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It Is No Secret What God Can Do

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Vivid memories remain in my mind of the words of an old song my mother used to sing when rocking my siblings linger in my mind. “It is no secret what God can do, what He’s done for others, He’ll do for you, with arms wide opened, He’ll pardon you, it is no secret, what God can do.”

When meditating the magnificence of life and all of its intricate beauty, I marvel! Consider with me some of the things that God has done for us.

1. God has created a beautiful universe (Gen. 1:1). God stamped His approval upon it as He completed each day by declaring “*it was good.*” The universe speaks of God’s nature, “*The heavens declare the glory of God*” (Ps. 19:1).
2. God had created man in His own image (Gen. 1:27). How hard does one have to look to find resemblance to God in each of us? It would appear as if our affections, quality of life, disposition, and spirituality should reflect a resemblance to our God. What a compliment to us it is to allow us to bear some of His magnificent qualities!
3. God has concerned Himself with man’s eternal salvation (Jn. 3:16-17). Truly, this is something that man can not do for himself. God has invested Himself in us by the sacrifice of His Son to save us.
4. God has provided an eternal inheritance for the righteous (Rev. 21-22). This element of God’s providing is beyond my comprehension. A “home,” a “rest” where God dwells awaits the righteous. This promise carries with it a guarantee that it is good “forever.” This promise has no end! This too is an expression of His love and commitment to the best interest of mankind.
5. God sustains and strengthens His children (I Pet. 5:7). Not only does God initialize good in us, but sustains that instilled good for eternal benefits. Paul was emphatic when he told the Philippians that “*I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me*” (Phil. 4:13).
6. God has made provisions to punish the wicked (Rev. 20:12-15). God is no respecter of person and does things for both the just and the unjust. We determine whether His “doing” will be of a positive or negative sort. If God was to respond to us strictly on the basis of our deserving or our performance, would it be negative or positive in consequence.

“It is no secret what God can do!” Why not let Him have His way with you?

Are You Thankful?

By: Carl B Garner

Did you know that God commands us to "be ye thankful"? We realize that the holiday called Thanksgiving is one rooted in the traditions of men. Its origins will be recounted on the news and in countless TV programs this week. It is good that we have such a holiday, even if it does have more focus on football than on counting our blessings. But many of us will gather with family and/or friends on that day, and someone will lead a prayer of thanks to God for our manifold blessings.

We will then eat turkey or ham with all the trimmings while thinking about or watching some football game, promptly forgetting the things for which all of us should be so grateful. I have a suggestion for all of us to consider as we sit around that table enjoying the bounty God has given us. Surely it is reasonable for us to spend some of that time around the table talking about and expressing our thanks for the loving care and providence we have received during this past year.

It was provided by our God who loves us so much that He gave His "only begotten Son" as our sacrifice for sin. Would it not be of benefit to each individual at that table to hear the rest of us recall the blessings of this past year, the joys and even the sorrows of the months since our last "Thanksgiving" day?

As I think of the things for which I am thankful, please permit me to suggest the following as good topics of conversation around our tables this holiday week:

Our parents and our children. Would it not be a good idea for us grown-ups to recall some memories from our childhood years as we say "thank you" for those who mean so much to us now and who, in the past had such a great part in shaping our lives? And why not say "thank you" for those precious children.

The country in which we live. We often become so disgusted with some facets of modern society that we forget the good, positive qualities of a nation with so many freedoms. This is a good time to remember the following words: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour," 1 Timothy 2:1-3. Even with its faults, we are truly blessed to live in America in 1998. [Obviously the same truths hold true today - admin@TheBible.net]

The church of Christ. In Christ we have redemption from our sin, the hope of eternal life, guidance for daily living, all spiritual blessings and brothers and sisters who love and care for us. All this and the privilege of taking the gospel to those who are "strangers.....having no hope, and without God in the world," Ephesians 2:12.

Husbands and wives who help us with everyday challenges. If you have been taking your spouse for granted these last few months, why not express your thanks to God for them, then tell them how much you appreciate their support and care.

Those who teach our children. For those who take their time and expend their energy to prepare and teach our children the word of God, we are so grateful. It may be the most thankless task in the church. It is so easy to forget what they do and the godly influence they exhibit before their students, our children and grandchildren. How long has it been since you said "thank you" to those who teach your children?

Why not spend Thanksgiving Day giving thanks to Him who is the real source of all blessings, both physical and spiritual, James 1:17? Is that not what this is all about?

