

Church of Christ

Florence



November 20, 2016

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Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Class	7:00 pm

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FROM THE ELDERS

Due to safety concerns
The church doors will be locked
10 minutes after the beginning of service.

Someone will be stationed in the foyer
to allow admittance to latecomers.

THOUGHTS ON GIVING THANKS

Written By: Dave Rogers

Unless some other nation has recently adopted the custom, the United States is the only nation which consistently celebrates a national day for giving thanks to God for the plenteous blessings and benefits we enjoy every day. Most of us, as schoolchildren, learned the story of "the first thanksgiving," in which early settlers (the "Pilgrims") set aside a day to express their gratitude to God for a good harvest to see them through the coming winter. (These folks had nearly starved to death the previous year, because they arrived late in the growing season, and to some degree, didn't really know what they were doing in trying to prepare for the coming year!) According to the history of that event, they invited their native neighbors, who willingly participated in their feast and celebration. Although it is not "politically correct" nowadays to do more than simply acknowledge the historical root of this practice (some modern people are deeply offended by the thought that there is a Sovereign God Who provides for them), the idea of setting aside a time to express our gratefulness to God for His providence is nonetheless an eminently scriptural one.

Aside from being simply "good manners," the offering of thanks for blessings received is a practice enjoined (by God) on all mankind throughout history. The book of Psalms is filled with expressions of gratitude to God for the entire range of blessings humanity has the capacity to enjoy; material, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual. Note that in Genesis 8:20-22, the first thing Noah did upon being released from the confines of the ark was to offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God. One of the practices enshrined in the Law of Moses was the keeping of the Passover feast (Leviticus 23:4f.): This observance not only reminded Israel of God's grace and power in delivering them from bondage in Egypt, but also afforded a time when they could (by keeping the Father's instructions) express their thankfulness for that deliverance. When we turn to the pages of the New Testament, one of the signal points made regarding gratitude is that many ancient gentiles were condemned for their lack of thankfulness toward God (Romans 1:21). Again, in Ephesians 5:20, Christians are instructed to be consistently and constantly aware of and filled with appreciation for the goodness of God shown to us! Paul likewise urges the saints at Thessalonica to give thanks to God in "everything" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). No doubt he, like James, was very aware of the fact that "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17). When we consider that all the things we need, both for life in this world, and for godly living here and into eternity are provided by God alone (2 Peter 1:3), we must surely realize that expressions of thanksgiving toward Him are always appropriate, not only at this time, when the nation pauses for rich food, televised parades, interminable football games, and a holiday with loved ones, but also during each day of our lives. As we take thought during this time for all the blessings we enjoy, let us also consider that we should number those blessings and thank God for them every day that we live!

The Church you read about in the Bible

Attitude of Gratitude

Kevin Harrington

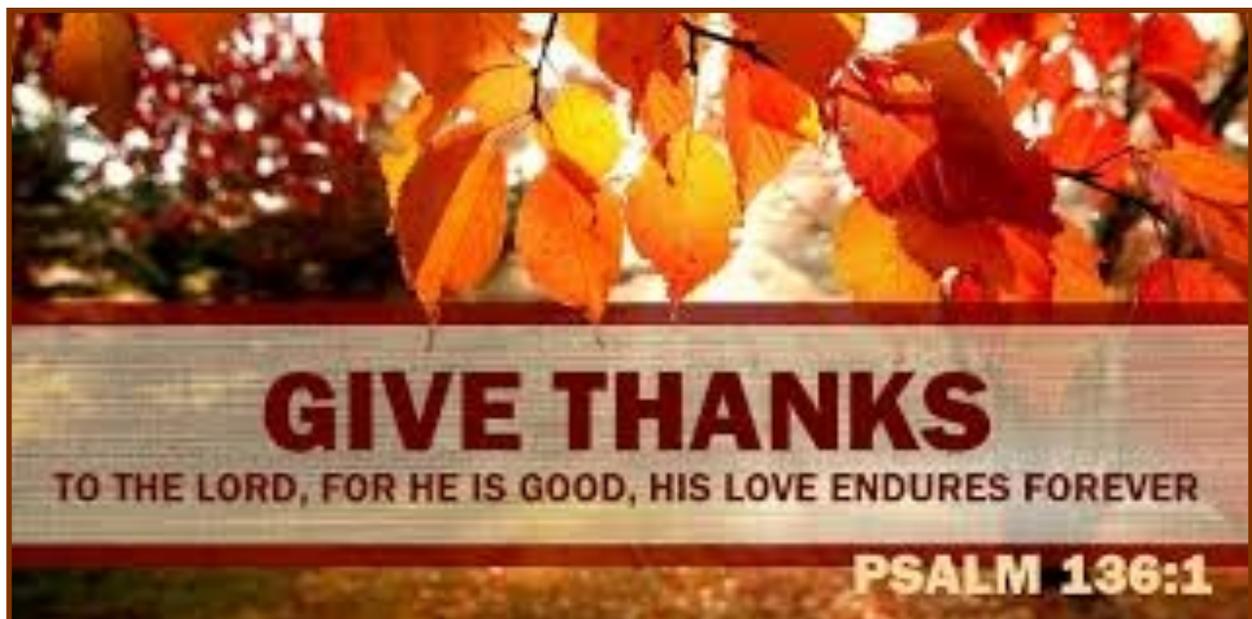
It's the time of year where families are getting together, the air is getting colder, and the waistlines are getting bigger. This Thursday, many of you will probably gather together with loved ones, eat a huge meal, watch football, and enjoy a few days off. And if you're like my family, on Friday you will start decorating for next month's festivities. This time of year is a special time to spend with the ones you love the most. This is my favorite time of year because it's a chance where we can look back on the previous year and see how much God has blessed us.

