

"Living Thankfully"

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1Thess.5:18

Just the other day I had a deep conversation with my oldest child (we often cover some heavy topics)... but this conversation came about while talking about being thankful for what we have. Our discussion concluded in agreement that just saying thank you should not be enough but that we should live lives that say we are thankful every day.

It is certainly a good thing to give thanks to the Lord... Psalm 92:1-2 says, "It's good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to His name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness by night." ...It is a good thing to give thanks, but it is not the best thing is it? The best thing for us to do is Live Thankfully. God wants us to be thankful through how we live. Why is that?

Living Thankfully lets God know you have confidence in Him, no matter how deep the problems or how dire the circumstances. Living thankfully is faith turned inside out.

Living Thankfully changes your disposition. Instead of being down and discouraged, spreading gloom and despair everywhere you go, you begin to radiate the joy of the Lord in your life! The best ambassadors for Christ are those who are living life with a song of thanksgiving on their lips.

Living Thankfully opens the door for God to work. God hates it when we grumble and gripe... but He loves it when we praise and give thanks. As we begin to live a life of thankfulness to God, He begins to work, even through the toughest trials and tests of faith. Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown into prison... and they sang a hymn of praise to the Lord. As a result of their thankfulness even in a dark hour the prison doors were opened.

The challenge for each of us is to discipline ourselves to give thanks in everything and to live thankfully! Thank Him for the mountains ... and thank Him for the valleys. He is worthy of all your thanks/praise... Psalm 100, a Psalm of thanksgiving. "Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, And His faithfulness to all generations." ... God has always urged His people to be thankful! Paul encouraged the church in Colossians 4:2 to "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving." He had already given the reason for this; it's because of what the Lord Jesus has done. He said in Col.2:6-7, "Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude."

Walk as you were instructed and overflow with gratitude... if we do this it will make our life brighter and better. We will be right with God and it will fill our life with joy!

~HG

\*Article by Hoby & taken from our 11/17/19 Bulletin.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!!

On Our Prayer List...

Evie Jean Smith-now in Humphreys County Rehab

Elton Smith

Martha Durham-@ home

Rita Stevens-CA back

Al & Vicki Peek

Dorothy Killebrew

Patsy Sanders-(fractured hip repair in rehab in Waverly)

Natasha Chandler-Carter & Journey's mom-recent sg

Virgil Wright-(Amy Tester's dad) in Horizon rehab.

Tessa Estes(Jacob& Lindsey(Baker) Estes baby girl-still in Vanderbilt recovering fr surg

Waylon Lammel-(friend of N. Buttrey's) baby @Children's hosp in Knoxville on ventilator

Beth Schreiber Fritts (Wesley Parrish's cousin) breast CA

Darrell Tummins-fr Sylvia COC-in now in Hospital in Nashville

Wanda Wright—having chemo treatments

April Howton-(Sammy Long's dght)-Breast CA

Kathy Czynszak-(friend of Gail Forster's)fell & fractured shoulder

Carolyn Eddings-taking cancer treatments

Maggie Wright (friend of N. Buttrey)CA-chemo

Virginia Tate-(D. Gentry's mom)

Scottie Lashlee-(Michelle's husband) cataract sg

Shirley Arnold-(Shane Mayfield's mother-in-law) had surg on 11/13

Presley Carter(Alex's dad) blood clots-

Julie Shannon-Bob Thomason's dght-CA

Dale Brock-(fr Diane Curtis) multiple hlt issues

Jimmy Arnold (Bruce&Roxanne's son's father-in-law)CA

June Dreaden –S. Rachford's mom

Mary Ann Gray –CA (friend of N. Buttrey's)

Carter Robb 1 yr old– CA treatments

Annette Smith (Carl's wife) stroke

Faye Marshall-(Traci Adams) mom

Kenna Rickenbrode-CA

Marsha Simpson-M. Burns aunt-broken back/

ASSISTED LIVING & NURSING HOME

AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363-Wyle Marshall (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad

Dickson Health & Rehab–901 North Charlotte,Dickson,TN 37055 –Clayton England -Marvin's brother

Humphreys County-104 Forte Hill Rd/Waverly,TN.37185 –Billy Adams-Rm 712 / Ann Spicer

Lifecare Center of Centerville-112 Dickson Rd,Centerville, TN 37033/Jim(Rm309) & Earline(Rm315) Davis

NHC-812 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN 7055 –Thelma Carpenter-Amy & Bo's mom Doris Stokes-(Rm 127)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS


Thanks to all those who helped this weekend with the Thanksgiving Meal, Coat Giveaway & the Fruit Baskets. From giving money donations for coats, bringing coats preparing food or bringing items for the Thanksgiving Meal, showing up to help with the Meal & Coat Giveaway, bringing fruit & items for the baskets, decorating, preparing & delivering the fruit baskets.

We feed approx 55 people.

Gave out 91 coats

Made & delivered 65 fruit baskets.

Which could not have been possible without your help, so again we thank you for your servant's heart & willingness to let others see Christ in you.



will be here, Monday, Dec 4th from 1:30-5:30.

Our sympathy & prayers to the family of Richard Lory, (Sue Hill's son) whose service was held last Saturday @ the Humphreys County Funeral Home.

Congrats to those having perfect attendance in Bible Class last quarter!!!

Ty Adams Hudson Buttrey

Jack Grigsby Sawyer Grigsby

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IN F.O.C.U.S.

Faith, Obedience, Unity, Character, Salvation

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Our only youth activity for last week was FLAME on Wednesday night. There were a lot of things to get done, so we met at 4:00 instead of 5:00. Everyone was busy up until bible class working on blessing bags for the thanksgiving baskets, decorating the thanksgiving baskets, and putting together the giveaway bags for the thanksgiving meal. We even had time to stop and eat for a few minutes before heading to class. I appreciate all the youth that came and helped.

Our next big activity, which was not a youth function, was our thanksgiving meal and coat giveaway on Saturday. Last I heard, we gave away over 90 coats and around 60 meals. There was so much time and effort put into Saturday with so many people jumping in and making it a great day! THANK YOU to all that helped!!

In Christian Love, Keith

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> 2023

*Welcome* ..... Jimmy Suddeath  
*Lead Singing* ..... Mark Forster  
*1<sup>st</sup> Prayer* ..... Danny Dotson  
*Sermon* ..... Bruce Mayfield  
*Lord's Table* ..... Wayne Coates

Mike Tyler                  Andy Marlor  
Terry Parchman        Billy Buttrey  
Robert Proctor        Glen Ross

*Closing Prayer* ..... Mike Robertson  
*Collect Cards* ..... Slate Berryman  
   & Wayne Berryman

*Greeters* ..... Not at this time  
*Nursery* ..... Not at this time  
*Collect Cups* .....  
*Security* ..... Team #3

### Sunday 6PM, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2023

*Lead Singing* ..... Mark Forster  
*Prayer* ..... Gerald Curtis  
*Sermon* ..... Bruce Mayfield  
*Lord's Table* ..... Ronnie Tyler  
   Jim Ridings  
*Closing Prayer* ..... John Potter

### Wednesday 6:30 PM, November 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

*Lead Singing* ..... John Hurt  
*Prayer* ..... Derek Berryman  
*Adult Class* .....

*If you are unable to serve...please contact Wade Tummins, in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)*  
*If changes need to be made in scheduling please contact Jimmy Phy.*

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### OUR RECORDS for 11/19/2023

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	115
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	175
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	101
Wed. Mid-week Bible Study (11/15)	----	108
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$7,615
Number of Seeds Planted	-----	9



# The MESSENGER

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*A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST*

GIVE  
THANKS  
*in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God  
in Christ Jesus for you*

1 Thessalonians 5:18



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### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

*Bible Study* ..... 9:00am  
*Worship* ..... 10:00am  
*Evening* ..... 6:00pm

#### Wednesday

*Bible Study* ..... 6:30pm

#### Elders:

James Buckner	Calvin Buckner
Billy Buttrey	Bruce Mayfield
W.R. Long	Mike Robertson

#### Deacons:

Derek Berryman	Mike Burns
Wayne Coates	Mark Forster
John Hurt	Barry Phy
Robert Proctor	James Ridings
Elton Smith	Joe Smith
Dwight Stuart	Drew Swearns
Dennis Tester	Ethan Tummins
Wade Tummins	Ronnie Tyler

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