

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

December 2, 2018

Thanks—Giving

Thanksgiving is a great holiday. It's a time when families can get together to do things families should be doing: eating together, laughing and telling stories you've heard a hundred times, watching the Lions and Cowboys lose (*well, maybe not this year*), playing games, and then eating some more. You cook and clean and travel. You get too full, too tired and extend yourself too much, but it's all worth it. It's Thanksgiving. That's what people do at Thanksgiving. At least it's a part of it.

But let's back up for just a moment. Let's not forget that the reason we have so much food and fun on Thanksgiving is because we have been so richly blessed by God. We have been blessed to live in a nation that allows us the religious freedom to have a holiday called Thanksgiving. We have been blessed with the financial resources to travel and to feast. We have been blessed with people in our past who have taught us about God and how He loves to give to us. We have been blessed with people, both past and present, who take seriously the need to protect our freedoms

So, perhaps this Thanksgiving we can take advantage of time off from work and time with family and friends to set aside a special time to truly give thanks to God for the countless ways

He has blessed us. Our God is a God who gives. Giving is a part of what makes Him God. Everything we have has come from God because He owns it all. “*The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it*” (Psalm 24:1). “*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father ...*” (James 1:17). If you have turkey and dressing for Thanksgiving dinner it’s because God has given you the turkey and dressing. If you spend time with friends and family on Thanksgiving it’s because God has given you the time, the people, and the means to get together. If you get some great bargains at the stores on Black Friday, thank God for those bargains. When it comes to thanking God, nothing is too trivial, even the peas and carrots. It has all come from Him, and we all need to give thanks to Him for it. When we do, we are blessed even more.

When it comes to thanksgiving, there are two parts. The first is to recognize that it is God who has given us what we have. Our hearts respond with gratitude because our heads know the source of our blessings. We know the love that gave them, and we appreciate what He has done for us. But thanksgiving involves more than just knowing and appreciating, it requires a tangible response. We give to God praise and thanks for what He has given us. We can speak it, sing it or pray it alone or with others. Certainly we are to live a life of thanksgiving. But there’s no thanksgiving without the *giving*. “*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good*” (Psalm 118:1).

— Joe Chesser

The Missing Ingredient

**I will strengthen you and
help you; I will uphold you.**

— Isaiah 41:10

Margie Warrell, author of *Stop Playing It Safe*, writes: “Using the latest brain imaging technologies, researchers have been able to prove that we human beings are neurologically wired to over-estimate the size of risks, under-estimate our ability to handle them, and downplay the costs of inaction.”

I'm not qualified to judge the accuracy of that assessment, but I am qualified to observe that a key ingredient is often missing in our evaluation of life's risks: the promises of God.

He promises to deliver us in the day of trouble (Ps 50:15).

He promises to give strength to the weary and increase the power of the weak (Is 40:29).

He promises to answer our prayers (Mk 11:24).

He promises to meet all our needs (Phil 4:19).

He promises to give wisdom to those who ask it (Jas 1:5).

God's promises dwarf our problems.

- Joe Barnett

God's Discipline

For they disciplined us for a short time, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. Hebrews 12:10

God calls for us to be holy as He is holy. He calls for our sanctification, and separation from the world. The discipline that he leads us to is definitely for our good. It is the threshold to holy living. Without discipline we cannot reach those goals. Discipline doesn't feel good in the short run, but it is always best for the long run.

— David Grubb

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 two weeks we'll be bringing: Packets of tuna, spam, or salmon (or pull tab cans), Packets or cans of coffee, prefer regular coffee, Packets or containers of flavored cream for coffee (powder)

Birthdays : Gloria Brunk ... December 4
Tim Bowyer ... December 4

Reading : **Romans 6: 1-23**

NEXT WEEK : (December 9, 2018)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : Butch

Table & Announcements : Bob

Our Sympathy :

We extend our sincere sympathies to the Reynolds family. Their uncle, Melvin Reynolds, for whom we have been praying passed away this Thursday morning. He was a longstanding member of the church who lived in Allenville near Sullivan. Being 84 yr old he had been suffering with age related illnesses.

Prayer list :

Larry Bales : The 86 yr old stepfather of Roseanne is still in the rest home recovering from a stroke but he is doing so well walking and all that they will soon continue his rehab at home.

Bill & Cecilia Livesay : Bill is a member at Lakeside. He has been scheduled for a second try at a kidney transplant-Dec 18

Mike Nichols : Is now doing his Physical therapy at home, but is disappointed at the slowness of progress regaining mobility.

Doris Bartanen : Ron Bartanen's wife is awaiting test results of tests & a full body scan to see if she survive cancer surgery. Doris is above 80, a diabetic and not in good general health.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Mary, Doris, Delores, Marge, Betty, Pete & Hazel,

Others with ongoing issues :

Nancy Miller : Parkinson's Disease

John Cutillo : Major improvement after only 2 chemo infusion.

Debra Robinson : problematic chemo after breast cancer

Delaney West: Monitoring fragment of tumor left after surgery

Robin Shumard : Due to neurological issues which are secondary to diabetes, Robin is confined to a wheelchair.

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing severe painful back issues

Wayne : Ongoing issues related to stroke recovery

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Bruce Miller: Madonna's brother-in-law ..awaiting test result

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.



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