



THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
November 10 at 5:15 PM

Weekly Bible Studies
Mon. and Tue. 11 am here
Thu. 8 am Panera Bread on
Richmond Road
Sat. 10 am Fayette Mall food
court (restart October 26)

Times of Service

Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM
(Immediately followed by a
short worship service)

First Friday of Month

Singing

7:30 PM

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THANKSGIVING MUSINGS

This is the time of year when people consider the things for which they are thankful. These past few days families across this country sat around tables with feasts spread before them and family and friends on each side. Some families go around the table and mention a few things everyone is grateful for. Even the most pessimistic tend to catch the spirit and find a few things to mention. If only for a few days, this season seems to bring gratitude to the surface for most people.

That's a good thing! The more people are thankful for their blessings the better off they will be. The prayer is that people will learn to appreciate the truly important things in life and consider the source of such blessings. Christians, though, don't need a special holiday to be thankful for the blessings they have received from God. Indeed, they should live with a constant awareness of their them. Let's consider some of them.

Consider the blessing of family. When husbands and wives live in a state of devotion to one another and to God, when they both consistently strive to fulfill their duties to one another, and when they do it all because they love each other and God (Ephesians 5:22-33; Proverbs 31:10-31), what a blessing! When God graciously allows children to be added to the mix even further cause for thanksgiving exists (Psalm 127:3-5). If and when those children become Christians the entire family rejoices. If we have been blessed by God to experience these relationships, then let's be thankful.

Members Needing Prayers

Bennie Poynter, Rick Small, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayers

Ron Daly, Robert Ross, Thomas Blevins, Pete Soro, Keia Burton, Robert Brundige, Valerie and Barry Boyd, Evelyn Damron, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul Lyda, Annie Allen, Elijah Ossege, Tammy Goble, Jennifer Strutz, Steve Stewart, Karen Eifler and Chery Botts (aunts of James' Weatherholt), Leroy Daniel (Adam's cousin), Fay Thomas (Gina's mother), William Powell, Cindi's niece, Dana, and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Bernice Henderson, Mark (Carol's son), Ivan Doane, Shawn Stewart, Joy Short

To Our Guests

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Consider the blessing of a healthy body and mind permitting one to provide for family, others, and self (1 Thessalonians 4:11). We work and have enough to get from one day to the next. One of the wise men, Agur, considered that a blessing (Proverbs 30:8). The money we receive from our labor provides for our families and others who've hit a rough patch and need help. Those of our number who have many years under their belt will remind us that a healthy body and mind is a tremendous blessing and one that does not last forever. Let's be grateful for them.

Consider the greatest blessing of all: a healthy spirit. Fulfilling his duty to the fullest, John exclaimed, *Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!* As our Passover lamb, Jesus willingly shed his own blood. The "why" is explained by Paul in Ephesians 1:7: *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.* Every person in a saved relationship with God is in it because of the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ. That truth will never change and provides a constant reason for thanksgiving.

Let's keep counting the ways God has blessed us and always be quick to express our appreciation. AL

Elders	Deacons	Evangelist
Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
David Collins	Adam Daniels	
John Thompson	Adam Litmer	
	Bill Morelan	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	