

MARKET STREET



“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)

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Thanksgiving Everyday

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“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night” — (Psalm 92:1-2).

The psalmist declares, “It is good to give thanks to the Lord.” It is a blessing that our country has seen the need to set aside a day to thank God. Today, one may observe many things that would cause one to wonder, “Does anyone even believe in God?” However, the founding fathers of this nation believed in God, and they were not ashamed to express their faith and thanksgiving to Him. Indeed, there is a great need to return to a profound recognition of God, who He is, and what He has done for us. In reality, thanksgiving must be a way of life and not merely a day of the year to be thankful. Let us consider ways to be thankful in our lives every day.

Put God First and Thank Him.

In the sermon on the mount, Jesus tells the multitudes listening not to worry (Matthew 6:25-34). In this short section, Jesus will say to the audience not to worry or the equivalent six times. Jesus told them not to worry about what they would eat, drink, or their clothing. Jesus explains to them that God takes care of His creation and will not forget about us. Is Jesus teaching that one should do nothing and the bread from heaven will come? No! The point is do not worry and put God first. “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). Jesus reminds them to put God’s rule, reign, or dominion first. In doing this, one will be able to have the things that he needs. God will provide, and we need to be thankful when He provides. How often do you have the needs of life met? We must remember to thank God for blessing us with those needs.

Thankful For the Grace of God

Often, thanksgiving is equated with the physical blessings that we are blessed to enjoy. However, we should never overlook the spiritual blessings

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 6:30 p.m.

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God has blessed us with. Paul wrote, "The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men" (Titus 2:11). Living daily, it is possible to get caught up on life's negative things and frustrations. Some people seem to love living in this realm, but Jesus came to bring joy to our lives. The joy is having the forgiveness of sins, the hope of salvation, and peace with God. As the people of God, we should remember why life can be a joy in all things: because of the grace God has extended to us.

Thankful For Others and Serving

When God created man in the Garden of Eden, He looked and saw that man needed companionship. He created a woman for Adam, which began the association of family and friends for man. In life, countless people are helping to make your life what it is. God is the giver of all things, but man uses his talents and abilities for food to be on the table to eat, clothes for us to wear, and many other things that are made possible by the work and diligence of others to bring these things to pass. We need to be thankful for them. We have loved ones who have sacrificed for us in many ways, and we need to be thankful for them. Thankfulness for others will move us to share with others what we have to help them. Being grateful for others and sharing with others will curb the attitude of selfishness.

In these three ways, being thankful is an everyday attitude for life. Do you want to be happier? Do you want to be at peace? Do you want joy in your life? Learn to be thankful.

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For What Are You Working?

Phillip Mullins

When your life is over, what do you hope to have accomplished?

Droves of people believe that by becoming wealthy that they accomplish much. Yet, have you considered what is at the end of the road for a wealthy person? Ecclesiastes 2:18 says, "Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave

it to the man who will come after me." Pile up all the cash and things that you can, but in the end you will leave it all behind.

For some, leaving something for posterity is exactly the thing for which they are working. Yet, speaking of the one who inherits wealth, Ecclesiastes 2:19 states, "And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled..." Leave a fortune behind and the odds are is that it will be ruined in a few years.

Then there is a more noble approach. Instead of possessions that will rust, what about leaving behind ideas and knowledge that people will treasure for decades to come? Again, Ecclesiastes 2:16 tells us, "For there is no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever, since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise man die? As the fool!" Many people have died believing their words or works would live on. Yet, very few people in history are remembered and what few who are remembered are often misrepresented or misunderstood.

The bottom line is that you cannot count on accomplishing anything in this world which will really last. Yet, there is something that will last for which we can work and hope. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6:19-20).

There is something permanent for which we can all labor. It is eternal life with God in heaven for eternity. Are you looking for something that will really last? Then look to Christ, He offers everlasting life.

Does it sound too good to be true? For certain it sounds too good not to investigate to see whether it is true or not. Open the Bible and see for yourself.

~via Asheville church of Christ; Asheville, North Carolina.



Remember Our Bible Study Periods

Sunday Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening at 6:30 p.m.

The Lord Is Near

Chad Brewer

"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." - Psalm 34:18

When the apostles were in the boat, in the storm, on the Sea of Galilee, they began to panic and roused Jesus who was asleep. He chided them for being of little faith. Why? Because the Lord (Jesus himself) was at hand. When Peter was walking on the water, got distracted, and began to sink, Jesus again chided him for having little faith. Why? Because the Lord was near. Later in Matthew, when the apostles had crossed the sea without food and they begin discussing this amongst themselves, Jesus again corrects them by telling them that they are of little faith. Why? Because the Lord was with them.

The promise is made for us in James, that if we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us. David assures us that the Lord is near us even when we are broken hearted. Paul reminds the Philippians who are longing for the peace of God, that the Lord is at hand. James, again reminds his readers to establish their hearts in adversity because the Lord is at hand.

If God is for us, who can be against us? If the angel of the Lord camps around those who fear the Lord, what need I fear? If God draws close to me as I draw close to Him, and He works all things together for good, why would I lack in faith? The Lord is near! Rejoice, and again I say, rejoice! Give Him your anxieties because He cares for you.

