

Those To Serve

Sunday, November 23, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Jim Case

Closing: Randy Harris

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Johnny Knabe

Closing: Bobby Smithee

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Randy Harris

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, November 16, 2025

AM 57 PM 28

[Average for the Year]

AM [49] PM [31]

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

30 *[Average for the Year]* [32]

Contribution:

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Actual \$ 2,170.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 109,437.00

[Average] \$ 2,379.07

[+/- Budget] \$ (330.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (5,563.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

The Expression of Gratitude and Thanksgiving

Psalms 92:1-2; 100

This time of year is when many people in our country celebrate a tradition rooted in Colonial times but emphasized throughout scriptures. I am talking about the giving of thanks, especially the celebration of the day we call Thanksgiving. However, every day in a Christian's life should be a day where they express gratitude and thanksgiving.

The Baker Bible Dictionary defines gratitude as the natural expression of thanks in response to blessings, protection, or love. In the Judeo-Christian tradition, gratitude is not a tool used to manipulate the will of God. It is never coerced or fabricated in one's mind; rather, gratitude is a joyful commitment of one's personality to

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Plan of Salvation

Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

Believe

Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

Sermons for November 23, 2025

**A.M.—The Expression of
Gratitude and Thanksgiving**

P.M.—Winning the Prize

Scripture: Psalms 92:1-2; 100

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:00

Sunday PM Worship: 5:00

Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM

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God. The Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia says that thanksgiving should be offered by Christian believers who see God as the Creator of a world that is good (Gen. 1:31) and the Provider and Giver of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17).

A close study of the Old Testament reveals many things that the children of Israel were to be thankful for, and many of these were based on God's covenant promises. 1 Chronicles 16:8-12 is a declaration of thanksgiving. Israel was to give thanks for God's deliverance from their enemies and deliverance from death (Psa. 18:17; 30:1; Psa. 30:8-12). They gave thanks to God for His provisions for and forgiveness of their sin (Psa. 32:5; 99:8). Israel gave thanks for answered prayers (Psa. 28:6; 66:19). They were thankful for God's compassion on those afflicted and oppressed (Psa. 34:2; 72:12). Should not Christians today be thankful for these things?

The New Testament also teaches that God's people are to be thankful and grateful for God's provisions. Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: ". . . in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." It may be hard for us to be thankful for everything, but it is commanded. Paul also wrote in Ephesians 5:20: ". . . giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ." Consider Colossians 3:17 where Paul writes: "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." One of the failures of the Roman world in which Paul was a citizen was their failure to be thankful (Rom. 1:21). Hebrews 13:15 says: "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." Finally, Paul writes in Philippians 4:6: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."

What things are you thankful for? While many of these

things may be physical (i.e., food, shelter, etc.), there are many spiritual things for which we need to be thankful. We need to be thankful for our spiritual family (Phile. 4). We need to be thankful that we have been called to serve the living God (1 Tim. 1:12). We need to give thanks that God leads us to triumph over sin, over death and over the grave (Col. 1:12; 1 Cor. 15:57). All of these things and more are a source of thanksgiving, but the greatest of God's gifts for which we should be thankful is the death of Christ on the cross, God's indescribable gift without which all would be lost and hopeless (2 Cor. 9:15).

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: Jerry Bowen is waiting on test results. Please continue to keep Nancy Duncan in your prayers. Frances Foster's brother Kenny Fitzhugh had double bypass surgery on Thursday. The surgery went well. Please continue to pray for him. Craig Wilson, Homer Wilson's brother, is home from the hospital. He is in quarantine for 7-10 days, since he is still contagious. He did not have any tests for cancer while he was in the hospital.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Robert Barber, Lavon Rogers, and Shelia Smithee

Food Basket Giveaway: We will be giving away food baskets for those in need on Saturday, December 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to donate money for the supplies for the baskets, please give your donations to Lea Barber or one of the elders. Monetary donations will need to be given by November 30.

Southside School Holiday Gifts: Southside School still has their program for children in need this year, and we will be helping with this. Lists of needed items are on the table in the back.

Romanian Children: If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

Children's Home Shopping List: Cream of Mushroom Soup