

Announcements & Prayer Requests

- Jean LeQuire has moved in to Jarabeks' house.
- Let's keep the following in our prayers:
 - Jimmy Woodall – Recovering from knee replacement surgery
 - Carol Jarabek – Recovering from foot surgery
 - John Wolfe – Early lung cancer diagnosis
 - Kim Self – stomach ulcers and weekly Chemo treatments
 - Angie Self – arthritis and Parkinson's
 - Joann Larkin – advanced dementia
 - Barb Agee's son (James)
 - Bernida Wolfe's father – Dementia & Parkinson's; in hospice
 - Rick Parks' parents – Roy has prostate cancer; Helen has dementia
 - Jimmy Woodall's sister – cancer
 - Dorothy Macon, Sandra Perez's grandmother – Dementia
 - Frank Wineinger, Sandra Perez's uncle – stage 4 cancer

THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear Gospel – Rom. 10:17; Acts 8:30-31
- Believe – Heb. 11:6; Mk. 16:16
- Repent of & Turn from Sins – Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess our Faith – Rom. 10:10; Mt. 10:32
- Baptism – Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Live Faithfully – Rev. 2:10

Let us draw near with a **true heart in full assurance of faith [Believe]**, having our **hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience [Repent]** and our **bodies washed with pure water [Baptism]**. Let us **hold fast the confession [Confess]** of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to **stir up love and good works**, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. – *Heb. 10:22-25*



CHURCH OF CHRIST

Invitation

'Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' – Mt. 22:9

Address

5080 Highway 70 East
Rockwood, TN 37854

Assembly Times

Sunday Bible Study – 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship – 11:00 AM

Please text/email any announcements, questions, or concerns to Bill Fix, (865) 934-9239 or fix.bill@gmail.com



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We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and members. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please let one of us know.

Adult Bible Class – Eph. 5:8ff
Sermon Topic – Bad Company...

Memory verse:

Worship the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing. – *Ps. 100:2*

Giving Thanks to God

By Robert F. Turner (PLAIN TALK, July 1976)

In Romans 1, Paul describes sin in its most basic sense as a rejection of God. Man's just responsibility is shown in that he could know God as eternal power and deity from evidences in the world about him. But man's vanity, his ego, prevents his acceptance of God, and this is demonstrated by two things: 1) his refusal to glorify God — to praise, or look up to God; and 2) man's ingratitude. They glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful. (v. 21)

Being thankful, so much like genuine worship or praise, demands a humble and contrite heart. It indicates our feeling of **need** for God; of **dependence** upon Him. It makes us ever aware that in Him we live, and move, and have our being (Acts 17:28).

Sermons on thanksgiving tend to stress the **expression** of gratitude that is due, following the reception of blessings. This is, of course, in order, as Jesus taught when he had healed the ten lepers (Lk. 17:12-19). "Were not the ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" We are daily blessed, and should daily express our thanks. But gratitude goes much further than a courteous Thank You! or even the most sincere and complete expression of thanksgiving. It is an attitude, basic to the life of a Christian. Paul wrote to the Colossians, "As therefore ye received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and builded up in Him, and established in your faith, even as ye were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (Col. 2:6-7). Various manuscripts relate this thanksgiving to their faith (KJV, "abounding therein with thanksgiving") while Lenski says, "It is closely united with the confirmation that is constantly received."

1 Ths. 5:18 reads, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." A deep-seated, constant feeling of gratitude toward God, seems to sum up the awareness, dependence, and confidence which characterizes a true follower of God in Christ; and without which we cannot please Him. It is indicative of faith, and hope, and love. It produces the sacrifice of praise (Heb. 13:15); both in word and in a life devoted to Him (Col. 3:17).

Fixating on What's Important: Thanksgiving

By Bill Fix

We just celebrated another Thanksgiving holiday in this country, and while it is one of my favorite holidays, I fear that it is easy to lose sight of its meaning. Especially when the day after we express thankfulness and gratitude for all we have, many are clamoring to acquire more and more at various "Black Friday" sales. In recent years, I've even seen video of fights breaking out in stores as shoppers brawl with their fellow man to grab a limited supply of sale items...

The other potential drawback is that dedicating one day for special attention to thanksgiving means that we might forget about being thankful the other 364 days of the year (like showing respect to parents on days other than Mother's Day or Father's Day). So now that we're three days past Thanksgiving, let's continue being mindful and thankful of all the ways God has blessed us. And consider the following passages of Biblical examples or even commands of how we ought to be thankful:

- Eph. 5:20— Giving thanks **always** for **all** things to God the Father.
- 1 Ths. 5:18— In **everything** give thanks.
- Jn. 6:11— And Jesus took **the loaves**, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to the disciples.
- Ps. 107:8— Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD **for His goodness**, and **for His wonderful works** to the children of men!
- Phil. 1:3— I thank my God upon **every remembrance** of you.
- Col. 1:3-4— We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **praying always** for you, since we heard of **your faith** in Christ Jesus and of **your love** for all the saints.
- 1 Cor. 1:4— I thank my God **always** concerning you **for the grace of God** which was given to you by Christ Jesus.
- 1 Ths. 3:9-10— For what thanks can we render to God **for you, for all the joy** with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?
- 1 Cor. 15:57— But thanks be to God, who **gives us the victory**.
- 2 Cor. 2:14— Now thanks be to God who **always leads us in triumph** in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of **His knowledge** in every place.