
 Reading.....David Chilton
 Scripture.....TBA
 Lord's Table.....*W.C. Chilton
*Clent Kesey
 Sermon.....Brian Moody
 Dismiss.....Bob Cantrell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews
 First Prayer.....Don Sullivan
 Reading.....Justin Griffin
 Invitation.....Dale Bennett
 Dismiss.....Phillip Brock

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Norman & Barbara Sain
 P.M.....Harry Felty Family

Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers:Heath Griffith & Tim Fisher
Attend Nursery:Sharon Boles
Un/Lock Building:Randy Griffith/David Keele
Prepare Communion:Doris Smith
Assist with Baptisms:Mary Flatt & Denice Rhea

Pantry Item:Peas

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....333
 Bible Study.....240
 P.M. Worship.....231
 Wednesday Bible Study.....224
 Contribution.....\$6,051

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Services

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM		
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Willie Newby	Ricky Prince
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Sick

At Home:

Leonard Crouch
Cora Stembridge - at her daughter's home in
Manchester
Emma Hillis
Alyssa Lawrence
Ashlyn Graves

In The Hospital:

Jeffery Gilbert - Meadowbrook Health & Rehab,
1245 East College St.; Pulaski, TN 38478
Trena Hayes (Rita Prince's sister) - Centennial
Medical Center
Steve Wilcher - Baptist Hospital ICU

Sermons For Sunday

AM.....Steve Hillis
PM.....Brian Moody

Quotable Quotes on Thanksgiving

"God's giving deserves our thanksgiving."

"We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking him for them." - Vincent de Paul

"Those blessings are sweetest that are won with prayers and worn with thanks." - Thomas Goodwin

"Every furrow in the book of Psalms is sown with the seeds of thanksgiving." - Jeremy Taylor

"Heartly thanks must be given to God: such as cometh not from the roof of the mouth but the root of the heart." - John Trapp

"A thankful heart has a continual feast." - W. J. Cameron

"Thankfulness grows best in the seed-bed of conviction, just as some plants must be placed in the soil in the winter if they are to flower in the summer." - Sinclair Ferguson

Youth News

The annual **WEDNESDAY NITE YOUTH SOMETHING** is this Wednesday, November 21st following services. Please bring your favorite board or card games and snack. Also, be sure to sign-up for the Connect-the-Dot World Championship. Ethan Duncan will deliver a devotional before we begin with the festivities downstairs.

BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY is a week from this Wednesday, November 28th. Help us celebrate those with November birthdays. A sign-up sheet is on the Youth Bulletin Board for those who can bring refreshments.

EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY takes place in Savannah, TN on January 18 – 20, 2013. We have gone the past several years and it is geared toward High School Christians who are really interested in gaining ideas on how to spread God's message. A sign-up sheet is now on the Youth Bulletin Board with full details.

Last year we had a great time on the **NORTH POLE LIMITED TRAIN RIDE** in Chattanooga. We will be going again on December 20th. Each family is responsible for making reservations. Full details are on the Youth Bulletin Board. Tickets really go fast, so if you plan to go it would probably be wise to order today.

Ladies Holiday Dinner

All the ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the Ladies Holiday Dinner on Tuesday evening, December 4th at Falcon Rest beginning at 6:30 pm. The cost of the meal is \$15.95. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. After dinner, there will be an ornament swap. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped \$5-\$7 ornament. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 25th. For more information, please see Jane Flatt.

If your Christianity is comfortable, it is compromised.

Thanksgiving

There is a rich tradition in our country for the holiday known as "Thanksgiving." Traditionally it was associated with the thanks given to God for a bountiful harvest. However, as our society has grown away from its agrarian roots the day has become much more secular. Indeed this is very sad, for we are still dependent upon our Heavenly Father for the fruitful seasons. "Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.'" (Acts 14:17). He is responsible for all we are and all we have. Given the fact that few of us are now actually involved in producing the food that we eat, perhaps we ought give an additional thanks for the ones who grew it for us.

My concern, however, is that we are thankful for too few things. We tend to be thankful for physical and secular things and forget the spiritual ones. Consider just a few things revealed by surveying the New Testament word "thanks."

1. In Matthew 11:25, Jesus was thankful to the Father for the revelation of Truth and how that revelation was given.
2. Anna the prophetess gave thanks for Jesus and the redemption that He brought (Luke 2:36-38).
3. In Luke 17:16, a Samaritan leper returned to thank Jesus for his health.
4. Paul thanked God for his brethren in Rome that they had a faith worth commending (Romans 1:8).
5. Later he thanked God that His plan of salvation had been effective in the lives of the Romans (Romans 6:17).
6. Paul further thanked God for the victory we enjoy through Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:57).
7. In 2 Corinthians 9:17 Paul says simply: "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"
8. The reception of the Thessalonians of God's message prompted Paul to thank God. (1 Thessalonians 2:13).
9. He continued that thanks because the Thessalonians' faith and love. (2 Thessalonians 1:3).
10. Paul thanked God for the privilege of ministering to others (1 Tim. 1:12).

Thus one sees that in the Bible most of the instances where thanks was given it is for *spiritual* things. With that in mind, here are but a few of the things for which I give thanks to God:

1. I am thankful that God loved me enough to want to save me. I feel so unworthy of that type love.
2. I am forever thankful that Jesus took my place on the cross.
3. I am thankful that God provided me a support system to guide me, direct me, encourage me, uplift me, etc. That system involves a lot. It involves the written Word. It involves the church, it involves the leadership of the church, and it involved godly parents.
4. I am thankful for elders. These spiritual shepherds are not just a "board of directors" who decide where the money is spent (though they do make those kinds of decisions), but they are sincere men who care about the spiritual welfare of the members, including me.
5. I am thankful for the privilege and opportunity of preaching and teaching. Not everyone in life gets to do what they love to do for a profession. I do.
6. I am thankful that I had a family that knew the Truth and instilled it in me from a child.
7. I am thankful for our country (with all its flaws and failures) that still allows one to worship freely.

As you sit down to eat this Thursday and as you offer thanks for the food, don't forget to be thankful for the many other blessings we enjoy, especially the spiritual ones.

~Tony Lawrence~
