

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

November 19, 2017

Thanksgiving

Paul told the young preacher Timothy concerning the eating of food, "for every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving" (1 Tim. 4:4). That certainly includes the Thanksgiving meal that we will partake of in a few days.

But, it seems that, in this day and age, there is something fundamentally wrong with the contemporary American approach to Thanksgiving. We use the occasion of Thanksgiving to inventory our blessings and then carve the traditional turkey. When you get right down to it, there is something pretty empty and shallow with the attitude of "I appreciate what God has done for me; therefore I will indulge myself with a big meal!" Now, don't get me wrong—I probably will do my share of overeating on Thanksgiving Day—but I can't help but wonder if we are, in reality, participating in Thanks feeling instead of genuine Thanksgiving. Real gratitude should give! What should thanksgiving really mean?

Thanksgiving means GIVING TO GOD. Paul stated to the Corinthians that remembering what Jesus gave for our sakes should make us want to give generously and cheerfully to God in return. (2 Cor. 9:6-9). The point is that thanksgiving to God

should be rendered with our hearts, with our talents, with our time, and yes, even with our pocketbooks.

Thanksgiving means GIVING TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN TO US. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those who raised us. Certainly we should honor them (Eph. 6:2). Unfortunately, in our fast-paced society, many children seem unable (or unwilling) to give their parents the time they should (this is true no matter how old you or your parents are). Are we truly thankful for our parents? Then let's demonstrate our gratitude by giving them the most valuable gift of all--ourselves. And not only our parents, but truly give back to any and all who have selflessly touched our lives (i.e. fellow Christians, teachers, friends, etc.).

Thanksgiving means GIVING TO THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED. Real gratitude shares. Those who have been richly blessed by God must, in turn, be a blessing to others. It's too easy for us to look at world hunger, hardship, and the needs of so many others and excuse ourselves by saying, "Well, I can't help everyone." True, you can't help everyone, but you can help someone (Gal. 6:10)! It is not enough to count our blessings, we must also share them with others.

We have so much for which to be grateful. But genuine thankfulness, genuine thanksgiving not only feels, it acts! Does your thanksgiving really give?

— Edd Sterchi

The Day You Find Out Why

We are the clay, you are the potter.

— Isaiah 64:8

When God made you, I have a hunch he looked you over and thought, "I've never made one like that before . . . and I never will again. Isn't she beautiful?"

Then he put you here on this big blue marble to do your thing. You were the only one who could do it, for he gifted you with unique talents that he brought out of his inventory and gave only to you.

He “decides what to give each person” (1 Cor 12:11). Each person. Not just the proficient, the privileged, or the powerful. Each person! That has your name on it.

Mark Twain said, “The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.”

*He made you for something special.
Find it and do it.*

— Joe Barnett



Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next 2 weeks we'll be bringing : Packets or cans of coffee, prefer regular coffee, Packets or containers of flavored coffee creamer powder

Birthday : Carla Johnston ... November 19

NEXT WEEK : (**November 19, 2017**)

Song Leader : Delmar

Scripture Reader : Bob

Table & Announcements : Greg

Prayer list :

Bob Stevens: Bob is scheduled for a heart cauterization tomorrow (20th). Pray he gets a good report.

Pat Uphoff : Pat is dealing with foot issues which limits her mobility and now is also dealing with heart issues.

Cindy Bowyer : Susan Bowyer's sister, Cindy was brought home from the hospital on Monday. Her recovery is going well

Hailey Wilhour : Madonna's niece, Haley Wilhour is receiving chemo treatment for acute myeloid leukemia. Haley is the mother of 4 very young children.

Ernie Wasson : Ernie (Herrick congregation) is scheduled for surgery on Dec. 4 to remove an aneurism.

Nancy Miller : Nancy is recovering from two broken arms. .

Robin Shumard : having significant issues with her feet

Ron Bartanen : Ron has a blood clot in his left leg and clots in both lungs so the surgery to remove the large, painful stone from his bladder cannot happen for some months to come.

Harold (Bob) Calvert : Bob is experiencing debilitating side effects from his chemotherapy.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Doris, Mary Smith, Marg, Pete & Hazel, Betty, Francis

Other members with ongoing issues :

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing painful back issues

Megan Nichols : Is now taking weekly physical therapy.

Rosanne : It's painful but Rose is getting around with a cane

Madonna : Madonna's chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Improving, but issues remain / surgery

Mindy Stevens : Experiencing immune system issues.

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend is suffering from kidney failure due to diabetes. Stabilized, but remains an ongoing problem.

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list,
always include our congregation and her elders.**

*Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.*

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Ya'll Come !