

## Those Privileged to Serve

### Nov 20th - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. J. Lewis, J. Smith

**Announcements:** Jonathan Orr

**Lead Singing:** Mike Wages

**Read Scripture:** Jeff Cogdell

**Opening Prayer:** Jeff Lewis

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Joseph Johnson

#### Communion:

J. Venable, L. Merritt, M. James  
E. Anderson, G. Phifer, A. Vaughn

**Greet:** Carleton & Cindy Kidder  
**Nursery Att: A.M.** Nijerika Green  
**P.M.** Carolyn Callis

### Nov 20th - EVENING WORSHIP

**Lead Singing:** Paul Hatcher

**Opening Prayer:** Joe Venable

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Marion Thomas

#### Communion:

Carleton Kidder, Ray Pack

### Nov 23rd - WED BIBLE STUDY

**Lead Singing:** Paul Hatcher

**Opening Prayer:** Darrell Cunningham

**Invitation:** Tyler Naes

**Closing Prayer:** Paul Hatcher

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### Nov 27th - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. T. Naes, B. Richardson

**Announcements:** Jonathan Orr

**Lead Singing:** John Smith

**Read Scripture:** Ken Ross

**Opening Prayer:** Darrell Cunningham

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Gaylon Cooper

#### Communion:

J. Venable, L. Merritt, M. James  
E. Anderson, G. Phifer, A. Vaughn

**Greet:** James & Jeanette Morris  
**Nursery Att: A.M.** Panda Green  
**P.M.** Jeanette Morris

### Nov 27th - EVENING WORSHIP

**Lead Singing:** Jeff Lewis

**Opening Prayer:** Freeman Kidder

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Darrell Cunningham

#### Communion:

Carleton Kidder, Ray Pack

### Nov 30th - WED BIBLE STUDY

**Lead Singing:** Jeff Lewis

**Opening Prayer:** Joseph Johnson

**Invitation:** Ken Ross

**Closing Prayer:** Marion Thomas

## Weekly Record

6 a.m. Worship	5
Sun. Morning Bible Study	90
Sunday Morning Worship	116
Sunday Evening Worship	78
Wed. Bible Study	91
Contribution	\$ 3757



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# South Jackson Beacon

## Every Day is Thanksgiving Day George Pledger

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated once a year by citizens of our nation. Every day is a day of thanksgiving for the citizens of the kingdom of God. Paul wrote "giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father" (Ephesians 5:20). Again he said, "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).



1. Every day we should be thankful for food (1 Timothy 4:4-5) and all other things which God gives us richly to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17).
2. Every day we should be thankful for our salvation through Christ. He has delivered us out of darkness, translated us into His kingdom and forgiven us of our sins (Colossians 1:12 -14).
3. Every day we should be thankful for His making a way of escape from every temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13), giving us grace to sustain us in all afflictions (2 Corinthians 12:9) and making the promise he will in no wise fail us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).
4. Every day we should be thankful that when the time comes for us to lay our lives down on earth, we can still say with confidence, but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

We hope you have a good Thanksgiving Day. But even more we pray that you remember to give thanks to God every day for his innumerable blessings!

## Looks Can Deceive

A week in a cabin in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee was just what my wife and I needed. Making the opportunity even better was that much or our family would be able to join us for some or all of the time, including our five grandsons.

On the last day of our stay we had an unexpected visitor - a black bear! A friend who has hunted bears estimated from my photos that this bear weighed about 400 pounds. He came to drink from a small pond, about fifteen feet from our cabin's front door. Because a fence stood between us and the bear, we watched for several minutes.

After getting a drink, the bear sprawled out on its back under a tree. Some among us said it looked so cuddly, kind of like the stuffed bears that decorated our cabin's front door. But soon the bear grew weary of its audience and began making unfriendly sounds and actions, We were reminded that this was not a bear to be cuddled. It was time to get back into the safety of the cabin.

You probably know the history of the "Teddy Bear". President Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt was a hunter. On one occasion someone offered to chain a bear to a tree so he could bag another trophy. Roosevelt refused to shoot a defenseless animal. A toy maker honored the occasion by making a stuffed toy bear and naming it Teddy.

There really is nothing cuddly about our enemy, the devil. Jesus described him as a thief whose objective is "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" (John 10:10). In Jn 8:44 Jesus said "He was a murderer from the beginning". Everything revealed in the Bible teaches us to keep our distance from this fierce and desperate enemy.

Then what's the problem? Doesn't everyone know that poison will kill? Yes, but sometimes poison can be disguised; people can be deceived into cuddling a dangerous creature. And in Rev. 12:9 we learn that Satan "deceives the whole world".

What kind of disguise might Satan wear to deceive you and me? The old serpent disguise wouldn't work on me, though it obviously did for Eve (Gen. 3:1-3); Rev. 12:9). For us it will take something a little more subtle.

Paul gave us insight into other costumes the devil might wear: "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angle of light" (2 Cor. 11:13,14). With a warning like that we need to be especially on our guard.

That religious person is peddling ideas that really appeal to me; it's what I want to hear. But is their message true? Or is this a cuddly-looking creature that will rip out my heart?

Come to the light God offers! Study His word, the Bible. Worship Him in spirit and truth.

*Timothy D. Hall  
Lightgrams*

## Congregational News and Notes

### Prayer Requested

Theresa Yearwood was released from the hospital on Wednesday.

Andy Vaughn will be having a thyroid test on January 9th.

### Members

Harold and Doris Davis,  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Jean Harber, Rachel Epperson,  
Louise Hopper, Teresa Yearwood,  
Ted Lingren, Fredie Stewart,  
Cindy Kidder, Iva Hopper,  
Bill and Gladys Gowan,  
Teriyaki Anderson, Tom Crow

### Friends & Family:

Horace Yearwood, Loretta Stanfill,  
Sammy Snead, Tim Boyd,  
Teresa Carpenter, Al Stewart,  
Hilda Beats

### Cards to Send this Week

Shirley Puckett  
78 Independence Lane  
Jackson, TN 38305

Theresa Yearwood  
490 Canovan Road  
Medon, TN 38356

### Fruit Baskets

All widows and widowers of the congregation will automatically get a fruit basket. If you have someone in mind that you think would appreciate a fruit basket from South Jackson, please turn their name in to the office. We will gather on Dec. 3rd at 8:00 AM to assemble the baskets.

### Happenings

#### South Jackson

##### Today

Men's Business Meeting  
3:30 PM

##### 12/8

Adult Holiday Party  
6:30 PM

##### 12/10

Men's Devotional/ Budget Meeting  
Breakfast at 8:00 AM

##### 12/11

5th Grade and Under Holiday Party  
3:30 PM

### Pantry Item

Peanut Butter

### Directory Picture and Updates

We would like to take pictures for new members, along with anyone else who wants to change theirs on December 3rd and 11th. Also if you have any changes that need to be made, just write it down and give to Ray.



**A** of Thanksgiving = ACTION: "Thanks."

**B** of Thanksgiving = BLESSING: "His unspeakable gift."

**C** of Thanksgiving = CAUSE: "God."

2 Corinthians 9:15

SERMON STARTERS  
- Mark N. Posey