

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Billy Box

Opening Prayer: Eddy Dickinson

On the Table: Head - Greg Lowery
Servers - Bradley Box
Ralph Burleson
Josh Berryhill

Closing Prayer: Charles Berryhill

Preparing the Lord's Supper Michelle Lowery

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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Be Thankful



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The Giving Of Thanks

By Winfred Clark

The giving of thanks is not an optional matter nor just a holiday to be celebrated. The child of God will see it as a command to be obeyed and as a privilege to enjoy. Note what Paul has to say about the matter, “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful“ (Col. 3:15). Such an attitude will indeed allow one to sing with grace in the heart, per Colossians 3:16. He will then see his duty as a privilege (Col. 3:17).

We will not have a great deal of trouble learning why we ought to be thankful. We will not have much trouble seeing what we have to be thankful for.

I. For A God Who Hears Our Prayers

This was true of our Lord while here on this earth. When the stone had been taken from the door of the tomb that held Lazarus, Jesus said, “Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always” (John 11:41-42). How lonely life would have been for Him if God had not heard. So often men forsook Him, but He always had one to which He could turn. So do we. Though one may be a widow and alone, there is a God who hears. Though one may be far from home and those he or she loves, there is a God who hears.

II. For A Bible That Guides

Yes, the Bible is still a lamp to our feet and a light unto our pathway (Psm. 119:105). This implies that we live in a world of darkness, and indeed we do (Eph. 6:12). But, we are not left to grope in such a case for we have a guide to help us move safely through this dark world.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: his surgery went well, please be praying that his cancer will be defeated

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury and is in Shepherd’s in Atlanta, please keep him and family in your prayers

Randy Pickard, Sr.: dealing with some health problems, please pray that the doctors will be able to help him

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Wyatt Spann: found new spot on his brain and lower spine, please pray that he will win this fight and defeat this cancer

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Kye Jackson: (Lindsey’s son) has some health problems, please pray that the doctors will be able to help him

Jeff Upton (Donna Martian’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please pray that she will improve

Ren Garrison (Donna Martian’s Nephew): will have an operation dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that surgery will be successful in dealing with this problem.

Tyler Upton: is at Shepherd’s in Atlanta dealing with from injuries received in an automobile accident, please keep him and his family in your prayers

W. H. Box: recovering from recent bypass surgery, please pray that he will have a successful recovery

Kloe Moore (infant) : she is in Children’s diagnosed with RSV, pneumonia and bronchitis, please pray that with medical help she will be able to regain her health without any side effects

Continue to pray for the Blanchard family as they search for their daughter Aniah, pray that they find her alive and well

III. For A Gospel That Saves

One can say, without hesitation, that the gospel does save. That is what Paul said about it (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-2). There is good news for lost men. That news is that Christ came to die for us, and He did what He came to do. He by the grace of God, tasted death for all of us (Heb. 2:9). For such good news we can be thankful.

IV. For A Hope That Sustains

There are times when the level of our expectation is pretty low. When crushing things happen to us or to those we love, when death walks in and robs us of one we love, or when sickness comes, we have a dim view of the future. But even in spite of death, there is a thing called hope for those who are left behind. That is what Paul spoke of in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.

Yes, for all these things and many more, we have reason to be thankful.

Expositions Of “The Expositor”, p. 547-548.

Upcoming Events

Today	Tri-County Singing {Tidwell Chapel}	2:00 pm
December 1	Country Place	2:00 pm
December 8	Nursing Home	2:00 pm

Outnumbered? Overwhelmed?

By Dan Jenkins

Life is never easy, but there are those times when we become so overwhelmed that we are filled with despair, feeling like we can never succeed. God, who supplies all our needs, has given us His words of truth to let us know just how wrong we are. Remember this. With the exception of two times (one was in the Garden of Eden; see if you can think of the other) the number of the ungodly has always far surpassed those who are godly. Look at the following words of encouragement He has given us about how we will triumph because He is here with us. Pay special attention to the word “thousand.”

There were millions of Jews who left Egypt and headed for the Promised Land, but before them lay the task of conquering that land. Some readily gave up saying, “The people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large...there we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak) and we were like grasshoppers in our sight” (Num. 13:28, 33). They gave up.

Forty years later, their children entered that land under the leadership of Joshua. His view was always different from the view of the former generation. “Hold fast to the Lord your God as you have done this day. For the Lord has driven out from before you the great and strong nations; but as for you, now one has been able to stand against you to this day. One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the Lord your God is He who fights for you, as He promised you” (Josh. 23:8-10). One chase a thousand? If there were six million Jews who entered the Promised Land, they could have defeated 6,000,000,000 pagans. How do you like those odds! When you feel outnumbered, remember this story. It is God who fights our battles.

Do not overlook that time when Shamgar killed 600 Philistines with an ox goad (Judg. 3:31); Gideon’s small army killed over 100,000 Midianites (Judg. 8:10); Samson killed a thousand Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey (Judg. 15:15); and the Jews’ victory over 185,000 Assyrians without lifting a single weapon (2 Kgs. 19:35).

When you are discouraged because those living ungodly lives seem to be winning, read Psa. 38:17. “The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands.” He is among His people, and He and His heavenly army stand beside you. How many angels does He have? John said, “Then I looked and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne...and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands” (Rev. 5:11). And the work of every one of them is to minister to us who are troubled (Heb. 1:14). Remember, you are not outnumbered!

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What Does God Do for His People?

- GOD CHOOSES HIS PEOPLE**
• 1 Corinthians 1:27
- GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE**
• Romans 8:28
- GOD CLEANSSES HIS PEOPLE**
• 1 Corinthians 6:11
- GOD CHASTENS HIS PEOPLE**
• Hebrews 12:6
- GOD COUNSELS HIS PEOPLE**
• Revelation 3:18
- GOD COMFORTS HIS PEOPLE**
• 2 Corinthians 1:4
- GOD CROWNS HIS PEOPLE**
• Psalm 103:4

WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR YOUR GOD?