

SICK LIST:**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Bertharine Burton, Ruby Harrison, Willie Nelson (Shadescrest)

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - BECOMING GRATEFUL

PM - BEN WRIGHT - PAUL'S "I AM'S"

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO KAREN GRIGGS DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER FATHER, MIKE LANIER. SERVICES WERE WEDNESDAY

THERE WILL BE A LADIES ORNAMENT PARTY DEC 13 AT BRANDI RICHARDSON'S. PLEASE BRING FINGER FOODS AND AN ORNAMENT

SINGING AT PARRISH DEC 2 AT 7 PM

1ST SUNDAY WALKER COUNTY SINGING AT 6TH AVE DEC 4 AT 2 PM

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN SERVICE TIMES DECEMBER 25

READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- ROMANS 8-10; MON- 11-13; TUES- 14-16; WED- 1 CORINTHIANS 1-5; THUR- 6-9; 10-13; FRI- 14-16; SUN- 2 CORINTHIANS 1-4

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov 28: Bobbie Dailey

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
Carlton Myers 221-0637
Neil Myers 924-9289
Bruce Windham 221-2348

DEACONS:

Danny Busby 387-0213

MINISTER:

Ben Wright 522-8004

BECOMING GRATEFUL

(Ephesians 5:20)

- I. Don't _____.**
A. Forgetfulness is the _____ of gratitude.
B. We need to remind ourselves and our children to always _____ the one or ones who give us things, especially God.
- II. Don't _____ on our troubles.**
A. Too many times we dwell on the _____ and not the positive.
B. In reality we should be _____ for the negative things that happen to us.
C. Troubles bring _____ (James 1:2-3).
- III. _____ how we are better off than many.**
A. Could you imagine what it would be like to have our _____ reduced to the yearly level of many people in our world?
B. We are so much _____ off than most.
- IV. Count the _____ you have instead of those you don't.**
A. 1 Timothy 6:8; Hebrews 13:5.
B. How often do we _____ about what we don't have?
C. Just try sometime to count all your _____ blessings (Ephesians 1:3).
D. Then sit back and attempt to count your _____ ones.
E. We will be _____ if we do so.
- V. _____ thank you.**
A. We should be those that express our thanks _____ (Psalm 107:1-2).
B. We must express our thanks with our _____ as well as our lips.
1. Psalm 116:12.
2. To show our gratitude we will give God our time, our abilities, money - in reality, our _____.
- VI. Don't take the _____ for granted.**
A. Many times we are thankless because we are _____.
B. In our hurried up lives, the ordinary often is _____.
- VII. Don't _____ the luxuries of life.**
A. We have to be thankful for the simple _____.
B. Most importantly, we must be thankful for the _____ blessings we receive.
- VIII. Put away the _____.**
A. Instead of being _____, the Hebrews soon began whining about what they did not have (Numbers 14:2).
B. We are _____ against having that same spirit (1 Corinthians 10:10).
- IX. Realize we are recipients and never forget the Gift-Giver.**
A. All that we receive that is good is from _____ (James 1:17).
B. Too many times we are more interested in the gifts than in the _____ of the gift.

Thankfulness
Joe Slater

By national custom, the fourth Thursday in November is “Thanksgiving” day. We realize, of course, that every day ought to be a day of thanksgiving to God. But at this season of the year our attention is called to it, so we take advantage of the opportunity to focus on thankfulness as we find it in the word of God.

Jesus certainly set the example in giving thanks. Before He fed the five thousand, He gave thanks for the bread and fish (John 6:11). As He was about to raise Lazarus out of the tomb, Jesus thanked the Father for hearing Him (John 11:41). And, at the Last Supper with His disciples, He gave thanks for the bread and the cup (Luke 22:17, 19).

Thankfulness to God ought to be standard operating procedure for Christians. In stark contrast to a host of wicked behaviors, Christians are to give thanks (Ephesians 5:3, 4 “But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks”). Similarly, Philippians 4:6 says, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” Colossians 3:17 makes it universal: “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

The unbelieving world is routinely lacking in the giving of thanks. That should not surprise us – why would someone who doesn’t believe give thanks to God? Paul described the Gentiles of the ancient world this way: “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened” (Romans 1:21). Paul warned of a perilous time that was approaching when people would be “lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unforgiving, slanderers, without self control, brutal, despisers of good . . .” (2 Timothy 3:2). Our task is not to rail against an unbelieving, unthankful world; that accomplishes virtually nothing. Rather, let us glorify God by giving thanks and by teaching those around us of the true and living God to whom they ought to be giving thanks.