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WHO IN THE WORLD?

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Ingratitude
is sooner or
later fatal to
its author.

We can look around us daily and see how good the Lord has been to us. Each of us has times when we are troubled, hurting and disappointed, but basically, we fully realize just how prosperous we are as a nation of people. It is hard for us to fathom anyone not honoring God for all that He has provided for us, whether deserving or not. Can you think of anyone who would not give thanks to God? Consider the following:

The **atheist** would be hard pressed to be thankful to God. The reason being, we must believe that God is, before we can accept the fact that He has or can reward us (Heb. 11:6).

The **agnostic** and **skeptic** can only be expected to be ungrateful because they are full of doubts about God as a reliable source “*because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened*” (Rom. 1:21). They were filled with foolishness and selfish pride that left no room for a thankful heart.

One who is a **forgetful person** is unable and unwilling to bless the Lord by giving himself to Him because he has forgotten all of His benefits to him (Ps. 103:2). Once in a while hardships and reversals in life serve as a poignant reminder to consider the source of our blessings once again.

A **self-sufficient person** is incapable of recognizing his dependence upon God. As the words of *Invictus* by *William Earnest Henley* stated, we become the “master of our fate, and the captain of my soul.” “*We know that every good gift comes from God*” (Jas. 1:17). We are to “*command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy*” (1 Tim. 6:17).

Persons who are **greedy** or **envious** will be obsessed with what he does not have or with what others have to appreciate and enjoy what they have (1 Tim. 6:10). “*A sound heart is life to the body, but enviousness is rottenness to the bones*” (Prov. 14:30).

Christians should have an “attitude of gratitude” which can be converted into thanksgiving and then thanks-living” (1 Thess. 5:18; Eph. 5:20).

Thanksgiving All Year Long?

On November 11, 1620, about 102 settlers aboard the famous *Mayflower* arrived in the New World, and there was nothing to greet them except the harsh reality of a New England winter. Within five months, over half their number had died of starvation, cold, and disease. How amazing, then, that these “pilgrims” could still find reasons to be thankful in spite of such hardship!

In more modern times, Thanksgiving brings to mind warm memories of turkey and dressing, pumpkin pie, family togetherness, and football games on television. Thanksgiving is a time when we pause to remember how blessed we are as well as to reflect on how we are using those blessings. Sometimes, family members whose hearts are full of joy at such occasions are heard saying, “I wish it could be Thanksgiving all year long!”

You know, we really *ought* to make every day a day of thanksgiving. The Bible says, “*in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you*” (1 Thess 5:18).” I honestly don’t believe that the pilgrims concentrated all their thankfulness into one single day, and neither should we! *God’s word teaches we would be much more joyful people if we would simply learn the habit of being grateful people.* Let’s strive to make every day of our lives a day of thanksgiving. Here are some practical ideas:

Every night, write down five specific blessings you experienced that day. It’s amazing how many blessings will flood into our minds when we really stop and think about it!

- At least once a week, take the time to write a note of gratitude and encouragement to someone who has blessed you with their life. You’ll be overwhelmed by the results!
- Every time you pray, listen to what you are really saying to God. Are my prayers concerned mostly with saying, “I want, I want, I want,” or, “Thank You, Thank You, Thank You”?
- Each day, make it a point to tell just one person in your life something you admire and appreciate about them. Be specific, and DO NOT BE NEGATIVE.
- When you read the Bible each day, keep a journal in which you write down each promise or blessing God has given. Then, as you read over the blessings you have recorded in your journal, be sure and prayerfully thank Him for each one.
- No matter what your circumstances, never forget that everyone has three basic blessings: Life (Acts 17:28), Opportunity (Galatians 6:10), and the Lord (Titus 2:11). With these three blessings, even the poorest of the poor can be grateful.

