



CHURCH OF CHRIST Deer Park WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Thanksgiving?

Paul told the young preacher Timothy concerning the eating of food, “for every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving” (1 Tim. 4:4). That certainly includes the Thanksgiving meal that we will partake of in a few days.

But, it seems that, in this day and age, there is something fundamentally wrong with the contemporary American approach to Thanksgiving. We use the occasion of Thanksgiving to inventory our blessings and then carve the traditional turkey. When you get right down to it, there is something pretty empty and shallow with the attitude of “I appreciate what God has done for me; therefore I will indulge myself with a big meal!” Now, don’t get me wrong—I probably will do my share of overeating on Thanksgiving Day—but I can’t help but wonder if we are, in reality, participating in “Thanksfeeling” instead of genuine Thanksgiving. Real gratitude should give! What should thanksgiving really mean?

Thanksgiving means **GIVING TO GOD**. Paul stated to the Corinthians that remembering what Jesus gave for our sakes should make us want to give generously and cheerfully to God in return. (2 Cor. 9:6-9). The point is that thanksgiving to God should be rendered with our hearts, with our talents, with our time, and yes, even with our pocket-books.

Thanksgiving means **GIVING TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN TO US**. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those who raised us. Certainly we should honor them (Eph. 6:2). Unfortunately, in our fast-paced society, many children seem unable (or unwilling) to give their parents the time they should (this is true no matter how old you or your parents are). Are we truly thankful for our parents? Then let’s demonstrate our gratitude by giving them the most valuable gift of all—ourselves. And not only our parents, but truly give back to any and all who have selflessly touched our lives (i.e. fellow Christians, teachers, friends, etc.).

Thanksgiving means **GIVING TO THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED**. Real gratitude shares. Those who have been richly blessed by God must, in turn, be a blessing to others. It’s too easy for us to look at world hunger, hardship, and the needs of so many others and excuse ourselves by saying, “Well, I can’t help everyone.” True, you can’t help everyone, but you can help someone (Gal. 6:10)! It is not enough to count our blessings, we must also share them with others.

We have so much for which to be grateful. But genuine thankfulness, genuine thanksgiving not only feels, it acts! Does your thanksgiving really give?

Edd Sterchi
Campbellsville, KY

The Greatest Man in history is Jesus. He had no servants, yet they called Him Master. He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher. He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer. He had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.



*With Sincere
Sympathy*

To Karl Vinson
whose father, James
passed Thursday,
November 2, 2023.
Karl and family made the
trip to Little Rock last
week to lay his
father to rest.
You are in our hearts and
prayers, Karl

PRISON MINISTRY
Join in the Work!



We now have **539**
Inmate Students.
The World Bible
School Bibles with
all the lessons in-
cluded have gone up
from \$5.00 to \$7.95. We have a few
that only speak/read Spanish. There
are specific guidelines we have to utilize
in corresponding with the inmates. Let
David Camp know if you want to help
buy Bibles.

Please be Praying for...

Our Country & Our National Leaders look to & be guided by God; The people of Israel; The people of Ukraine; Eileen Adair had a PET Scan 10/30 & saw surgeon 11/13 & was in a car crash on Center St 11/9 – she is OK just sore & bruised. Autoimmune Therapy will start on 1st tumor on 12/6, surgery on other lung in March 2024; Susan Williams had surgery 11/7-is healing slowly & taking it easy-voice still affected; Karl Vinson-the trip to Little Rock for his father's funeral really wore him out & is still dealing with a lingering cough from his surgery; Tammy Adair is having severe back issues & seeing doctors; Edna Earl Goodman is getting stronger after straining her back pinching a nerve; Cheryl McKinney (Tammy Imel sister-in-law) who has 4 autoimmune diseases has been diagnosed with serious nerve problem in her face; Bob Gordon (Sonoma's cousin) diagnosed with blood cancer; Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law) was taken to the hospital with internal bleeding; Deanna & Norman Cox (Carole Broyles sister & brother-in-law) Norman has been diagnosed with Lewy body dementia; Rosa Reeves had a stress test 10/11 that went successfully; The Family of Gerald Starns; The Family of Erin Burke; Jared Robertson (Scott Burke friend) brain tumor is coming back; Bruce Bramlett (Jimmy Burke associate) seriously injured away from home; is having test; Sherri Moody, PALS Teacher & friend of many is home and encouraging others with her beautiful smile & attitude, "It's not about what you've lost, it's about what you still have and what you can do with it", says Sherri. Sherri lost both hands and both feet this past year; George & Karen Reyez (Dale Guillory friends); Inmates of our Prison Ministry. We have responded to 539 inmate requests for Bibles & Study Material. Many are very grateful, participate in Bible Study Groups and ask for our prayers; Let Your Light Shine; FEAR GOD! Practice your Christianity Daily; Be THANKFUL for our MANY

