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An Appropriate Proclamation

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It makes one wonder why it was necessary that 222 years ago George Washington had to instruct the American people to be thankful. A proclamation was issued at that time, 1789, that read as follows: *“Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to ‘recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness: Now, therefore, I recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our service and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country...”*

It has been the contention of this writer that the foundation of thanksgiving is humility. It appears as if President George Washington, though one of the mightiest men in the world realized his limitations and acknowledged the true source of all that our nation enjoys. Would it not be great if our nation, and the nations of the world, could once again bow with humble hearts before God who has given us all things?

In spite of wide-spread diseases, harsh winters, threats from other world powers, poverty, and abbreviated life expectancy, they were deeply grateful and felt blessed. Today we live in the lap of luxury and want virtually for nothing, but possibly less appreciative than previous generations.

Early Christians were to walk in Christ and abound in the established faith while *“abounding in it with thanksgiving”* (Col. 2:6-7). Paul also taught that Jesus was raised for our sakes and through whom we shall be raised. When this grace is understood, it can *“cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God* (2 Cor. 4:14-15).”

Sheila and I would like to express our wishes for each one of our New Albany family members to have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving holiday. We truly feel blessed and thankful to have you as our brothers and sisters, friends and the New Albany congregation to be our church family. Thanks for making our first year delightful!

PRAYER LIST



Ron Garner, friend of *Mike & Sheila King*, heart surgery was successful this past week in Cleveland, Ohio. He had a new pacemaker and defibrillator implanted Monday, and if all goes well will be released from the hospital later in the week.

Norbie Livingston, friend of *Lynn Harrison* is in ICU of the Tupelo hospital with complications from her chemo treatments.

Bernice Nobles, recently had her second chemo treatment.

Pat Reed, is struggling with health problems.

Lucille Gibson, is scheduled for knee surgery Nov. 28th, in Tupelo.

Continual Prayer

Chris Isbell, J.D. Stroud, Jessie Hawkins, Betty Lang, Barry Yancey, Lisa Mitchell, Dick Young, Eleta Grimmett, Cindy Sprouse, Tony Cross, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

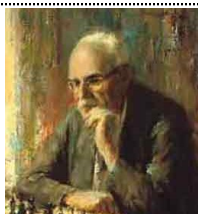
Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley

“I BELIEVE”

.... That you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life forever.



Happy Thanksgiving



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 25.....Cooper Pounders
November 28.....Jerry Grimmett
November 29.....Sissy Bullock
December 02.....Dillon Clayton



SYMPATHY



We express our sympathy to *Price Senter* and family in the death of his sister *Ruby Shouse*. *Ms. Shouse* passed away Thursday, Nov. 17th at Baldwyn Nursing Home at the age of 95. Funeral services were held Saturday, in Booneville, with burial at Zion Rest Cemetery.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The men's annual breakfast and planning session will be held Saturday, December 3rd at 7:00am at the fellowship building. All men are asked to attend. There is a list on the table in the foyer for you to sign and mark if you can help cook or clean up. Please sign the list by Sunday, Nov. 27th so we will know how many to expect.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



The ladies' annual Christmas Brunch will be held at the home of *Maria Ormon* Saturday, December 10th at 10:00am. You are asked to bring your favorite brunch dish and a wrapped Christmas ornament.

TEEN SHOPPING TRIP

A shopping trip to Memphis has been planned for the 7th grade and up on Saturday, December 3rd. The group will leave at 9:30am and return later in the evening. They plan to eat both lunch and dinner in Memphis. *Dan Cobb* and *Sarah Walker* will be in charge.

BLESSINGS

- Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
- Be thankful when you don't know ... it gives you the opportunity to learn.
- Be thankful for the difficult times ... during those time you grow.
- Be thankful for the limitations ... they give you opportunities for improvement.
- Be thankful for a new challenge ... it will build strength and character.
- Be thankful for your mistakes ... they will teach you valuable lessons.
- Be thankful when you're weary ... it means you've made a difference.
- Be thankful for the mess after a party ... it means you have friends.
- Be thankful for the taxes you pay ... it means you are employed.
- Be thankful for clothes that fit a little snug ... it means you have plenty to eat.
- Be thankful for a shadow that watches you work ... it means you are out in the sunshine.
- Be thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing ... it means you have a house.
- Be thankful for the spot you find at the far end of the parking lot ... it means you are capable of walking.
- Be thankful for all the complaining you hear about our government ... it means we have freedom of speech.
- Be thankful for a huge heating bill ... it means you are warm.
- Be thankful for the lady behind you in church service who sings off key ... it means that you can hear.
- Be thankful for the piles of laundry and ironing ... it means your loved ones are nearby.
- Be thankful for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours ... it means that you're alive.
- Be thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day ... it means you have been productive.



It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the set-backs. *"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Ephesians 5:20

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YOUTH UPDATE

- We are so proud of our young people for all their hard work in preparing for the Bible Bowls that were held this past weekend. Our Junior Bible group answered all their questions and they all knew their memory verses. The Senior Bible Bowl group did great as well, placing second in their competition. Please let these young people know how proud we are of them.
- Thanks so much to *Randy* and *Christy Wall* for hosting a hayride and hotdog roast this past weekend. This months youth devo was held at the get-together. We appreciate the *Walls*.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10: 13-17).
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

OUR RECORD

Sunday School 106
 Sunday A M 129
 Sunday P.M. 101
 Wednesday 102
 Contribution \$4,009.20
 Budget \$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Steve Todd
 A.M. Prayer...Roger Clayton
 Closing Prayer...Gary Turner
 P.M. Prayer...Harold Russell
 Closing.....Carl Smith
 Wed 11/30.....Troy Robertson
 Wed. 11/30.....Bill Frohn
 Usher & Lock...Randy Wall
 Greeter.....H & D Crowe



PANTRY ITEM

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School 9:30
 Morning Worship 10:30
 Evening Worship 6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
 Troy Robertson 534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts 316-2422
 Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
 Roger Clayton 534-5240
 Andy Clemmer 816-5887
 Harold Russell 534-4648
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King 507-0625
 Home 534-6872
 Office 534-4649

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