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"From Where I Sit"



THANKSINGING

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20TH 9:00AM

THE WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE CENTERED AROUND SINGING PRAISES TO OUR GOD,
WHO BLESSES AND BLESSES AGAIN.

The book of Psalms is remarkable in so many ways. Many of the psalms come from the heart of a shepherd boy of Bethlehem and give us great insight into the very soul of a man after God's own heart.

One of the psalms repeats a phrase over and over. The psalmist said, "*Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men*" (Ps. 107:1,8,15,21,31). This phrase makes a natural division of five situations in this psalm where men should be filled with thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving for redemption. The first section (vs. 1-7) describes the times when God brought Israel from adversity and returned them to the land He promised Abraham's descendants. While it is true the sin of God's people often was the reason they were scattered, the psalm shows just how merciful God is toward His children. Those who were redeemed from the nations could so readily sing this psalm of thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving for souls which have been refreshed. In this section, the psalmist looks at the souls which have been brought low by the adversity around them. Their hearts are filled with darkness which is the result of ignoring God. They are bound up in affliction. Yet, when they cried out to God, He heard them. Their souls were filled with the blessing He gave to them. Their lives turned into joy because His mercy gave them what they had been missing. The psalmist said, "Give thanks to the Lord for His wonderful works."

Thanksgiving for deliverance to those who were at the gates of death. This third section (vs. 15-20) parallels thoughts found in the previous section of those who were surrounded by distress. They were so burdened they could not even eat, yet when they cried out to the Lord, He heard them and saved them out of all their afflictions. "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness."

Thanksgiving from those who were tossed in the seas. The psalmist turns his attention to those who sailed the seas and found themselves surrounded by tempestuous waves. As the waves lifted them to the heavens and then dropped them in the depths of the troughs, hope could so easily be lost. At their wit's end, they cried out to God, and He heard them, calmed the storms and brought them to safe havens.

Thanksgiving from those who assemble to worship in the company of the elders. The mercy of God is shown in the fruitful seasons where He waters the wilderness and feeds His people. Their crops increase and their herds multiply. He exalts the poor. Oh, that men would give thanks for all He does.

Thanksgiving from our hearts. The imagery in this psalm is different from what is around us, but the lesson is so obvious. God help us to give thanksgiving for all He does! -Dan Jenkins

I hope that you will be with us Sunday for our annual Thanksinging worship service. God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 16
FREINDSGIVING
CAMP MERIBAH

NOVEMBER 18
FIFTH QUARTER

NOVEMBER 20
THANKSINGING

DECEMBER 4
ALL CHURCH NIGHT

DON'T BLINK...those were my thoughts this past Saturday morning as we went to bed after a warm, sunny, 75-degree day and awoke to a cold & windy 40-degree day. As a result of such a drastic change in weather conditions and the rain and sleet that came with it, our annual Servant Saturday was postponed as the weather just wasn't hospitable for a day of outdoor yard work. We are still looking at the calendar for a date to reschedule, but admittedly the end of the year is hectic and jam-packed. We will update everyone with the new date if we reschedule.

IT WAS A COLD NIGHT at the Qualls Cabin, but it was also a very fitting place to be on a brisk Fall evening. The Sr. High group was treated to an actual fire for our Sr. High Fireside this past Sunday night, and the Qualls family were great hosts for our activities. Thank you to Major, Jeremy, and Meredith for hosting!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our annual Cookies With Santa Drive-Through on Friday, December 9th. Santa and his crew of elves and Christmas characters will be in the Bus Garage from 5:00-7:00 pm going over Christmas lists and taking photos with our students. Save the date and start spreading the word to our community about this event!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

When we live rejoicing and praying without ceasing, these life-changing practices shift the dynamic of our lives. The third powerful principle in God's will for us lies in learning to give thanks in everything. Rejoicing encompasses praising God, but giving thanks is attributing to God the credit He deserves. We show appreciation for who He is and what He has accomplished in and through our lives. God deserves the glory for everything that He has created and sustained by His mighty right hand. He deserves praise for saving and redeeming us and for every blessing that He has afforded us. The word "give" indicates intentionality and a determination to be thankful. We make up our minds to give God the glory that He is due. Let us never forget that God is great and greatly to be praised! Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

All Church Night December 4, 2022

5 P.M. Worship Dinner Served at 6
2022 Volunteer Of The Year Award Presented
Recognition Of New Members
Christmas Program
Sign-Up For Desserts In The Lobby



Thank You

Mary Katherine Bates writes: " A "Big Thank You" for all the cards, wishes, cake, meals and songs to help me celebrate my 94th birthday. I appreciate everyone for your kindness and love. You made my day "extra special." In Christian Love..."

Andy Weber writes: " I want to thank you all for the prayers and calls about my mom since she has been sick. I appreciate it very much."

Reba Horner writes: " Thanks to all who helped make my birthday special. Thank you for the kind words, cards, and phone calls. It made my birthday complete."

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Diane O'Guin who passed away.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Linda (Mrs. Sam) Smith who passed away after a brief battle with cancer.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Debbie Bradford Powers who passed away.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Bennett Schmid by Rodney & Jennifer Harris.

