

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

Lydia MacClain, Tammy Odom & Penny Bevaqua—out sick; Kelly Sarver— injured her foot; Marta Core— radiation trmts; John Benson— recovering from hip replacement surgery; Tim Miller—doing better; Shirley Lydic—able to be out; Delia Schlachter back issues; Teresa Broyles cancer treatment; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Guery & Nancy VanWinkle, health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Bill Ingram— for a recent MRI; William McRoy's— mother is doing better; Les Vasterling's— brother James/rehab; Lydia MacClain's— father, Ray needs prayers; Lexi Cahill's— mom Kelly/chemo trmt; Molly Burgess's—daughter, Carrie/ kidney transplant; Dottie Curls— son Douglas/serious health issues; The Adam's—granddaughter Trinity; Jackie Clark's mother Dorothy and grandmother Gayle/health issues; Patrick Pinto's—sister Angelina & nephew Joshua for prayers; Lexi Cahill's— grandfather/lung cancer & prayers for brother Jacob; Paula Davis— friend Tracey; Carol Mitchell—tumor on liver; The Stewart's—bro-in-law Russell Holt; The Kozola's son Tim; David Sain's—wife Phyllis; Van Stewart's—aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's—brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles'—niece's baby; Paula Davis'—niece/lupus; Darrell Broking—health issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

Deb Methvin's—cousin Melissa Clark; Charlotte Bytheway's cousin Janet Chaney; Tim Martin of Pinellas Park church of Christ; Dyianna Thompson's brother-in-law, Rodney; Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Linda Hadsock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Mattie Simmons brother Joe Hooks and friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friends, Pete Pepjess and Marie Woleck.

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

SHUT INS: Wayne Bishop (Coral Oaks), Delia Schlachter, Joyce Stanley and Guery & Nancy VanWinkle

Activities

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS— Friday, December 1st at 1:00pm in the small building. All ladies are invited. See Vicki Herman for more information.

NEXT MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS—Thursday, December 14th at 7:00pm in the small building. See Van Stewart with any questions.

MEET FOR LUNCH— Sunday, November 26th after the morning service at Our Place on Missouri Ave. Sign up sheet in foyer.

HOLIDAY DINNER— Mark your calendars for our Holiday Fellowship Dinner on Saturday, December 16th at 5:00pm.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving should not just be a day; it should be a way of life. We are told often in Scripture to give thanks, whether it be to God for His blessings, to those who work hard among us for their efforts, or everyone for their special contribution to our lives. This truly should be characteristic of our lives. It is always encouraging to hear people say "Thank you" to those who try to make life just a little better for us.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters— Deb Adams/Paula Davis

Announcements—James George

Song Leaders—Jesse Lancaster/James George

Scripture Readers—John Core/Bob Hadsock

Opening Prayer—David Jones/Joe Bonelli

Lord's Table—Max Herman

Closing Prayer—Patrick Pinto/Van Stewart

Birthdays This Week

Ronnie Sommerville—November 19th

Mark Bernhardt—November 20th

Les Vasterling—November 23rd

Anniversaries This Week

Bob and Linda Hadsock—November 24th

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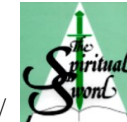
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soaringforsouls.com



Childhaven Children's Home in Cullman, AL

www.childhaven.com



cocindia.net



Fairhavenchildrenshome.com

www.christiancourier.com

Arnold Town Road Church of Christ—Darrell Broking

Chalmette Church of Christ—Mark Lance

South Anchorage Church of Christ—Michael Dale

Czech Republic Missions —Tony/Heidi Orellana

Elders:

Joe Bonelli Charles Broyles

James George

Deacons:

Max Herman

Van Stewart

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Class—9:30AM

Charles Broyles

Book of Revelation—Chapter 3-4

Sunday AM Worship—10:30AM

Charles Broyles

The Need For Thanksgiving

Ephesians 5:20

Sunday PM Worship—5:00 PM

Charles Broyles

Surrendering Fully To The Lord

Galatians 2:20

Men's Bible Study—Thursday

December 14th at 7:00PM

Ladies Bible Study—Friday

December 1st at 1:00PM

Wednesday Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

The Problem of Sin

All services are available!



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From the Preacher's Pen

“THANKSGIVING DAY”

Tom Wacaster

It has been recorded in the pages of history, and the annals of Congress, that this nation of ours should set aside and recognize one day a year as “Thanksgiving Day.” I cannot remember a single year that has ever passed wherein I was denied the opportunity to observe this national holiday, and most of the time those days of celebration were spent with family. This month will be my 60th such occasion, even though the first dozen years are not as vivid in my memory as the past dozen. “Thanksgiving Day”! What do those words mean to you? What thoughts and memories do they conjure up in your mind?