Many of you will probably sit around the dinner table on Thursday taking turns being thankful for certain things in your life. There are many things to be thankful for. We are thankful for friends and family, good health, jobs, the food we eat, the house we live in, the material blessings we have, and the list can go on and on. God has blessed us beyond our comprehension.

Unfortunately, our country only spends one day being mindful of all the things we should be thankful for. How many of you take time out of every day to say a prayer of thanksgiving to our Lord? Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians, "in everything give thanks" (5:8). He didn't say, "on the fourth Thursday of every November, give thanks for all your blessings." But he said in everything give thanks. That means every Thursday of November. That means every day of the year we should be giving thanks to God everyday!

Saying thanks is one thing, demonstrating your thankfulness is another. We should all try to develop an attitude of gratitude. We can show our thankfulness by the way we act, the things we say, and how we treat others. How many people do you think can see that you are thankful for a new day? How many people can see that you are thankful for the food you are eating on a daily basis? Do you pray in front of other people? Do you share where you get your blessings with other people? Our attitude can tell other people a lot about who we are. I want other people to see that I am a Christian and that I am giving thanks to my God.

Try today to develop an attitude of gratitude. There is so much to be thankful for. Most of all we are thankful that we have a God who loved us so much that He sent His only Son to die for our sins. That alone should make you want to get down on your hands and knees and thank our merciful Lord. I am thankful for the gift of salvation. Are you? And more importantly, can other people see your attitude of gratitude?



Collecting For Those In Need

The Emergency Shelter of NKY items needed:

(Men's Shelter)

- **SOCKS**
- Men's Jeans
- Men's Sweatshirts
- Men's and Women's Sweatpants
- Underwear (New)

There is a sign-up sheet for those interested in helping at the shelter.

Benevolence Pantry items needed:

- Canned Goods
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Meat
- Milk
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Juice Packs
- Baby Formula & Food

BENEVOLENCE

We are helping 16 families with meals for Thanksgiving this year!

There is a sign up sheet on the Benevolence board for needed items. As always if you wish to donate towards the purchase of them that would be great too. Items and donations need to be here by this evening.

Thank you for your generosity.

MEETING

Elders, Deacons, Coordinators, and Preacher Meet

December 4th. @ 4:30

Adult Holiday Event

December 9th

6:00 pm

\$15 gift limit

Men bring a man's gift. Women bring a woman's gift.

Centurions of Scripture

We would like to challenge the entire congregation to memorize 100 scriptures. Our youth do this as a part of the Lads to Leaders program. We ask that you do this with your family. We will be putting two scriptures in the bulletin each week.

This week's scriptures to memorize are:

Psalms 119: 65-66

65. You have dealt well with Your servant,

O Lord, according to Your word.

66. Teach me good judgment and knowledge,

For I believe Your commandments.

To ensure accuracy of announcements and prayer requests please fill out a gold or blue form and turn in to the office by Wednesday.

Prayer List

Tom Garland, Diana Green's brother in law, bypass surgery

Jim Gilpan, friend of Clint Green, heart attack

June Pugh

Oswaldo Bonaga, friend of Vicky Robinson, health issues

Alexis Aiken, Joyce Bewley's Great Granddaughter,

Nancy Noojin, Karen Brown's cousin, health issues

Bowen Becker, Bob Becker's grandson, heart problems

Stacie Grindstaff

Peggy Harber, Bob Warmack's cousin, on life support

Cindy Walker health issues

Grant County Schools facing lawsuit for having Bibles in the schools and student led prayer.