These are but a few practical ways to develop the habit of gratitude in your life. So many of us grumble and complain when in reality God wants us to rejoice in Him (Phil 4:4)! If you are skeptical, ***I dare you to try the activities listed above for just a month!*** You will find you have drawn nearer to God (James 4:8), and that your joy in Him is fuller. Let’s have thanksgiving every day! — John Baker

50th Anniversary

*You are cordially invited to a celebration
In honor of*

**James Eugene & Georgia Ann
Shocklee**

*Saturday, December 5, 2015
2:00p.m.-4:00p.m.*

*Sherman church of Christ
2299 Highway 178 East
Sherman, Mississippi*

No gifts Please

Bible Verses to Remember

- And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, [do] all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father him.
Colossians 3:17
- Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variability, neither shadow of turning. **James 1:17**
- In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18
- O give thanks unto the LORD; for [he is] good: because his mercy [endureth] for ever.
Psalms 118:1

PRAYER LIST



Betty Young will have an outpatient procedure Wed., Nov. 25th, at the local hospital. Hopefully this will help restore function of her wrist and hand.

Kenneth Pounders, father of Brad Pounders, is at home slowly improving. He is having a difficult time eating.

J.T. Gaines, a 10th grade student at Myrtle High School, was seriously injured this past week in a 4-wheeler accident. At this time he is in the hospital in an induced coma. His parents are Thomas and Leslie Gaines.

Hershel & Mildred Vick, parents of Melissa Reed, are recovering from pneumonia.

Linda Griggs is recovering from pneumonia.

Continue to Remember:

Ricky Adams, David Crossings, Joyce Clayton, Roy Crow, Vernon Davis, Jackie Dodd, John Elliott, Kevin Flowers, Preeble Foster, Sonny Gay, Pam Hall, Donna Haynes, Glen Hill, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Davie Johnson, Judy Kirk, Lonnie Parker, Nancy Petrowski, Wayne Reams, Brooks Russell, B. A. Stubblefield, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Chris Windham, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Perrin Drummond, Cornelia Kennedy, Betty Lang, Mayna Senter, Miriam Styers, Laura Mae Harris

Military List:

Tiffany Erwin, Derek Bradley



I've Learned...

To be thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- November 28. Jerry Grimmett
November 29. Sissy Bullock
December 02. Dillon Clayton
December 02. Stacie Dunn
December 04. Daniel Drummond



5TH SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday November 29th, we will have an all day service with a potluck meal following our morning services. Everyone is invited to bring a dish and enjoy a meal and period of fellowship. Our afternoon service will begin at 1:15 and be lead by our elders. The adult II class will be in charge of set-up and clean-up of the fellowship building.

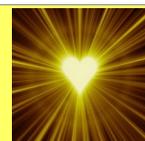


CHURCH FAMILY HAPPENINGS

- 5th Sunday Services Nov. 29th. Meal and 1:15 service. Elders to conduct the afternoon service.
Men's Breakfast and Planning session will be held Saturday, Dec. 5th, at 7:00am at the fellowship building.
Ladies Christmas Brunch will be held Saturday, Dec. 5th, at the home of Janet Drummond at 9:30AM.
Care Team 2 will meet at the home of Richard & Kathy Jennings Fri. night, Dec. 4th, at 6:00.
Care Team 1 will meet at the home of Bobby & Dixie White Sun., Dec. 6th, following services.
Care Team 3 will meet at the home of Jerry & Eleta Grimmett Sun., Dec. 6th, following morning services.
Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held Dec. 6th, at the West Main congregation, at 6:30pm.



Christ Living in Me... To Be Seen in 2015!



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTER

Mike King 507-0625
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Office 534-4649

ELDERS

Richard Jennings316-1305
Troy Robertson316-3163

DEACONS

Greg Clayton252-9762
Roger Clayton 538-8195
Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell..... 507-1180
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Richard Jennings
A.M. Prayer.....Thomas Wall
Closing Prayer.....Terry Young
P.M. Prayer.....David Clayton
Closing
Wed.11/25...Daniel Drummond
Wed.11/25..... Jason Jennings
Usher & Lock ... Roger Clayton
Greeter.....B & A Pounders

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....102
Sunday A.M.....138
Sunday P. M.....97
Wednesday.....95
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PANTRY ITEMS

Cake Mix

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Thanksgiving Prayer

On this Thanksgiving Day, dear Lord,
My thanks are most sincere
For all the blessing you bestowed
Throughout the passing year...

For health, for work, for special joys,
For family and for friends...
And for our nation under God
Your goodness never ends!

But help me understand, dear Lord,
And may I clearly see
That just one day is not enough
To thank you properly...

And that my thanks
Today are small
For gifts that you outpour,
Unless I've thanked
You other days...
Three-hundred sixty four!

