



# SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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## ***Always for All Things*** ***Kevin Cauley***

Thanksgiving is my favorite time of the year. It is a holiday designed around the noble concept of gratefulness. Christians are to be thankful at all times for all things. Ephesians 5:20 says that we should give "... thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father." Think about those words, "always for all things." These words are universal in scope. In other words, there is not a single thing for which we should not be thankful nor a single time at which we should not be thankful. It is a recipe for optimism. Always Thankful

We should be thankful at all times. Have you ever had a negative thought when standing in the grocery line? Did you ever think poorly of someone else's driving abilities? Have you ever criticized anyone unfairly or behind their backs? Thanksgiving will cure you of these thoughts. By focusing on what we are thankful for at these times, our minds don't have time to pursue the negative. You will also find yourself more cheery and joyful and it will not be so difficult to practice Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always."

We should be thankful for all things. It's not hard to be thankful for our blessings both physical and spiritual. We can be thankful for our opportunities by taking advantage of them. We can be thankful for our employment and means of living. It does not matter how little it may be since God can do big things with small blessings. We can even be thankful for our troubles and difficulties for the "peaceable fruit of righteousness" that they will yield (Hebrews 12:11). There is not a single thing for which we cannot be thankful.

# ***Not For Sale***

## ***Joel Stephen Williams***

One day a poor girl slipped into the garden of the queen at Balmoral. She approached the gardener and told him that her mother was extremely ill at home and she wanted to take her a flower. Since it was winter, flowers were very rare, but the little girl had seen flowers growing in the queen's greenhouses. She had saved a few pennies and asked the gardener if she could buy a single rose for her mother. The gardener was sympathetic with the little girl's request, but he replied: "The queen has no flowers for sale." The little girl was about to turn away in disappointment and return home.

Unobserved by either the little girl or the gardener, the queen had been listening through a window in the greenhouse. She stepped out and told the girl: "The gardener is quite right, my child. He has no authority to give you the flowers you want, nor does the queen cultivate flowers for sale. But the queen has flowers to give away." From a basket the queen took several rare roses and gave them to the little girl and said: "Take these to your mother with my love, and tell her that the queen sent them. I am the queen."

This story provides a good allegory for the story of salvation. We have a need for pardon for our sins. We can go to various sources and ask for forgiveness, but no human has the authority to cleanse our souls. We can not purchase redemption, because God's grace has not been cultivated for sale. However, if God decides to give his mercy away freely to a sinner, that is his right, especially in light of what Christ achieved in his incarnate life and through his death at Calvary. "The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). We "are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24)

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Things I'm Thankful For  
Luke 17:11-19

PM - A Missed Opportunity  
2 Kings 13:14-19

# *Congregational News & Notes*

## **Prayer Requested**

### **Members**

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sandra Epperson, Helen Morris  
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,  
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,  
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell  
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,  
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson  
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,  
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,  
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis  
Phillip Mulins, Jerry Crabb,  
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,  
Luther Merritt, David Briley,  
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,  
Dakota Matlock

### **Friends & Family**

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,  
Beverly Martindale,  
Allen Thompson, Glenn Lovell,  
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,  
Brandi Rogers, Marilyn Ferrell,  
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen  
Kenton Lancaster,  
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,  
Margaret Davis, Kinlee Merritt

### **Pantry Item**

Canned Peas

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **Today**

Men's Business Meeting

#### **November 20**

Ladies Holiday Party  
6:00 PM - Details on the  
Bulletin Board

#### **December 31**

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal  
Follows AM Service  
PM Worship is at 1:30 PM

### **Cards to Send**

Freeman Kidder  
95 Sugar Creek Drive  
Henderson, TN 38340

Troyce Taylor  
80 Fawn Ridge Road  
Jackson, TN 38305

### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	7
Bible Class	47/9
AM Worship	84/14
PM Worship	49/16
Wed Bible Study	53/14
Contribution	4578

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Nov 19 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - P. Hatcher, J. Butcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Mike Wages

Contribution:

Jerome Turner

## Nov 26 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

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Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Ron Clouse

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Mike Wages

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Paul Hatcher

## Nov 22 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Devo - Mike Wages

## Nov 29 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

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Devo - Ray Pack

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## Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM