

Prayer List

Anna Burris, Kenny Even, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Ella Green, Alice Hall, Gordon Hatcher, Norman Lee, Luis Patiño, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Tim Smith, Sheila Sollars, Jim and Carole Turk, Abby Yarlequé.

- Diane Capps has been sick.
- The Clark family has been dealing with sickness.

The Numbers

Attendance Sunday, November 14 36/40/25
Wednesday, November 17 24
Offering Sunday, November 14 \$958.05

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes James Hutton

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer Berry Simmons
Songs David Snyder
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution Tommy Sanders
Assistants Donald Shipley & Levy Cox
Closing Prayer Keith Keever

Sunday Afternoon Worship

First Prayer Tommy Sanders
Songs Keith Keever
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper Lance Green
Closing Prayer Charles Hatcher

Wednesday Night

Songs Lance Green
First Prayer David Snyder
Devotional James Hutton
Closing Prayer Barry Simmons

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Meeting Location:
130 Mabry Hood Road
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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM
Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen

“THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING THANKS”

Being thankful should be a natural characteristic. It is extremely easy to see that we have so very much for which to give thanks. The Bible teaches us to give “thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 5:20) and “in every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 The. 5:18). Sadly, ungratefulness is common and many times expected. With so much ingratitude in the world, it is easy to understand why people are not flocking to the doors of faithful congregations of the Lord’s Church seeking to worship God “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). Ingratitude is also a big reason why so many are falling away from the Truth. Many see giving thanks as simply something “to do.” Giving thanks, however, is much more. It is impossible for an individual to truly honor God without being thankful and it is impossible for a Christian to remain faithful to God if he fails to give God “thanks always for all things.”

Giving Thanks Keeps God First In Our Lives.

How does God go from being first in an individual’s life to somewhere far down on the list of one’s priorities? It probably starts with failing to give God thanks. It could be seen as parallel to the “chicken or the egg” debate. Does one stop giving thanks after he has left God or does one leave God due to failing to give God thanks? Those who do not express their thankfulness to God are still accepting all of the blessings they enjoy, yet they have forgotten God. God asks, “can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number” (Jer. 2:32). Seeing all the things that we possess and enjoy, it

should be impossible to forget God, but when an individual ceases to give proper thanksgiving to God, the “stuff” remains and the memory of God fades.

Giving Thanks Reminds Us Of Our Dependence Upon God.

Many people refuse to obey God and others, “after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome” (2 Pet. 2:20). One big reason for this disobedience is that many conclude that they are self-sufficient and do not need God. Sure, those who think this way are not going to give thanks to God, but isn’t it also the case that failing to give thanks in the first place could have led to such thinking? If need compels a person to pray, then “being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God” (2 Cor. 9:11). Many people have prayed during times of need, but discontinued that practice after “being enriched.” Their failure to give proper thanks may have been that which led them to be “again entangled...and overcome.” Though their needs may have been met, “the latter end is worse with them than the beginning” (2 Pet. 2:20) because at least when they did not have, they understood their dependence upon God.

Giving Thanks Helps Us Emphasize The Spiritual Rather Than The Physical.

When needs are met or we are able to enjoy things in this life far above our needs, giving thanks keeps us grounded on that which is truly important. It is nice to have “things” in this life, but it is far more important to be “looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (Tit. 2:13). Those in Christ must “seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set

your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:1-2) knowing to “lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal” (Mat. 6:19). To many, the physical blessings we enjoy on Earth are considered the “end all, be all.” Remembering to give thanks to the One who allows us the opportunity to enjoy those physical blessings helps us concentrate on the Spiritual blessings and on the true Source of those blessings.

The Bible teaches us to be thankful and a grateful disposition makes life better for everyone. However, giving thanks is immensely important to our lives – both here and for eternity.

--*Brad Green*

Our Location

We meet in Suite 102 of Four Seasons Village, at 130 Mabry Hood Road in Knoxville, TN. Coming from Kingston Pike, we are on the right just past Chili’s. Come and visit with us!