Our Elders

Our Nation's Leaders

Our Military Personnel

Our Police, Emergency and Healthcare Personnel

The Churches of Christ around the world

All those traveling

The Emergency Shelter

The Creation Museum and Ark Experience

Those who have lost loved ones

Clarence Major Family

Berkshire Family

George Lang Family

Jack Wagner Family

Those with cancer and their families

Oswaldo Bonaga Dennis Blundell Margie Koons

Randy Williams Desirae Wilson Janice Gallagher

Gary Burke Dwight Lowerg Kay Shinck

Jim Kennedy Layla Adkins Jim McCarthy

Kristen Shaw Ayden Egan Donnice Palmer

Donna Farrar Peggy Davis Mike Lohman

Lorraine Starr Gwen Miller Lindy Blankenbuehler

Tammy Palmer Chad Fischer Buddy Webb

Ashley Pike Debbie Hellman Lois Stroub

Theresa Falukner Nancy Lambert Ruth Phelps

Mike Lowe Steve Dobson Serena

Cale Thomas

Our shut-ins and those caring for them

Joyce Tingle Chuck Gambil

Eveline Lanham Dessie Hacker

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer" 1 Peter 3:12

Please check the prayer list and let me know of any updates.

Thank you.-Nita

Serving in AM Worship

	November 20	November 27
Announcements	Bill Morgan	Bill Morgan
Opening Prayer	Tom Grindstaff	Jesse Black
Song Leader	Dale Franklin	TBA
Communion	Clint Green	Robert Budy
Serve	Kyle Strasser	Kyle Strasser
Serve	Jerry Gorman	Jerry Gorman
Serve	Steve Thomas	Steve Thomas
Serve	Matthew Hallmark	Matthew Hallmark
Serve	Daniel House	Daniel House
Serve	Dave Moster	Dave Moster
Scripture Reading <i>Psalm 136: 1-3</i>	Clint Green	Mark Walker
Sermon <i>Give Thanks To The Lord</i>	Bruce House	Bruce House
Closing Prayer	Dave Moster	Wyatt Robbins

Serving in PM Worship

Announcements	Art Green	Art Green
Opening Prayer	Mark Walker	Robert Budy
Song Leader	Dale Franklin	TBA
Communion	Art Green	Robert Budy
Sermon	Robert Budy	Kyle Strasser
Closing Prayer	Bob Warmack	Dave Moster

Wednesday

	November 23	November 30
Song Leader	Robert Budy	Jesse Black
Invitation	Bruce House	Wyatt Robbins
Closing Prayer	Dan Brown	Bob Warmack
Announcements	Art Green	Art Green

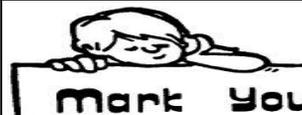
Communion Prep

November	Jesse & Michele Black
December	Dan Brown

Greeters

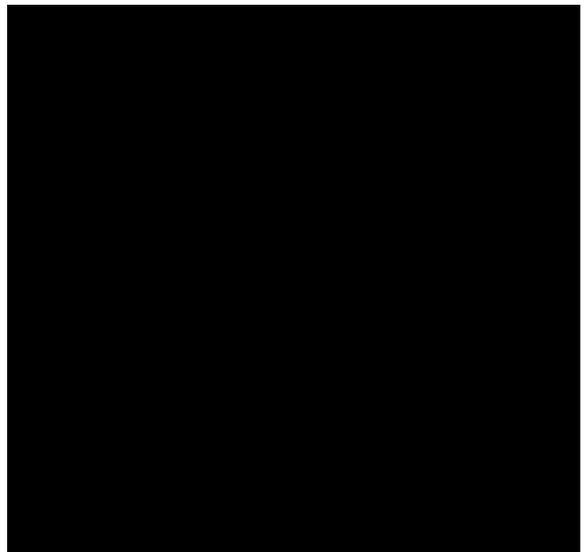
November	Ruth Schindler
December	Greeters Needed

*serve
wholeheartedly, as
if you were serving
the Lord, not men.
Ephesians 6:7*



Mark Your Calendar

Nov	20	Lads to Leaders Team A
Nov	27	Potluck <i>Theme Soup</i>
Nov	27	Lads to Leaders Team B
Dec	3	Lads to Leaders Indv. Scrapbook
Dec	4	Elders, Deacons, Coordinators & Preacher Meeting
Dec	4	Men's Prayer Session
Dec	9	Adult Holiday Event
Dec	10	Lads to Leaders Group Scrapbook
Dec	11	Lads to Leaders Team A
Dec	16	Bible Bowl Meeting
Dec	18	Lads to Leaders Team B



Deacons

Jesse Black	<i>Children's Education/ Fellowships</i>
Matthew Hallmark	<i>Building Maintenance</i>
Wyatt Robbins	<i>Youth and as needed</i>

Coordinators

Jerry Gorman	<i>Prime Timers</i>
Dave Moster	<i>Worship Service/ Duty Roster</i>

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