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Worship & Bible Study: SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Mike's Minute

The end of the matter is better than it's beginning, and patience is better than pride. Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools.

-Ecclesiastes 7:8-9

A man's car once stalled in heavy rush-hour traffic just as the light turned green. All his efforts to start the engine failed. The drivers behind him turned red! A chorus of honking began.

Feeling just as frustrated as those other drivers eager to get home, he finally got out of his car and walked back to the first driver behind him and said, "I'm sorry, but I can't seem to get my car started. If you'll go up there and give it a try, I'll stay here and blow your horn for you."

The impatient person rarely makes another person go faster or arrive earlier. Instead, the effects are almost always negative... to others as well as the impatient person himself. Accidents happen more often when people are impatient and in a rush. Ulcers, headaches, and other stress-related health problems develop. Relationships become more strained. Poor, regrettable decisions are more often made.

Patience is a quality you love in the driver of the car behind you but you hate in the driver in front of you! However, patience is a quality God always admires. Let's get better at possessing and practicing it.

Patiently work with people. Patiently wrestle with problems. Patiently wait on promises. It has been said that the friendship of two depends on the patience of one. You decide that, with God's help, you are going to be the patient one!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Christmas for Needy Kids presents can be brought back at any time, but must be brought back to the church by November 29th.

Any lady interested in becoming a Secret Pal for 2021 and are not already involved, please contact Sheila Brady by November 29th.

We will continue to have van service for Sunday morning worship at 9:00 am and evening worship at 6:00 pm. Rodney & Mike will continue to teach Wednesday nights on Facebook at 7:00 pm.

COMMUNION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00-4:00 PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THOSE WHO WON'T BE ATTENDING ON SUNDAY MORNING.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Gene Durham** who passed away Wednesday morning. His graveside service is/was Friday. He was a preacher and great servant during his life and was the uncle of **John Durham**.



Nov 22 - Puppet show, during evening service

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 15, 2020	
MORNING WORSHIP	108
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3916
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



Several of our members here are sick at home.

Members: Hezekiah Springer, Woody Woodruff, Gene & Ruth Ann Carathers, Tommy McClanahan, Raymond Stoltz, Terry James, John Fly, Dewayne Victory, Mac Breece, Carolyn Phillips, Terry Duncan, Kenneth Chandler, Paul & Noble Victory, Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan, Hester Moss, James Hassell, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Bobby Mack Dunn, Dwain Jones, Heather Dickerson, Jo James, Anthony & Rita Stacks, Michelle Gilbert, Marshall Carothers, McKinley Moore, Bob McClellan, John & Brenda Hinson, Grace Haskins (AHC Lewis Co.-Hohenwald), Dot Dickens, Roger Stone, Maxine Christian, Wendall Tidwell, Junior Haskins, Christopher Jackson & family, Randy Hall, Chuck Sherrell, Cornelia Chandler, Helen Shanes, Jimmy Jenkins, Trace Warren, Charlie Shelton, Harley Parker, B.J. Springer, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Rachael Bellis, Jerry Milam, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Russell Hargrove, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, Jimmy George, Jackson Bates & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Lou Dickens, Mary England

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey, Jo Hudgins (hospice) & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

“For me, every hour is grace. And I feel gratitude in my heart each time I can meet someone and look at his or her smile.” — Elie Wiesel

“To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven.” — Johannes A. Gaertner

“Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.” — Henry Van Dyke



Center Fielders News

“Praying in God’s Will”

God always answers the prayers, yes, of those who call upon Him in truth. However, God answers no, of the prayer of a rebellious heart that is intent on willfully taking its own way. According to James 4:3, we will not receive if we ask with the wrong motives.

In life we face many choices ranging from minor everyday decisions to major decisions that can affect our lives for many years. When we need to make a decision, do we seek God’s direction and then contently accept what He works out, or do we push ahead with our own way and then ask God to bless it? There is no way we can act in our own wisdom and expect God’s approval on it.

Saul said in 1 Samuel 28:15, “God is departed from me and no longer answers me.” God had in fact answered Saul but the answer was no. Why had God departed from Saul? Saul had developed a habit of trying to make it look as though he really was seeking God’s direction in making decisions, when he actually wanted only to take his own way. He also tried to use God as a charm to bless his actions for his own advantage. Therefore, God said no to his prayers.

