

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—sinus surgery recovery
- ♦ Florene Howze—hip, back pain
- ♦ Kynlie Lawson—epilepsy; more tests; trying meds for 2 years
- ♦ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ♦ Natural Disaster victims
- ♦ Dee Dee Armstrong—heart problems
- ♦ Travis Barrow—dog attack recovery
- ♦ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ♦ Albert Davis—kidney stones
- ♦ Chloe Fleming (Jason's niece)—tests for stomach pain
- ♦ Keith Grimes—excellent results
- ♦ Briana Howze—pancreatitis
- ♦ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Vernie Mann (Chris Wynne's mother)—health problems
- ♦ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer

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- ♦ Pray also for those who have lost loved ones, first responders, police officers, government leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, the church at Baker and worldwide.

Events



Nov. 28th

Fourth Wednesday Singing

No fellowship meals in December or January

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

To Our Visitors

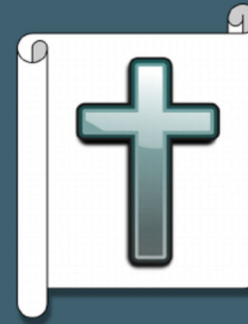


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Glenn Howze
Song Leading—David Howze (Sun.)
 Caleb Howze (Wed.)
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Mark Howze,
 Rick Laux, Josh Lawson
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Glenn Howze
 Helper: Rick Laux
Scripture Reading—Caleb Howze



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 5:30PM Pew Packers
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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In Every Thing Give Thanks

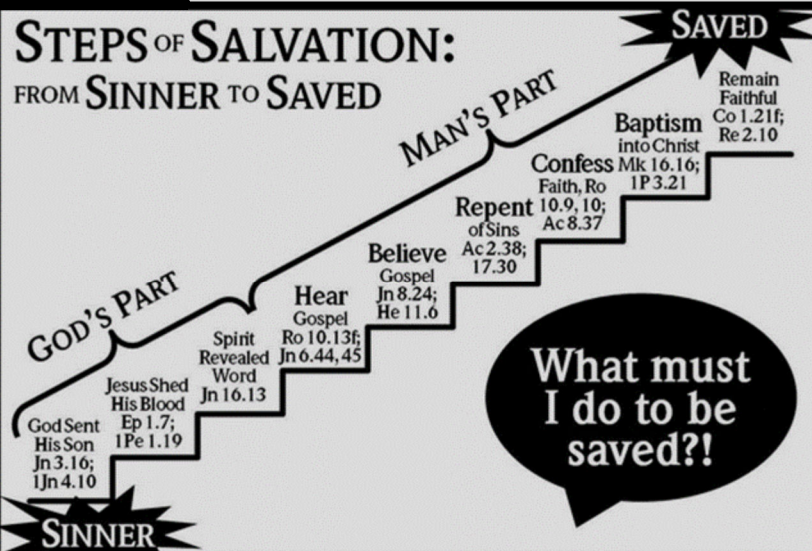
Patrick Swayne

Thanksgiving. Even the mere mention of that word floods the mind with images: turkey and mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes and pecan pie, and stuffing and cranberries just to name a few. The wonderful smells, the smiles of friends and family, the Macy's Parade and the football game to follow... with the vast array of memories and emotions to choose from, it is easy to forget what Thanksgiving actually means: Giving Thanks. On the one day set aside for giving thanks in America the actual purpose of the day is buried in tradition and turkey, and thus far too many Americans have forgotten what it means to be grateful – even some Christians. However, Christians would do well to remember the command given from the Lord by Paul when he stated, "In every thing give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Why give thanks "in every thing?" Paul responds, "For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Yet what exactly does this mean? Does this mean that in the midst of sorrow and despair, perhaps having received news of the death of a loved one or after having tested positive for cancer, that we should kneel to the ground and thank the Lord? How could one do so and truly mean it? The key is in

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
(Romans 6:17).



"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

the phrase itself: “give thanks in every thing.” Paul is not relaying a command from the Lord for us to be thankful for everything, but in everything to give thanks.

The key is developing an attitude of gratitude for what the Lord has done, in spite of outward circumstances. Paul was writing to “the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ,” (1 Thessalonians 1:1) a congregation which knew hard times: “and ye became followers of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction” (1 Thessalonians 1:6). Going back to the account of the establishment of the church at Thessalonica, found in Acts 17, one finds that after only three weeks “certain lewd fellows of the baser sort” “gathered a company” and “assaulted the house of Jason,” one of households that had accepted Paul’s teaching (Acts 17:5). The persecutors of the church were said to have “set all the city on an uproar” (Acts 17:5).

Paul said of the Thessalonians that they had “suffered things” of their “own countrymen” (1 Thessalonians 2:14); few Americans can say the same of themselves. Our burdens may seem great, but they are no greater than has ever faced mankind, and certainly not greater than the burdens of our High Priest, Christ, Who “was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). In light of a God Who has granted us redemption from our sin, and a Savior who bore everything in providing a way for that redemption, we cannot but give thanks in every thing. The end of the Christian’s faith is the salvation of his soul (1 Peter 1:9) – no outward circumstance can change that fact, and therefore ultimately all outward trials are but “light affliction” (2 Corinthians 4:17).

Thanksgiving ought not just be a one time a year holiday celebrated with football, friends, and food – it ought to be the everyday practice of each Christian who knows that he can make it through each trial, because the Lord saved his soul upon his obedience to the gospel. Riches, fame, health, and all other aspects of life can change in the blink of an eye; however, nothing can take away the Christian’s reason to give thanks in every thing. May we learn to do as we sometimes sing: to count our blessings and to name each one, finding we always have something for which to be thankful.

The Importance of Being a Good Spouse

One of the kindest things God did for humans was to institute marriage.

Marriage is not a Christian ordinance. It is a general concept for all mankind (Genesis 2:24). It is the oldest of all earthly institutions.

Let us notice some things of value to every marriage.

Spiritual help. There is no greater relationship help in going to heaven than the constant help of a loving mate. It is difficult for one to make it through the strait and narrow passage of life; however a good spouse, who has common values and a common love for God, certainly helps. One’s loyalty to God will be made evident as he tries to help his family grow in faith. It will also be seen as she sets priorities in rearing children to believe in and respect the God of heaven. Spouses with respect for God treat each other with respect. The husband loves his wife as himself; the wife is in subjection to her husband (Ephesians 5:25–33).

Child-rearing. Your faith is a great tool to make your family a better one. Children see the faith of parents in action in making good choices, so their faith grows. Parents have the assurance that God will answer their constant prayer for wisdom to guide their children in the right way (James 1:3–5).

Heirs together. Husbands and wives are “heirs together for the grace of life” (1 Peter 3:7). No other way in life leads to such blessings. Zacharias and Elizabeth are a good example: “*They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless*” (Luke 1:6).

“*Marriage is honorable among all*” Hebrews 13:4.

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