CONTINUAL PRAYER: Adair Family; Gene Barton; Diane Bowman (Tammy Imel friend); Donna Bomfalk (Erin Burke friend); Gina Branstetter; Carole Broyles; Jimmy Burke; Sandra Burke (Jimmy & Peggy sister-in-law); David & Patsy Camp; Debbie Clark (Sonoma O'Bannon's cousin); Dennis & Mary Gray; Louise Friday; Pat & Hugh Fletcher; Lisa Fowler (Gerald Starns niece); Edna Earl Goodman; Deavyn Gordon; Robert Gordon (Sanoma's cousin); Dale Guillory; Nalin Hayter; Myra Higgins and her granddaughters-Alysa & Samantha Higgins; Leslie Hoffman; Pat Jackson & Norma McBride (Peggy Burke friends); Ann McKinney (Tammy Imel mother); Glenda Peters; Bernice Reed; Brandon Reed; Kenny Reed; Robert Reed; Mike Reed; Mike Ritter; Bobby Rowan; Cindy Russell (Gina Branstetter friend); Johnny Salas; Joe Skinner, (Gerald Starns friend); Carolyn Sparks & Marion Hood (Shannon Burke's mother & aunt); Stephen & Mary Ann Smith; Jim & Linda Thomason; Lara Tucker (Nancy Barton niece), Sheri & Bruce Williams (Dale Guillory's sister); Susan Williams

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER:

Eileen Adair; Lori Bailey; Richard Cardenas (Bernice Reed son-in-law); Lisa Cunningham (Erin Burke friend); Tom McCulley (Bradley Burke's great grandfather); Mother of Mrs. Farris (Gina Branstetter friend); Brenda Rowan (Peggy Burke sister-in-law); Jess Williams (Nancy Barton son-in-law).

Unusual Things for Which to be Thankful by House to House Heart to Heart

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to? **Be thankful** when you don't know - it gives you the opportunity to learn. **Be thankful** for the difficult times - during those times you grow. **Be thankful** for limitations - they give you opportunities for improvement. **Be thankful** for a new challenge - it will build strength and character. **Be thankful** for your mistakes - they will teach you valuable lessons. **Be thankful** when you're weary - it means you've made a difference. **Be thankful** for the mess after a party - it means you have friends. **Be thankful** for the taxes you pay - it means you are employed. **Be thankful** for clothes that fit a little snug - it means you have plenty to eat. **Be thankful** for a shadow that watches you work - it means you are out in the sunshine. **Be thankful** for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing - it means you have a house. **Be thankful** for the spot you find at the far end of the parking lot - it means you are capable of walking. **Be thankful** for all the complaining you hear about our government - it means we have freedom of speech. **Be thankful** for a huge heating bill - it means you are warm. **Be thankful** for the lady behind you in church service who sings off-key - it means that you can hear. **Be thankful** for the piles of laundry and ironing - it means your loved ones are nearby. **Be thankful** for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours - it means that you're alive. **Be thankful** for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day - it means you have been productive.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

"Always giving thanks to God and the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, Colossians 1:3

**Are We
Reading Our Bible Every Day?**



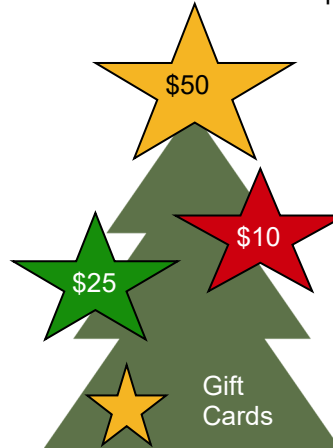
CHRISTMAS for the Orphans at Arms of Hope

Daily Bible Reading
Nov 19—Nov 25

Sun 19	am	Ezekiel 20-21
	pm	James 1
Mon 20	am	Ezekiel 22-23
	pm	James 2
Tues 21	am	Ezekiel 24-26
	pm	James 3
Wed 22	am	Ezekiel 27-28
	pm	James 4
Thurs 23	pm	Ezekiel 29-31
	pm	James 5
Fri 24	am	Ezekiel 32-33
	pm	I Peter 1
Sat 25	am	Ezekiel 34-35
	pm	I Peter 2

