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Are You Among the Nine Lepers ***Dan Jenkins***

It is difficult for us to imagine the emotions of the ten lepers who met Jesus in Luke chapter seventeen. For years, they had been outcasts, and then they stood before the Lord. He saw them and said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they went they were cleansed. Luke tells us that only one returned to express gratitude to the Savior, and he was the Samaritan. Jesus' questions to him deserve careful consideration. "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" Where would we have been if we had been cleansed by Him? How often do we fail to express gratitude for what He gives to us?

When have you given thanks for the blessing of living in this great land? Think of the strife that is around the world. Contrast that with the peace we have in our lives in this land of freedom. We had nothing to do with the land of our birth. Are you among the "nine" who have failed to give thanks?

When have you given thanks for your health? Even if it is bad, there are thousands and thousands of others who are worse off than you are. Think of how blessed we are to have the medicines and doctors to help us. Are you among the "nine" who failed to give thanks?

When have you given thanks for your salvation by grace? Think of the events which brought those who taught you the gospel and lead to your relationship with the Lord. You did not arrive to the point of your salvation on your own. Paul's words, "By the grace of God I am what I am," are so true of each of us. Yet, so often we tend to take this greatest gift for granted. Are you among the "nine" who failed to give thanks?

When have you given thanks to our older members at this church? So many of them have worked tirelessly for decades to create/maintain all that makes this church what it is. We sit under the trees they have planted and eat the fruit from those same trees. Yet, sometimes we fail to thank them or God. Are you among the "nine" who failed to give thanks?

When have you given thanks to all those who do so much behind the scenes? It is not just many of our deacons who have the heart of a servant, but there are scores of others who have that kind of heart. There are so many who work with our teens, provide transportation, prepare events, teach Bible classes, etc. and often are never mentioned. Are you among the "nine" who failed to give thanks?

The "nine" had to be happy that they were cleansed, but what was lacking was a heart of thankfulness. The Bible is filled with admonitions to be thankful for what we have. May we never be among the "nine."

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 Callis,
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,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Jane Washington, Betty Green

Today's Sermons

AM - Moments with the Master
A Tragic Moment
Mark 10:17-22

PM - 4 Reasons to Be Faithful
1 Peter 4:1-6

Happenings

South Jackson

June 22

Men's Business Meeting

June 29

5th Sunday fellowship meal
Evening service will be at
1:00 PM

Cards to Send

Lisa Dukes
36 Brookfield Drive
Oakfield, TN 38362

Van McConnell
95 Sunbright Lane
Henderson, TN 38340

Weekly Record

6 AM	5
Bible Class	43/5
AM Worship	76/5
PM Worship	61/9
Wed Bible Study	44/4
Contribution	5697
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

June 15 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM -J. Smith, M. Wages

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Carleton Kidder

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove

Communion: Marion Thomas

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

June 22 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM -R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Costel Ghimpu

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Eddie Anderson

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Ray Pack

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Joe Venable

June 18 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devo - Greg Long

June 25 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Devo - Marion Thomas

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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