

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Thanksgiving!

OUR FAMILY NEWS

REMEMBER: CHANGE IN TIME!

The time of our evening services will change to 5:00 PM
Next Sunday, December 2, 2018.

Pray For: Logan Decker's grandmother, she has leukemia. Abby had surgery on her hip November 20, 2018, Linda Cline, and Peggy .

Prayers Answered: Danesa's parents are doing much better. Bella Gillespie is doing better.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Tina Crawford is traveling outside, she expects to return on December 5, 2018. Hans and Dansea are outside visiting her parents.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today's Scripture: "Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God." **2 Corinthians 9:11**

Today's Wisdom: "That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works." **Psalms 26:7 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 83/62 Record: 101

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM

AM Worship: 11AM

PM Worship: 6PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. 3PM-7PM

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Thanksgiving!

We just finished with one of the major holidays observed by Americans. Thanksgiving along with Easter and Christmas are the three “religious” holidays that we, as a nation, celebrate. It is a time that families get together, share a meal, and give thanks to God for the material blessings that He has so richly given us over the past year. We all know the legend surrounding the origin of this holiday, how the Native Americans shared the bounty of their crops and the local wildlife with the Europeans. From this we developed the holiday that we celebrate today. Families eat traditional foods and spend some time together. It is all too common one of only three times a year that many families give thanks for their meal. And it makes them feel good. We Christians thank God more than that, of course. Most of us, if not all of us, thank God for each and every meal. In addition, many of us thank Him several times throughout the day in addition to those three meal times. However, have you considered how we should thank Him?

In an article from the “Christian Courier” web site titled “Three Prayers of Thanksgiving” the author, Wayne Jackson, suggests that there are three “tenses” of thanksgiving. These are ¹⁾gratitude for the past, ²⁾gratitude for the present, and ³⁾gratitude for the future. Lets consider each of these and see if we can improve our daily thanksgiving to God.

Giving thanks to God for the past allows us to thank Him for all the wonderful things that He has done for us. Paul tells us *“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”* **Colossians 1:12-14 (KJV)** In this passage, Paul tells us that we should thank God for ¹⁾our inheritance check 1 Peter 1:4; ²⁾our spiritual family, see 1 Peter 2:9; ³⁾our redemption purchased and paid for by Jesus Christ.

Giving thanks to God for the present causes us to be thankful for all the things that God does for us today. Paul also tells the Colossians *“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”* **Colossians 3:17 (KJV)** Every day is an opportunity for us to praise God. We praise Him in the thoughts of our hearts, the words of our lips and our actions throughout the day. We thank Him for the gift of time that He gives us each day we wake. We thank Him for the jobs we have, for the homes we have for our families and friends. We thank Him for each and every day! And in thanking Him for these things we should remember that it is reasonable for us to present our very bodies as living sacrifices. *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living*

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sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” **Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)** Remember that Paul admonished us to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). So give God thanksgiving for every day that He gives you.

Giving thanks to God for the future allows us to think about the victory we have in Jesus. The book called “The Revelation of John”, the last book of the Bible, teaches us several valuable lessons not the least of which is that Jesus has triumphed over Satan. That victory guarantees us life after death in the presence of God. It guarantees Satan’s defeat and his banishment to Hell for eternity. In this victory over Satan, Jesus gives us hope for the future. In chapter eleven there is a prayer given to God by twenty-four elders. Listen to it *“Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.”* **Revelation 11:17-18 (KJV)** In this one passage we see that ¹⁾God is, and was, and is to come. He existed in the past, He exist now, and He will exist in the future. Because He existed in the past, and now and will exist in the future, ²⁾Victory is certain. God has “great power”, He reigns, His wrath will come, and He will give reward to His servants. Because Jesus was victorious over Satan when He arose from the dead, we can have the same victory. Paul tells us this when he says *“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”* **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (KJV)**

So lets remember to thank God for what He has done for us in the past, what He is doing for us today, and for the future He has promised us.