

# Give Thanks

by Shon Smith Naperville church of Christ Naperville, IL

This coming Thursday, we will gather with family and friends to enjoy turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, and pie. At the table we will tell stories, share laughter, and enjoy being with those who enrich our lives. Once the dishes have been cleared, there will be football to watch, naps to take, and Black Friday shopping strategy to review. It will be a great day for many reasons, but let's be sure it is a great day of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father.

Giving thanks to God is so important because He deserves it. There is no other like our God, both in terms of His character and actions.

We are reminded of this by the psalmist in Psalm 107:1, 8-9 ....

1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.  
8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,  
9 for he satisfied the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things ."

In preparation for Thursday, take a moment to jot down a few of the good deeds God has done in your life this year for which you are most thankful.

While God deserves our appreciation, He doesn't need it. He is perfectly secure in His being with or without our praise. However, He commands us to give thanks because He knows it is good for us. Recent research links gratitude to better health, stronger relationships, career advancement, improved sleep, increased energy, even longer life. It pays to be grateful.

May Thanksgiving be more than a holiday we celebrate once a year; may it be our way of life.

**Let's be thankful everyday, not just at "Thanksgiving".**



# NEWSLETTER

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# Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM  
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class 10:00 AM

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## We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.*



Read God's Word

**Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.**

**Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT**

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium it means “Quiet Please”

**Prayers** *In our prayers, let’s praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

*Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.*

**Barb Oliver** is recovering at home from a recent heart attack.

**Marjorie Reed** Let’s pray that she continues to recover well.

**Bill Kinney** had successful heart procedure Sept. 28 and is home recovering. Please pray for Bill and also Kris as she ministers to Bill.

**Sherry Carter** is recovering from recent gall bladder surgery.

**Darlene Reed** Let’s keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

**Linda Stine** was hospitalized recently with a foot infection. She was able to be with us last Sunday. She is on antibiotics.

**Louella Hopkins** requests our prayers as she ministers to Jean and family members.

**Pat Hazlett** Let’s pray for her for encouragement.

**Vicki Elder** recently had a TIA. Let’s pray things go well.

**Lula Elder** had cancer and was in remission but the cancer is now back. Let’s pray for her.

**Jim Devore** (cleaner for the church building). His brother passed away recently.

**Tony Grana** has been placed under Hospice care and in the final stages of congestive heart failure. Let’s pray for a peaceful and comfortable transition to his heavenly home.

**Keith Marten** had open heart surgery Oct. 12 and is now recovering at home.

**Marietta McArthur** (Ray McArthur’s mother) is dealing with health issues.

**Becky Rose**, Erin Orton’s mother, is scheduled for gall bladder surgery Dec. 7.

**Richard Boyle**, Maria Swindlehurst’s nephew, was in Millard Fillmore Suburban recently dealing with numbness from the waist down.

**Chris Nitto** He has been in and out of the hospital dealing with chest pains. He was in the hospital again on Wednesday making it his 4<sup>th</sup> time this year. He is a member of the Amherst congregation.

**Dan Calleri** It was learned recently that he has Covid. He is a member of the Amherst congregation.

**Upcoming Events** *(Lord willing)*

**Nov. 21** Bus. Mtg. for today has been canceled. The next meeting will be Dec 19.

**Nov. 25** Thanksgiving Day

**Dec. 11** Ladies Holiday Party

**Dec. 19** Men’s Business Meeting

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00  
Contribution Last Sunday \$2,362.94  
Attendance Last Sunday 31

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back of the auditorium.



**Thanksgiving Baskets**

Please see Charles or Heather Bennett if you are able to help deliver *Thanksgiving Baskets* today. Thanks

**Thank you card ...**

Please see the thank you card posted in the back from Mark & Audrey on behalf of Barbara Oliver.

**Caleb Callari’s Radio Program - “Everyday Follower”**

Do a search on YouTube for .....  
Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism - Philippines

Please check the “*Mission Board*” in the back of the auditorium for a new report from the Philippines.

**Weather Related Cancellation of Services**

With the possibility for inclement weather be sure to check TV station Channel 2 for any cancellation of services. If you are unable to view this channel please call someone before traveling to the building to confirm whether services are being held.

The “*Phone Tree*” will also be used in this situation.

Always use your own discretion when traveling in inclement weather. The safety of our members is of utmost importance.



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.