~via *Happy Hill church of Christ*; South Chesterfield, Virginia.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Patricia Abernathy	Penny Bates
Jennifer Threet	Judy Brown
Peggy Mitchell	Sherry Davis
Shelby Kirkland	Pat Nixon
Jeanette Weir	Shirley Miller
Larsen Plyler	Lance McGuire
Wayne Faulk	Amy Gill

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Danny Johnson	Paul Adcock
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Doris Lovell	Priscilla Tucker
Sharon Nave	Peggy Pepper
Vicki Stringer	Anita Wheeler
Nikki Ogles	Wynell Romine
Judy Vaughn	Jeanette Weir
Lloyd Adams	Charles Burns
Cindy Walker	Al Pollard
Wynell Romine	Anthony Sutton
Jerry Lawrence	Henry Fusch
Liz Fusch	Kimberly Pressnell
Tim McGuire	Monica Nelson
Mary Cox	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Amy Hargrave; Athens-Limestone Hospital, ICU

Updates:

Sharon Nave's surgery at UAB is scheduled on Monday... **Judy Vaughn** had a treatment in Franklin, Tennessee on Thursday. She will be going to the doctor at Vanderbilt on Monday ... **Penny Bates** has a growth on her thyroid and will be having surgery to remove it ... **Vicki Stringer** has had a series of treatments this past week... **Catilyn Curry** suffered a broken leg last Saturday and is a walking boot... **Patricia Abernathy** was able to be with us last Sunday. She is making good progress in her recovery... **Paul Adcock** is nearing the end of his treatments for prostate cancer... **Sherry Davis** is scheduled for surgery on November 29th for her heart... Remember our expectant mother, **Lynsey Adams**, in your prayers.

Athens Health & Restore Rehabilitation:

Mildred Lambert, rm. 15	Brenda Wilson, rm. 38
Evelyn Hogan, rm. 2	Janice Moody, rm. 99
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Connie Brock, rm. 62

Limestone Health Facility:

Marie Nave, rm. 84a	Ann Bush, rm. 75
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Shut-In or Away From Home:

Nell Barksdale; at home
Gwen Bullock; at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Barbara Carter; Limestone Lodge
Unaking Currier; Summerford Health, Falkville
Irene Inman; at home
Lona Jackson; Vitality Living Upland Park, Huntsville
Bobby Ogles; Story Point West, Knoxville, Tennessee
Stan Stanford; Goldton at Athens
William Thomas; Madison Manor, Madison
Kathleen Wales; Limestone Manor

CARD WRITING: There is a card writing group that meets regularly to write and mail cards to people for appreciation and encouragement. The group will meet Monday morning at 10:30. If you would like to

participate, join them in the morning.

OUT OF TOWN: *The Hardisons:* Nancy, Jaclyn & Sandra are in North Carolina this weekend... *The Ashes:* Harold & Barb are back home after being in Kentucky this last week... *Charles Vaughn* came home on Thursday from Michigan after being there for his mother's funeral ...*Frank Melton* is in Scottsboro today with family... *The Farris':* Larry & Courtney are back home after being in Gulf Shores last weekend. Courtney is in Nashville today.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Margaret Carter and all the family* in the passing of Margaret's sister-in-law, *Jenny Carter*. Her visitation and graveside service were last Sunday afternoon. She was laid to rest in the Athens City Cemetery. May the Lord bless this family at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS: We want to congratulate *Martha Pyron & Ray Springer* on their marriage on November 5th. We wish them the very best and a long life together.

PICTURES: Have you had your picture made? We continue to make and update photos of everyone for the Market Street directory. Please plan to get your picture made soon.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS: Remember the Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the West Auditorium. They are beginning a new study on "*Heading for Heaven.*" All ladies who are able to come are invited to be a part of this class.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing on Tuesday evening at 5:30 at the Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL: Remember the Children's Bible Drill this afternoon at 4:45 before our evening service. I hope all our children can come and participate in this time of instruction and learning.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Nov. 12th:*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	119
	Morning Worship	150
	Evening Worship	103
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	90



Communion Preparation for November

Communion Bread — Heather Cox
 Communion Cups — Danny Holt

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, November 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Larry Holt
Prayer.....	Harold Ash
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Joel Hamm
Assisting	Larry Tucker
Serving	Luke Vaughn
	Sam Gregory
	Heath Dollar
	Matthew Vaughn
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Stephen Lynn
Prayer.....	Nathaniel Adams
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Dan Reed
Other Assignments for the week of November 19 th :	
Usher	Danny Johnson/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Terry Andrews

Wednesday, November 22nd:

Song Leader	Joel Hamm
Bible Reading.....	Dan Reed
	(Acts 19:11-20)
Prayer.....	Hayden Pierce
Invitation.....	Marty Adams
Closing Prayer	Larry Snell

Sunday, November 26th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Harvey Nixon
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Larry Snell
Assisting	Keith Hinkle
Serving	Harold Davis
	Ronnie Locke
	Christian Usery
	Matthew Usery
Closing Prayer	Danny Holt

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Landon Adams
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Larry Snell
Closing Prayer	Bob Broadus
Other Assignments for the week of November 26 th :	
Usher	Hayden Pierce/Tommy Coblentz
Work Sound System.....	Larry Holt