

Those to Serve

Sunday 11-22-2009

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements..... Grady Duncan
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper
 Opening Prayer..... Ken t Cooper
 Closing Prayer.....Van Lee

Month of NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday Morning Lord's Table

South Side:

Rance Robison
 George O'Neal
 Richard Hargrove

North Side:

Weldon Miller
 Wayne Charlton
 Ronnie Stewart

Sunday Evening Lord's Table

Frankie Sargent
 Tim Jones

Sunday Evening Worship:

Announcements..... Grady Duncan
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper
 Opening PM Prayer..... Darrell Cooper
 Closing PM Prayer..... Austin Neal

Thanksgiving Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009

*If you plan to be out of town or are not physically able to serve, please call someone to take your place. or call the church office.

Attendance for the week of 11-15-2009

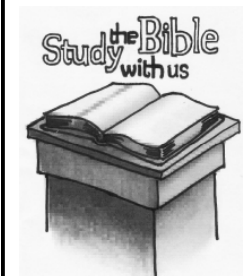
Bible Classes.....	83
Morning Worship.....	123
Evening Worship.....	88
Tuesday Ladies Class.....	10
Wednesday Night.....	99
Regular Contribution.....	\$ 4,295.52
New Construction Fund Contributions.....	\$ -0-

Averages To Date This Year

Bible Classes.....	99
Morning Worship.....	140
Evening Worship.....	98
Tuesday Ladies Class.....	12
Wednesday Night.....	94
Regular Contribution.....	\$ 4,299.03
New Construction Fund Contributions to date.....	\$ 78,224.00

(Also includes transfers and interest earned)

PLEASE NOTE: *This bulletin is formatted Friday morning each week. Any news items or articles you wish included must be submitted to the Editor no later than Thursday Night. You may call Rhodney Freeman at 903-572-1181 (home) or 903-572-1136 (Office)*



Today's Sermons

AM: "Developing the Attitude of Thanksgiving"
 Kris Groda, Preaching

PM: "Living in a State of Thanksgiving"
 Kris Groda, Preaching



As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him" Proverbs 25:13

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Thanksgiving And Thanks Living

By Mike Riley

Thanksgiving has been observed in some 14:15-17 – NKJV; Acts 17:25 – NKJV; Acts 17:28 – NKJV).

Knowing this, we should thank God for the following: Those folks who lived through that first year, pledged their lives and fortunes to God and each other. They set aside the American custom of Thanksgiving to which they expressed their gratitude to the God of harvest, who had so bountifully blessed them.

On October 3, 1789, President George Washington gave the original proclamation, but the nation grew negligent in the observing of this day until after the Civil War when President Abraham Lincoln appointed the last Thursday in November as a day of prayer and thanksgiving in 1863.

To the Christian, Thanksgiving Day (as in all other days), should be used as a day of prayer and thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6 – NKJV; Colossians 3:15 – NKJV; 1 Timothy 5:5 – NKJV; cf. Luke 2:37 – NKJV), but it is usually observed in a totally different way than it was intended. Many folks observe it as a day of recreation, while others observe it for worldly activities (1 John 2:15-16 – NKJV). Some just observe it as a day of self-indulgence.

Brethren and friends, there is a great need in America today for remembering anew exactly what Thanksgiving stands for — thanksgiving for all of the spiritual and physical blessings we have in Christ Jesus our Lord (Ephesians 1:3 – NKJV; Acts

14:15-17 – NKJV; Acts 17:25 – NKJV; Acts 17:28 – NKJV).

- Our Savior who came to provide us remission of our sins so that we might stand justified and not condemned before God (Romans 5:9 – NKJV; Romans 8:1 – NKJV).
- The saving gospel of Christ, the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16 – NKJV).
- The Lord's church — that spiritual body which He purchased with His own blood (Ephesians 1:22-23 – NKJV; Acts 20:28 – NKJV).
- God's plan of salvation which includes (1) believing in Christ (John 8:24 – NKJV); (2) repenting of our sins (Luke 13:3 – NKJV; Acts 17:30 – NKJV); (3) confessing Christ as God's Son before men (Matthew 10:32 – NKJV; Romans 10:9-10 – NKJV; cf. Acts 8:37 – NKJV) and (4) being baptized into Christ for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38 – NKJV; Acts 22:16 – NKJV; Romans 6:1-6 – NKJV; Gal. 3:26-27 – NKJV; Colossians 2:12 – NKJV; 1 Peter 3:21 – NKJV).

If we are truly filled with thanksgiving in our hearts as the Bible teaches (Psalm 107:1 – NKJV; Psalm 50:14 – NKJV; Ephesians 5:20 – NKJV; Colossians 3:15 – NKJV), we will obey the Word of God and daily live as it instructs us to live – a life of thanks living (Matthew 6:33 – NKJV; Matthew 7:21 – NKJV; Hebrews 5:9 – NKJV; James 1:21-27 – NKJV; 1 Peter 1:13-22 – NKJV).

Assembly Times

Sunday

Bible Classes9:00AM
 Worship10:00AM
 6:00PM

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class ..10:00AM
 (September—May)

Wednesday

Bible Classes7:00PM

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Address Correction Requested

Thanksgiving Wishes

By Grady L. Duncan

Leaves have changed their colors,
to yellow, red and brown.