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YOUTH NEWS

- The next Senior Bible Bowl will be held Nov. 28th at the Hwy 15 Pontotoc Church of Christ. The youth will eat at George's in New Albany before leaving for Pontotoc.
- November's Youth Devo will be Sunday night the 28th following services. *Dan Cobb* will be hosting. You are asked to bring corn chips and deserts.
- Saturday, December 4th, the youth will enjoy a shopping trip to Memphis. They will leave the building around 9:30am. There will be more details later.

Scripture Scramble

Last week's solution:

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. " Psalm 118: 22-24

REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Kathy Dye, is in the Mayo Clinic in Florida having tests run to determine the cause of her migraines.

Hailey Enlow, (daughter) is in serious condition at LeBonheur in Memphis his & **Carol Enlow**, (mother) is under-

going treatments for breast cancer. They are acquaintances of Pat Reid.

John Sanford, is awaiting gall bladder surgery in Alabama.

Continual Prayer List

Hugh Collins, Margaret Bailey, Vickie Chism, Chris Isbell, Donna Haynes, Barbara Smithey, Shane Crotts, Udell Wilson, Bill King, Donna Weeden, Sylvia Plunk, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Sue Collins, Corrine Hall, Eunice Mabry, Faye Owen, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden

Military List:

David Wilhite-Navy-Florida **Barry Wilhite**-Marine-Navy -Virginia, **Jimmie Stutts**-Air Force—California, **Tiffany Erwin**- Army-Camp Rooker, AL; **Aaron Raines**-Army, Afghanistan **Jamie Vansandt**, Alaska; **Michelle Ham**, Fort Leonard, Missouri.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The annual Men's Breakfast and Planning session will be Saturday December 4th, at 7:00am at the fellowship building. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Be sure to sign the list that is on the table in the foyer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



November 25.....Cooper Pounders
November 28.....Jerry Grimmatt
December 02.....Stacie Dunn
December 02.....Dillon Clayton
December 04.....Daniel Drummond

TEEN SHOPPING TRIP

The 7th grade and up youth group will take a shopping trip to Memphis Saturday, December 4th. They will leave around 9:30 and be back later that evening. Please see Dan Cobb if you have questions.



CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

The annual Ladies Christmas Brunch will be Saturday, December 4th, at the home of Novene Robertson. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite brunch dish and a wrapped Christmas ornament to play "Dirty Santa."

PSALMS 100

" Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth to all generations.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



OUR RECORD

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| Sunday School | 110 |
| Sunday A.M | 124 |
| Sunday P.M..... | 108 |
| Wednesday | 94 |
| Contribution | \$2,822.31 |
| Budget | \$3,305.70 |

TO SERVE

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| Scripture..... | Randy Wall |
| A.M. Prayer... | Richard Jennings |
| Closing Prayer.... | Mark Jennings |
| P.M. Prayer..... | Troy Robertson |
| Closing..... | Carl Smith |
| Wed. 11/24..... | Gary Turner |
| Wed. 11/24..... | J.L. Eaton |
| Usher & Lock | Harold Russell |
| Greeters..... | B & A Pounders |

PANTRY ITEM: Peanut butter

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Elders

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|------------------------|----------|
| Richard Jennings | 534-6671 |
| Troy Robertson..... | 534-3491 |

Deacons

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|---------------------|----------|
| Bill Botts | 316-2422 |
| Greg Clayton | 252-9762 |
| Roger Clayton | 534-5240 |
| Andy Clemmer | 816-5887 |
| Harold Russell..... | 534-4648 |
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NOT JUST FOR TODAY, BUT FOR EVERYDAY! I AM THANKFUL

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| For the wife who says, “It’s hot dogs tonight,” Because she is home with me, Not with someone else. | Because it means I am capable of walking And that I have been blessed with transportation. |
| For the teenager who is Complaining about doing dishes, Because that means She is at home and not on the streets. | For my huge heating bill, Because it means I am warm. For the lady behind me in worship That sings off key, Because it means that I can hear. |
| For the taxes that I pay, Because it means that I am employed. | For the pile of laundry and ironing, Because it means that I have clothes to wear. |
| For the clothes that fit a little too snug, Because it means I have enough to eat. | For the weariness and aching muscles At the end of the day, Because it means I have been Capable of working hard. |
| For the shadow that watches me work, Because it means I am out in the sunshine. | For the alarm that goes off in the early Morning hours, Because it means that I am alive. |
| For a lawn that needs mowing Windows that need cleaning, And gutters that need cleaning, Because it means that I have a home. | And finally...for too much mail, Because it means I have friends who Are thinking of me. |
| For all the complaining I hear about government Because it means that We have freedom of speech. | |
| For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, | <i>From the desk of Jim Blankenship</i> |

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