

Prayer Requests and Announcements

20 November 2022

Sermon Title: Reasons for Our Being Thankful

Scripture: Psalms 105:1-3

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mike Kenney: His arm is healing well. Possibly going home Wednesday. Next surgery, two weeks.

Lawson Nabors: He has recovered from flu and is to schedule surgery to repair hole in his ear drum.

Mike Inabinette: (Sam's Girod's friend): Mike had a successful bladder surgery; awaiting biopsy results.

Gerardo Ranario: (Sam Girod's Father-in-Law): He is suffering with a serious heart condition.

David Scobee: (Danny Hart's cousin). David was recently killed on motorized scooter.

Bruce Roland: Bruce recently passed away. His wife, Gail, and their family would appreciate our prayers.

Ongoing Prayers

Earl and Linda Kenney

Heath Smith

Ingelise Myrick

Naomi Waitrous

Maxine Robinson

Pete Hankins

Sue Watley

Frieda Wilson

Darlene Hannah

Ashley McGriff

Darrell McCormick

Charlotte Rashun

Paul Myrick

Maxine Robinson

Jesse and Sharon Owens

A Word of Encouragement for the Week Ahead

No one has ever left God's table still needing a snack of grace. – *Allen Webster*

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

(Matthew 5:6, NKJV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Creekwood Church of Christ will host their annual Song Fest this evening from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM. We will cancel our evening services for this event, and the elders are encouraging all among us who wish to attend the Song Fest to do so. The church is located at 1901 Schillinger Rd Mobile, Alabama.
- Duane, Lisa and Maci are traveling to Georgia today to visit with Alex, Heidi and Tavie. They plan to return this Wednesday (23rd) but may be late getting in.
- This Wednesday (November 23rd) we will all meet in the auditorium to observe our traditional Thanksgiving service. All are welcome to attend!

"I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise will always be on my lips." Psalms 34:1



On Thanksgiving and the Giving of Thanks

What is Our Attitude About Gratitude?

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you”

1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV

(The following article is an excerpt Adapted House to House, Heart to Heart Vol 27, Number 11)

Silence is the voice of ingratitude. A thankless heart and a silent tongue are partners. A man rescued 17 people from drowning after a plane crash and was later asked about the event. He said, “What amazed me is no one said, ‘thank you.’”

One man preached on “Thanksgiving’s Empty Chair” about the prodigal son’s elder brother (Luke 15:25–32). On the great day when the prodigal came home, every chair was filled except his.

The pilgrims at that first Thanksgiving were thankful in the midst of challenge. Few Americans are more underprivileged than that handful from the Mayflower. While they did have four great human assets—initiative, courage, industry, and faith—they had little else. Half their number had died; those remaining had bleak prospects. They had no homes and no government agency to help. They had no transportation but their legs. Their food came from the sea and the forest, and they had to search for it. They had no money and no place to spend it anyway. They had no amusements except what they made up, no way to communicate with relatives in England, and no Social Security or Medicare. Nonetheless, they were thankful.

The same sense of gratitude led Abraham Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a holiday in the midst of the Civil War.

All of us have much for which to be thankful. A person visiting America was fascinated as he toured the land. Near the end he was asked, “What was the most amazing thing you have seen?” He said, “The size of your garbage cans.”

Paul told those on Mars Hill that in God “we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). We owe our lives to God—the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we eat (James 1:17).

A Note from your Preacher

I would like to take this small opportunity to wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving this week. I am blessed by all of you for all the encouragement I’ve personally received over the years by those of you who read and support this ministry. You have shown great patience also toward me and my writing from the first day until now. Such support motivates me to strive to improve in this area of ministry among the church at Vancleave! - DP