It will be the same way for us if we repeatedly reject God’s will for our lives. He will answer “no” to anyone until they humbly repent of their own self-will, and sincerely ask Him for guidance, and willingly follow His commands and direction.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

“He who thanks but with the lips thanks but in part; the full, the true Thanksgiving comes from the heart.” — J.A. Shedd

“Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.” — Charles Dickens

“The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for.” — Norman Vincent Peale

“If a fellow isn’t thankful for what he’s got, he isn’t likely to be thankful for what he’s going to get.” — Frank A. Clark

MEN TO SERVE NOVEMBER 22

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber
Scripture Reading: Vance Willis
Scripture: Psalms 100:1-5
Preside Lord’s Supper: Willie Powers
Alternates: Mike Batts, Gary Wright
Basement: Gary Basford, Ken Copley
Announcements: Marvin Truett
Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Marvin Truett
Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright
Scripture: Psalms 91:9-11
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Lord’s Supper: Mike Batts, Phillip Coates
Closing Prayer: James Swaw
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

It’s All Up to Me



*I cannot change others
 But I can change me
 I must learn to focus
 Being the best I can be*

*When I change my outlook
 And improve through and through
 Amazingly I find
 That others get better too*

*Edd Sterchi
 Broadway church of Christ
 Campbellsville, KY*

The Best Thanksgiving Ever

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Near the end of the year, it brings to mind the successes and failures, the joys and sorrows of the past twelve months. It blends together all that we hold dear without sham and commercialism. It's a quiet holiday to count and enjoy our blessings. It highlights the good stuff of life, home, family, food, and sharing together.

The best Thanksgiving is "thanks" plus "giving." Giving and sharing with others flow from a Christ-filled heart. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The greatest Thanksgiving you will ever enjoy is the one you share with others. Invite others to share the warmth of your home, your family's love and care and your Thanksgiving feast. Especially invite the poor, the lonely, the disenfranchised, minorities, those from another country, those without family or those that would be by themselves on this day. Remember these words from Jesus, "When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Here is a prayer for your Thanksgiving dinner:

"Heavenly Father, thank you for our food, and we remember the hungry. Thank you for our health and we remember the sick. Thank you for our friends and we remember the friendless. Thank you for our freedom and we remember those imprisoned and oppressed. Thank you for our country and we remember those who are refugees. Thank you for our homes and we remember those who are homeless. Thank you for the privilege of living today, and we remember those who have passed on. May these remembrances stir us to live a loving, giving life that blesses others. Thank you for being our loving God and showering us with mercy, kindness and grace. In Jesus name, Amen."

Calvin Warpula



Thanksgiving or Turkey Day?



Is it "Turkey Day" or "Thanksgiving?" This question came to me a few days ago as I read an ad in the newspaper regarding the upcoming holiday. But I wonder if the renaming of Thanksgiving is not filled with cultural overtones.

Church attendance has been in decline for many years and the culture in which we live has seen a shift away from Christ. It is no wonder, then, that "Christ" would be removed from a day of honor in our society. "Merry Christmas" has been renamed to "Happy Holidays." "Turkey Day" may indicate a further drift away from God. Traditionally, Thanksgiving has been observed as a day in which the nation stops to thank God for all the blessings we Americans enjoy. Have we gotten so far from God that we fail to honor Him with thanksgiving?

Now let it be understood that the fourth Thursday in November is not a "holy day," nor is it a day commanded in the Bible. It is a holiday set up by our leaders of the past to thank God for His blessings on the people of our great country. But modern-day leaders have led us away from God as a national policy. Sadly, we are fast becoming like the heathen nations described in Romans 1:28 who "did not like to retain God in their knowledge" and even though they knew God does exist they "did not glorify Him as God, nor were they thankful" (21).

The parable of the rich fool (Luke 12:16-21) is about a man who took all the credit for all of his wealth and was unthankful to God who made it all possible. "Turkey Day" smells of the same rotten spirit.

May we make every day a day of thanksgiving to the God of all creation and to Jesus Christ our Lord for every blessing we enjoy comes from the Father and the Son.

*Alton Norman
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