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Giving Thanks Always

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It seems like every year at this time I write a bulletin article about being thankful. It is woefully inadequate for something that we should be doing every day of the week. The Holy Spirit said, "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18), and "giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20). Christians should always be thankful for everything!

Paramount among everything is Jesus Christ. He has the preeminence (Colossians 1:18). Without Jesus, we could not function as we function today. We have the wonderful organization of people that is the church because of Him (Acts 20:28). We enjoy fellowship with God and with one another because of Him. He gives to His people richly in this world all good things (James 1:17). Jesus died for us that we might have forgiveness of sins and be brought together into the church (Ephesians 2-3). For this we should be eternally grateful.

We thank God not only for all the good things that happen in life, but the challenges of life also. Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." When all is said and done in this world, the Christian will glory even in his troubles. Paul wrote, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong." God seeks to purify us for His purposes. What a blessing it is to be used by God. Let's be thankful.

Always for All Things

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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.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse,
Freddie & Carolyn Callis,
Margie Montgomery,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Jerry Crabb, Karen Chance,
Mary Lewis, Roberta Donaldson
Gaylon & Betty Cooper

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Glenn & Trydy Lovell,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone

Today's Sermons

AM - Thanks Be Unto God
Revelation 11:17

PM - Singing Night

Happenings

South Jackson

Adult Holiday Party

December 14
10:00 AM - More Details on the
Bulletin Board

Cards to Send

Freddie & Carolyn Callis
201 North Tennessee Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Doug & Carol Crouse
68 Scotland Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	0
Bible Class	46/15
AM Worship	89/16
PM Worship	50/10
Wed Bible Study	53/21
Contribution	4574
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Nov 24 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jerry Butcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Greg Long

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

Dec 1 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Paull Hatcher

Contribution:

Jerry Butcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Greg Long

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher

Communion: Ray Pack

Nov 27 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devo - Marion Thomas

Dec 4 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Clayton Dnaley

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 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