Daily Bible Reading
Nov 26—Dec 2

Sun 26	am	Ezekiel 36-37
	pm	I Peter 3
Mon 27	am	Ezekiel 38-39
	pm	I Peter 4
Tues 28	am	Ezekiel 40
	pm	I Peter 5
Wed 29	am	Ezekiel 41-42
	pm	2 Peter 1
Thurs 30	pm	Ezekiel 43-44
	pm	2 Peter 2
Fri 1	am	Ezekiel 45-46
	pm	2 Peter 3
Sat 2	am	Ezekiel 47-48
	pm	I John 1



Pick your Stars off the Giving Tree and fill out. Have Star & Gift Cards to Church Office **by Sunday, 12/10th** **Wal Mart, Belk, Academy, Visa, etc.** (Please hand Gift Cards to Peggy or use Drop Box in Office)



Through the Bible in a year

Every Man's Book

The Bible is every man's book. To know the Bible and to handle it correctly is one of the greatest accomplishments within the reach of any person.

One may know English, astronomy, literature, music, sociology, and philosophy, but if one does not know the Bible, one has failed in the only subject that brings all things into the proper relationship and enables one to know life at its best. The best evidence of the inspiration of the Bible is found between its covers. No one will ever be a useful Christian without being a student of the Bible. Matthew Henry said, "The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints."

The Bible is not intended solely for some special group. It is every man's book; it was written for the average person. Scholars may study it, but it is not written for scholars. No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible enables every reader to look into eternity.

It is no wonder that Paul urged Timothy to study the Scripture, "*rightly dividing [handling aright] the word of truth,*" so he might be an approved workman before God ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)).

The Bible acknowledges man's faults; it is patient with man's weaknesses; it is honest with his virtues and his hopes. To own the Bible is to be rich. To study, to know, and to trust the Bible is to find life. To study the Bible is to be wise; to obey it, to be strong. —*Franklin Camp - HTH HTH*



David Camp	9
Randy Forse	14
Carole Broyles	16
Kay Riggs	28

No Newsletter next week.



If you need anything call Justin (540-892-9343) or Peggy (713-253-8461)

How do I become a Christian?

Hear the Word: Matt 7:24-28, Luke 6:47-49, John 6:45, John 14:15, Romans 10:13-17

Believe the Word: Mark 16:16, John 3:16, 20:31, Acts 16:31, Hebrews 11:6, James 2:24

Repent of your sins: Luke 13:3-5, 15:7, Acts 2:37-38, 17:30, 26:20

Confess Jesus to others: Matt 10:32-33, Romans 10:9-10, I Timothy 6:12

Be Baptized in the name of Jesus for salvation (immersed in water as a believer):

Mark 16:16, Acts 2:37-38, Romans 6:3-5, 1 Peter 3:21

Why do you delay? Acts 22:16

Live Faithfully: Romans 12:1-2, I Corinthians 10:12,

Titus 2:11-14, 2 Peter 1:5-11,

I John 1:7, Revelation 2:10

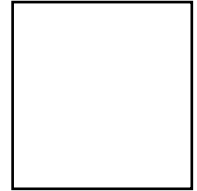


Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalm 100:4



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*Have a
 Blessed
 Thanksgiving*

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. I Thessalonians 1:2

**Church Of Christ
 Deer Park**

Invites you to join us in Worship!

Service this Week:

November 19, 2023

Donut Fellowship 9:00am
Bible Class 9:30am
Worship 10:30am

Song Leader: Dennis Gray
Scripture Reading & Prayer:
Matthew 26:26-29

Prayers & Thoughts for the Lord's Supper:

Sermon: "Thanksgiving Banquet"
Dr. Justin Imel

Closing Payer:
David Cammp

Greeter: Tammy Adair
Communion Prep: Patsy Camp
Livestreaming: R.J. Imel

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Meet With Us

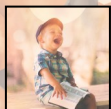
Sunday Morning

Coffee & Donut Fellowship	9:00am
Bible Class	9:30am
Morning Worship	10:30am

Children's Bible Hour offered for
 3yrs to 3rd grade during Morning Worship.

Wednesday Evening

Bible Class 6:30PM



REMEMBER WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: I am blessed to be with brethren. I am blessed to serve. I am blessed to learn from others. I am blessed to hear the Word of Life. I am blessed to remember what's important. I am blessed to recharge my spirit. I am blessed to correct my life. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday!