

“Thank You, Lord!”

Contentment is a rare commodity in our materialistic world. There is always something better or, perhaps, just an updated version of what we already have in our possession. But, all too often, when we finally get the thing we earnestly desired, we are struck by the discovery that its possession simply does not bring the feeling of satisfaction we expected. We are left longing for something else. It is a vicious cycle, a slavery from which we must seek deliverance.

The apostle Paul addressed the danger associated with a greedy, materialistic mind-set, saying, “But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs” (1 Timothy 6:6–10).

Is there something inherently evil about material possessions? Certainly not. But, there is danger to be avoided—namely, the danger of giving higher priority to the possession of earthly wealth than to the possession of spiritual treasures. In the light of eternity, it is foolish to lose ourselves in the things of this life. John exhorts us, saying, “Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever” (1 John 2:15–17). The only treasure that will endure is the treasure we lay up in heaven.

The real tragedy is to miss out on the riches of heaven in order to seek material riches. Jesus says, “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions” (Lk. 12:15). Our society judges a man’s worth by the faulty standard of what he owns, what he wears, or what he drives. In this, parents have a great responsibility to set a proper example of contentment before their children.

While there are no easy answers or short-cuts in accomplishing this monumental task, teaching our children to express thanks is a great start. The Bible says that we are to give thanks in everything (1 Th. 5:18). While we are living in a day of unparalleled prosperity, it seems strange that our greatest danger should be the danger of forgetting God, the source of all our blessings. Consider God, His blessings, and our need to say “*Thank you, Lord!*”

**Taken from our 11/13/22 bulletin.*

On Our Prayer List...

Martha Durham-now home
Rita Stephens-CA

Elton Smith
Richard Lory-CA

Dorothy Killebrew
Keith Rodgers-2nd Cataract surg on 11/10

Harold (now hm-double Pneumonia) & Patsy Sanders-(in Horizon fractured hip repair)

Scottie Lashlee-(Michelle's husband)

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

Virgil Wright-(Amy Tester's dad) moved to Humphreys County NH for rehab -still needs surg

Presley Carter(Alex's dad) blood clots-

Tessa Estes(Jacob& Lindsey(Baker) Estes baby girl-heart procedure on Nov 8th

Julie Shannon-Bob Thomason's dght-CA

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

Dale Brock-(fr Diane Curtis) multiple hlt issues

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

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

Darrell Tummins-fr Sylvia COC-in Horizon-rm 122

June Dreaden -S. Rachford's mom

Mary Gugelchuk-(Michelle Lashlee's grandmother)surg on Nov 7th

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

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

Carter Robb 1 yr old- CA treatments

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

Annette Smith (Carl's wife) stroke

Carolyn Eddings-taking cancer treatments

Faye Marshall-(Traci Adams) mom

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

Kim Marlow-CA (F.Featherstone-dght/Regina's sis)

Kenna Rickenbrode-CA

Virginia Tate-(D. Gentry's mom)

Jerry & Judy Smith /Becky Keele-CA treatments/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

Ronnie England-(Rm 113) & Doris Stokes-(Rm 127)

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EARL FORSTER-131 Bold Springs Rd.

JIM BUCKNER-9367 Hwy 70 E

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Needs:

Coat Giveaway-Nov 18th-can start giving money donations to Derek/Kelly Berryman/ Terri or Teresa.

Fruit Baskets-Nov 19th Can start bringing non-perishables-nuts/snacks now/fruit wk of Nov.12th

Two Exciting Opportunities:

1. New Adult Bible Class -starting on Sunday mornings (now-Nov 19th), downstairs in the fellowship room Study will be on how we can learn & relate to Biblical characters lives in our lives today

2.In need of "Greeters"! Is a great way to let members & visitors know how important they are to us & the Lord!!!

Our sympathy to Wayne Vaughn & family on the loss of his nephew "Michael Vaughn",whose service was on held on Nov. 5th.

Hope everyone can be here on Sunday and meet Travis & Brittany Anderson & family, who will be here from Texas. Travis is interested in our preaching position & will be bringing all 3 of our lessons.

Veterans Appreciation

luncheon on Friday, Nov 10th from 11:30-12:30.

Ladies Christmas Item Exchange

Nov 19th after PM services. Bring a \$8.00- \$10 item & finger foods.

YOUTH: Devo Sunday night, Nov. 12th.

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IN F.O.C.U.S.

Faith, Obedience, Unity, Character, Salvation

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Our BIG church/community event for last week was our annual Trunk or Treat held on Halloween night. The event had to be moved into our fellowship room due to the cold temperatures. But that did not stop us from having a successful and fun night! We had a room full of decorations and spooks ready to hand out lots of candy! It was great to see so many kids and adults come through and enjoy the night. We handed out TONS of candy as well as hot dogs, waters, and hot chocolate. We had a count of around 320 people. I want to give a big shout out to all those that came and decorated an area in the fellowship room, as well as those that helped hand out hot dogs, drinks, and hot chocolate. The night would not have been great without your help. I also want to thank all those that helped provide candy. We had just the right amount!

In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday November 12^h 2023

<i>Welcome</i>	John Hurt
<i>Lead Singing</i>	Mark Forster
<i>1st Prayer</i>	Dennis Tester
<i>Sermon</i>	Travis Anderson
<i>Lord's Table</i>	W. R. Long
Drew Swearns	Danny Dotson
John Potter	Bruce Mayfield
Wayne Coates	Jim Suddeath
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Carter Howard
<i>Collect Cards</i>	Jaxon Holt & Matthew Dotson
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Not at this time</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Not at this time</i>
<i>Collect Cups</i>	
<i>Security</i>	Team #1

Sunday 6PM, November 12th 2023

<i>Lead Singing</i>	Mark Forster
<i>Prayer</i>	Mike Tyler
<i>Sermon</i>	Travis Anderson
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Drew Buttrey Jack Grigsby
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Wade Tummins

Wednesday 6:30 PM, November 15th 2023

<i>Lead Singing</i>	Keith Grigsby
<i>Prayer</i>	Mike Burns
<i>Adult Class</i>	

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.

Terri Tummins/Teresa Fleming