...a Memorial has been given to the Youth Group in memory of Billy Rochelle by Myra Orton.

...a Memorial has been given to the Africa Mission Fund in memory of Billy Rochelle by Dr. Jerry & Marilyn Nash.

...a Memorial has been given to the Africa Mission Fund in memory of Robert "Bobby" Brown Claud by Dr. Jerry & Marilyn Nash.



Tennessee
Children's Home

Children's Home Food Drive

November Items:

Apple Juice

Grape Juice

Laundry Detergent

Area Events...

...**Thanksinging** at the Clifton Church Of Christ November 18, 2022 Fellowship Meal 6 P.M. Singing 7 P.M.

...**Gospel Singing at the Five Points Church of Christ** Friday, December 9, 2022 starting at 7 P.M. Refreshments served following the singing.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

November 13, 2022

\$ 10,459.33

Camp: \$ 189.00

Budget:
\$ 13,532.00



If you are interested in providing a gift for a child please see Becky Coleman or call her at 931-729-3391 Ext. 2225.

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Margaret McCord, Doyle & Marge Rushton, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Ruth McFarlin, Betty Davis, Winnie Aydelott, Francis McClanahan

Home: Martha Weber, Dorris & Margie Claud, John Thomas Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Troy Parks



...Ward Mayberry is in a Nashville hospital due to a light heart attack and the flu.

...Margie Copley spent a few days in St. Thomas Hickman Hospital due to chest pains. She is recovering at home.

...Robert Bryant is recovering at home.

...Dan Wallace is in St. Thomas Hickman Hospital recovering from surgery.

...Norman Martin, uncle of Melissa (Barry) Shelton, is in Maury Regional Hospital with Covid pneumonia.

...Christina Boone will have hip replacement surgery November 18th.

...Marlin Lawson, brother of Charlene Hunt, will have surgery November 17th at St. Thomas West for blockages in his heart.

...Paige Wrenne, granddaughter of Junior Baker, is in ICU at Centennial Hospital after a 12 hour surgery to repair a tear in her aortic valve.

...Brenda Powers Smith is very sick in Vanderbilt Hospital in Tullahoma.

...Omer Drollinger, friend of Letitia Allen, is a cancer patient and battling flu and pneumonia.

...Robert Worley, cousin of Joey (Charlene) Hunt, is undergoing treatments for leukemia.

...Wanda Corvin, daughter of Ann Johnston, will be having a biopsy this week.

...Gary Sawyer is recovering from open heart surgery at St. Thomas Mid-Town.

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Cori Parks, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Dot Hill, Evelyn Jane Barr, Jase Bradley, Billy & Juanita Garner, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Robert Worley, Becky Keele, Bryan Williams, Carey Hight, Liz Bryant, Joe Shipp, Buster Peters, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor, Steve Higginbotham

Bobbie June Kittrell:

8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

The Shepherd's Pen

This Sunday will be our annual Thanksing. The worship service will be centered around singing praises to our God, who blesses and blesses again.

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" (Psalm 95:2) "Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples." (Psalm 96:1-3) The apostle Paul was motivated by God's grace. Paul said, "By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." (I Corinthians 10:15) Paul dedicated his life to "the gospel of the grace of God." Paul constantly reminded himself where he would be without God's grace. "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." (Acts 20:24) What we have because of God's grace should motivate us to live our daily lives in serve to Him. The theme for our Thanksing is "Be Thankful for God's Grace." Let us all invite someone to be our guest. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, be steadfast, immovable, and abounding! God will see us through. Your Elders

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

...Nov. 20 *Thanksing*
 ...Nov. 23 No Messenger Devo Only
 ...Nov. 24 *Thanksgiving Day*
 ...Nov. 23-25 School System Thanksgiving Break
 ...Dec. 2 Gary Gatewood's Christmas Party
 at Dotson Alumni Lodge Friday 11:30-4:00
 ...Dec. 4 All Church Night; Vol. Of The Year,
 New Member Recognition Worship At 5; Dinner Served at 6P
 ...Dec. 10 Wayne Qualls' Christmas Party 5:30p Dotson Alumni
 Lodge 5:30 P.M.
 ...Dec. 14 Sunshine Bags Assembled For Delivery
 ...Dec. 16 School Dismissed at 10a
 ...Dec. 19-30 Christmas Break
 School System
 ...Dec. 28 No Messenger; Devo Only



Prayer Week of November 20

S.M.W.
Randy Wright

S.M.D.
Gethlyn Gardner

S.E.W.
Marshall Spencer

S.E.D.
Jim Prince

W.E.B.S
Patrick Allen

W.E.D.
Randy James

November 20

Elder's Prayer:

Mike Goodpasture

November 20

Scripture
Kevin Isenberg

Preside
Carter Hoover

Prayer Week of November 27

S.M.W.
Cecil Qualls

S.M.D.
Grady Teet

S.E.W.
John Bradley

S.E.D.
Eric Cannon

W.E.B.S
Dr. Jerry Nash

W.E.D.
Cameron Wright

November 27

Elder's Prayer:

Wayne Qualls

November 27

Scripture
Daniel Dressler

Preside
Alan Potts