To some, this day is one of back-to-back football games, early morning Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade on television, and the smell of turkey cooking in the oven, and left overs at days end. To others it is nothing more than an extended weekend, an extra day at the office, or an opportunity to spend some time in a lease waiting for that deer to drop by your way so you can bag a six pointer, or tell about the one that got away. But wherever you happen to find yourself this year when our national Thanksgiving Day arrives, why not stop and think for a moment or two about the very words used to describe this fourth Thursday of November.

Thanksgiving! Permit me to divide the single word into two words: “thanks” and “giving.” And what shall we say about thanks? Thanks is the expression of gratitude to another; a recognition that blessings received derive from some greater source than ourselves. The very existence of this special day on our calendar implies that we, the citizens of the United States, were once cognizant of a higher source of blessing than our own initiative or ingenuity. The original Thanksgiving Day proclamation saw fit to express gratitude “with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peacefully to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.” The God of heaven has been replaced with the god of humanism, and thanks once offered to the Almighty has been replaced with self-exaltation for our great American know-how and efficiency.

Consider next the word giving. Thanks held to oneself is not gratitude; it is ingratitude. Though I may be grateful to another for some good deed done for me, unless expressed, the giver knows not if you are grateful. I would like to know how many tables will be spread, admired, eaten and digested this Thanksgiving Day without one word of thanks being given to the God of heaven Who blessed us with such abundance? On the other hand, maybe I really do not want to know.

Finally, there is day. It is singular, not plural. Though one day has been set aside in that original Thanksgiving Day Proclamation “to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be,” we do not think it was the intention of President Washington,

nor the Congress that approved the holiday, to limit our thanksgiving to one day in the year. Beloved,

God has not set aside only one day to bless His creatures, nor should we set aside only one day out of the year to offer thanks unto Him from whom all blessings flow. The dawn of every morning should find us in reverent prayer, expressing our gratitude for the opportunity to witness yet another sunrise, to get out of bed and enjoy the day’s activities, for our health and freedoms we enjoy, and the fact that He in Whom we live, and move, and have our very being, has granted unto us this day, one in 365, to experience the beauties of life about us.

Thanks-Giving-Day! May we be grateful for all it entails, and give rise to a deeper appreciation for what we have, not only today, but every day of the year.

TIME DOES NOT WASH AWAY SIN

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Twenty years or more may pass after a sin is committed, and men’s memories may fade, but God’s memory does not. Children of God can deceive themselves into thinking they are fine or someone they love is fine, even when repentance has not occurred, but the blood of Christ is the only thing that can wash away sin, and simply waiting a certain length of time does not make one contact the blood. Contacting Christ’s saving blood is conditioned upon penitent believers being baptized into Christ’s body (where His blood is) and then remaining faithful members of that body, walking in the light of God’s Word. If they fall away, repentance and confession of sins in prayer is required to contact the blood once again. If the sin is public, it should be repented of publicly, so others will know to forgive, and so the bad example will be “replaced” by the good example of repentance. No, time will not save anyone, but time is precious, because once it ends, so will opportunities to contact the saving blood.

References: 2 Kin. 17:22; Psa. 119:11, 105; Mt. 4:4; 18:14-35; 26:28; Lk. 3:8; 17:3, 4; Jn. 19:33, 34; Acts 2:38-41, 47; 8:12-24; 20:28; 22:16; 26:20; Rom. 6:3-5; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; 12:13; 15:33; 2 Cor. 2:6-11; Eph. 5:23; 2 Thess. 3:6; Heb. 10:22-31; Jam. 1:18-27; 4:14; 5:16-20; 1 Pet. 3:20, 21; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; 3:9-12; 1 Jn. 1:6-2:6; Rev. 1:5.

ABSENT TOO MANY TIMES

The boss called me in, looked me squarely in the eye and said, “You are not interested in working for me. You don’t really want this job, do you?” “Oh yes sir, I do. I need the job. It is very important to me and my family.” But one thing and another interfered and I missed some more. Finally the boss called me in and he said, “You’re fired!! You were absent once too often.” I walked out of his office, down a long flight of stairs, out the door...into HELL. You see, my boss has been God. I had been employed as a Christian. Absences were from the worship and work of the church. God was right—I hadn’t really wanted the job. I didn’t really want to go to Heaven. **SO I DIDN’T.** Author Unknown