

**November 20, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Palmer Jones

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Jeff Brewer

Opening Prayer

Bryan Davis(A.M.) Larry Wood (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Bo Chapman (A.M.) Eli Carter (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Michiel Criswell (Presiding),

Jack Harris, Brock Lindley, Joel Moore

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom, Rickey Loveless

Prepare Communion

Rita Smith & Lauren Carter

Wednesday Night Song Leader

John Hopper (11/23//2016)

OUR RECORD

November 13, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 120

Sunday Morning Worship:130

Sunday Evening Worship: 99

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 98

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7;Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins(Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).

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IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

Mark Lindley

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). This statement Paul wrote to the church of Thessalonica is one that should be applied to our lives daily. During the holiday season, there is an emphasis on the need for being thankful. However, if we adopt the attitude Paul commanded, we will give thanks "in every thing," at all times, and not just during Thanksgiving.

Notice that Paul admonished to "give thanks." This term implies that God wants His children not only to feel thankful, but also to "express" gratitude and thanksgiving. Paul taught this same principle in writing to the church at Ephesus: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20). It will do us all good to "give" thanks to God through prayer.

By offering prayers of thanksgiving to God, we are reminded that we are dependent on God for all things. Every "good and perfect" gift is from God (James 1:17). Without His blessings upon our lives, we would have nothing. "For in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). Every breath, every meal, every ray of sunshine is from His bountiful hand.

Further, consider that Paul instructed us to give thanks "in everything." He did not teach that we should be thankful "for" everything. Certainly, we should not be thankful "for" gang violence, child abuse, broken homes or divorce. Nevertheless, Christians can learn to be thankful "in" all circumstances. For the Christian, there is always a "bright side." In all circumstances, there is the quiet confidence and calm assurance that comes from knowing God and being close to Him. The Father has promised that He will never leave or forsake His children (Hebrews 13:5-6).

Finally, notice from the text that being thankful is "the will of God in Christ Jesus." Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount that "doing the Father's will" is necessary to go to heaven: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). "Doing" the Father's will is vital! It is only by doing His will that we can enter into the kingdom of heaven. We might think that "doing the Father's will" involves some "great" accomplishment that would dazzle others who heard of it. But Paul taught that simply being thankful in everything is part of doing God's will.

In view of these thoughts, we should all realize the great importance of being thankful. If we have not been "giving thanks in everything," then a change is in order. A day should not pass without every responsible person giving thanks to God for the countless blessings He provides

After Thanksgiving Sale Travis Main

Many phrases inspire quick responsive behavior on the part of others. "Fire! Run! Help! Dinner! Free Television! Incoming! Snake!" Right alongside these declarations "After Thanksgiving Sale" must reside. Each year, prior to Thanksgiving the advertisements come pouring out. Shopping men and women dutifully take note, writing down all the particulars or saving the printed ads. Many literally write down a schedule of where they need to be minute by minute and what they specifically need to obtain in each location of every store. They know the prices, shapes, sizes, and colors of their objectives. Their priorities are established. It is not unusual to see long lines of people waiting early in the morning hours before stores open whether it is cold, dark, or rainy. Not only do these folks come early, they stay late! Busy throughout the day, they are driven like no other time in their life.

Let us consider another moment – Sunday morning. Sunday morning is a time when the Church gathers as was the example in the early Church (Acts 20:7). At that time, they sang hymns to God (Ephesians 5:19) and partook of communion as Jesus had commanded them to remember Him (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). The Christians encouraged one another by gathering at these assemblies (Hebrews 10-25) as they also gave cheerfully a collection to further the Word of God and aid needy saints (1 Corinthians 16:2)

In the midst of this gathering, Christians also received the Word of God which was able to save their souls (James 1:21). Sunday morning truly offers great treasure! Praising God, glorifying God in obedience, remembering the savior of mankind, aiding others and enjoying their fellowship, and partaking of spiritual nourishment to make one complete (2 Timothy 3:16-17). My daughter used to wake up as a little girl and declare "It's day!" She woke prepared to get going with the day. How energized do you feel when you hear the phrase "It's Sunday!"?

"It's Sunday!" or "After Thanksgiving Sale!" which of these phrases brings more organization, excitement, and involvement to the Christian? Do they plan ahead their interaction on Sunday? Do they have their Bibles, notepads, and pens prepared? Are their lessons done ahead of time? Is their frame of mind prepared to glorify God or be a spectator? Do they engage in the singing with voices bright and reverence and cheer on their faces? When the congregation is viewed, does it appear everyone is at nap time, a funeral, bored out of their mind, disinterested? Does the Christian come early to be with his spiritual brothers and sisters? Does he stay late or find opportunity throughout the day to engage in the work of God rain or shine?

Dear friends where is your heart? Are you excited day by day as the coming of Jesus grows nearer (1 Peter 1:13)? Is this what drives your behavior above all other aspects of your life? There are many phrases which may ignite your behavior such as "After Thanksgiving Sale, Free Summer Sausage, and 75% off", but may "it's Sunday, let us pray, and study with me" be among the phrases that ignite your heart, soul, strength, and mind above all things.

Psalms 122:1 – I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pine Vale Christmas Child
Girl - 10 years old

December 10th **Pine Vale Holiday Party**

Foot Street Church of Christ at 11 AM
Bring a dish.(Potluck Luncheon)
We already have proceeds for her gifts.

Please make plans to attend this special event for Pine Vale.

If you plan on going please let Karen Yancey know.
They need to know how many tables to prepare.

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS
Will not meet November and December.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Guy Stroupe and Jimmy Smith.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Dawn Stroupe, Bobbie Chapman, Jeff Staggs

•**HOSPICE:** Grady Chandler (Mickey's Father)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY(Home) :** Margie Hurt

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Trevor Shinall, Dawn Jackson's Nephew- 8 yrs. Old (leukemia) Cards may be sent to 507 Cumberland Place, Oxford, MS 38655.

Sandra Hopper, Courtney Cissom, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Willie Jeanes, Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Wayne Crabb, Lester Wommack, Grady Chandler, Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**SHUT-INS: Resthaven:** Oleta Phillips (*Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*).