Most have long since fallen,
lying scattered, covering the ground.
The harvest has all been gathered.
Into the barns, it is safely stored.
We're truly blessed with a bounty,
by our good and gracious Lord.

The family is making its plans.
If they can at all find a way,
we'll spend some time together,
on this next Thanksgiving day.
Mother will roast a big turkey,
and prepare the cornbread dressing.
The others will bring the trimmings,
and share the Lord's many blessings.

I can just see it all now,
if only through my mind's eyes;
the oven is filled to the max,
with turkey, dressing and pies.
I can almost smell the aroma,
of hot fresh homemade bread,
and see the places all set,
at a table that's royally spread.

Mom will invite the neighbors,
who have no family of their own.
She just don't relish the thought,
of them spending that day all alone.
With heads bowed in deepest reverence,
We'll thank God as we all pray.
Then we'll enjoy his blessings,
on this special Thanksgiving Day.

To you and your dear family,
we wish you joy, peace and love.
May you be showered with many blessings,
from our Heavenly Father above.
May you all gather once more,
if you can possibly find a way,
to be home with your loving family,
and have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!

Brother Hood Events:

Young Men's Training Seminar

(All men are encouraged to attend)
Saturday, January 02, 2010
Mount Vernon church of Christ

"The Privilege of Service and Worship"

Areas of Interest:

"Am I Qualified?"
"Leading Prayers"
"Reading Scriptures"
"Song Leading"

Lunch will be provided.

If there are any questions contact Chris McElyea

Great Smoky Mountain

Marriage Retreat

February 17-20, 2010 Pigeon Forge Holiday Inn Conference Center - Pigeon Forge, TN

Theme: *Joy in the Journey*—Celebrating God's Gift of Matrimony.

Who: This is a couples only retreat for married couples of all ages. It is designed to be part get-away and part practical instruction seminar on enriching marriage relationships.

Cost: There is no charge for the retreat. Including food and hotel, a couple can usually for about \$250.

This retreat is sponsored by the Jacksonville church of Christ—Jacksonville, AL Allen Webster is the director.

For more information, please call, 256.435.9356.

Please Remember in Prayer: Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, Billy Campbell, Gene Campbell, Suzanne Charlton, Jim Duncan, Barbara Duncan, Irene Duncan, Patsy Duncan, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, Bud Roach, Julia Terrell, Rebecca Tippit.

Also: Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Ruby McFarland, Kent Stephenson, Charles Whitney

Congregational Shut-Ins:

Home: Doris Bell, **Pleasant Springs Assisted Living:** Annah Brown, **Home:** Irene Duncan, **Villa Assisted Living:** Georgia Lide.

Church Happenings:

Bible Bowl News: Practice at 5pm today. This is for all young people from the 1st-12th grades.

Thanksgiving Prayer Meeting:

North Jefferson will have a Thanksgiving Prayer Meeting on Tuesday night at 7pm. Please invite your friends and neighbors. All classes will meet in the auditorium. There will be no Wednesday night service.

Boles Home Christmas Present Project:

All gifts need to be brought to the foyer by Sunday, December 13. If you wish to give monetary donations, please see Stephanie Sparks.

Youth Group Project:

The youth will gather in the fellowship hall to wrap the Boles home Christmas gifts for the Boles home on Sunday, December 13 follow morning worship. Pizza will be provided :-)

Children's Bible Hour will not meet in November or December. It will, however, resume in January!

Holiday Open House: Saturday, December 19 from 11AM-2PM at the Groda's at 315 CR 1520.

"FILL THE FOYER" Food Drive: Thank you for all the donations! God is good and so are you! Your contributions are appreciated.

Church Directory Update: Please be sure and check the list in the foyer to make certain your

name, address, phone number, email address, etc is correct.

HEALTH UPDATES:

Karigan Fox was able to come home on Thursday. She will continue to have blood tests to check her red blood cell count. Thank you Lord!

Bayla Weston, 2 year old great grand-daughter of Grady and Patsy Duncan has shown some improvement and at the time of this writing, might get to go home Saturday.

Ruthie Jeffery (sister of Mary Glover) is TRMC in room #334. She suffered at stroke last Tuesday night. She is improving and if her blood pressure stabilizes she will be moved to the rehab floor.

Billye Campbell will have an appointment with her physician on Tuesday. She has been retaining fluid around her surgical site.

Julia Terrell is adjusting quite well to being at home. Feel free to call and ask about a home visit!

IN SYMPATHY:

Wanda Alston, mother of Jonnie Ann Waycaster, passed Saturday morning at 8AM. Her funeral will be Wednesday at the Christian Hawkins Funeral Home in Boyd, TX. Funeral Home: 940.433.5310 100 S. Ewing - Boyd, TX 76023.

Alice Lovelady's visitation was Saturday from 6-7pm at Bates Cooper Sloan. Her burial will be today in Bowie, TX

The funeral for **Breydan Forest Jones** was this past Wednesday at 2pm at Bates Cooper Sloan with burial at Blodgett.

Mike Riley, son-in-law of Myrtice Grissom, passed from this life last Sunday night. His graveside service was Saturday at 10AM at the Nevill's Chapel Cemetery.

Our congregational sympathy, love and hugs go out to these families. We love you!
"...weep with those that weep" - Romans 12:15