

## 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,

<sup>1</sup> "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

<sup>8</sup> Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

<sup>9</sup> 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.



## NEWSLETTER

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study	10:00 AM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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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) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.*

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

**Updates:**

**Bruce Brink** is scheduled for oral surgery Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Diane Mellott** Her eye pressure has been up recently.

**Rodney & Carol Jones** have been dealing with a cold.

**Eileen Johnson**, Cora Parson's daughter in law, was admitted to Buffalo General Hospital Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Let's pray for her and the medical staff taking care of her.

**Dean Ciccarelli**, a friend of Carol Jones, had a bone marrow transplant Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Things have gone well so far and now it's just a matter of waiting and hope that things continue to go well.

**Irene**, a friend of Carol Jones, recently lost her son in law to cancer and her daughter Lynn is in a dementia unit.

**Betty Leistner** The cancer in her esophagus is spreading.

**Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.**

*Also*

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

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

**Nov. 18 Today.** Men's Business Meeting

**Nov. 18 Today.** Delivery of Thanksgiving baskets.

**Nov. 22** Thanksgiving Day

**Dec. 15** Ladies Holiday Party at Antonio's at NOON. Please see posting.

**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.

**FYI** Mark & Roger get together to make the decision and they call Ron Cameron who informs Channel 2 of the closing.



2 Timothy 2:15

**Classes and Sermon**

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Hebrews

**Sermon Topic Today:**

*Heavenly Wisdom for Earthly Living - Contentment*

**Scripture Reading:** *Proverbs 27:2*

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup> Kings

**Serving Today**

**Announcements** Bruce Brink

**Song Leader** Rodney Jones

**Direct Communion** Wayne Carter

**Serve** Bruce Brink

**Serve** Ray McArthur

**Serve** Richard Wheeler

**Clean Trays** Diane Mellott

**Thanksgiving Baskets**

All items are due TODAY, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Sunday school classes will put the baskets together so they will be ready for delivery after services this morning.

Any help with deliveries would be greatly appreciated.



**Congratulations**

Born to Wilma Patterson's grandson Dimetrius and his wife Ashely, on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, an 8 lb. 3 oz son whose name is Elijah.

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**Food For The Soul**

by Glen Elliot Greenbrier church of Christ Greenbrier, AR

Many find the teachings of God's word distasteful. Unwilling to bring their lives into conformity with the will of God, they reject His word and follow after their own desires. The apostle Paul warned of such in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 where he writes: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths." Could these words accurately describe modern society?

Jesus said, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Mt. 4:4). We must live by God's word or we will die unprepared to face judgment (Jn. 12:48). Negus Menelik, ruler of Ethiopia from 1844 to 1913, misunderstood the meaning these words of Jesus. Taking it literally, Menelik ate two pages a day, believing it gave him special powers. But, when he got to the books of 1 and 2 Kings and a section of colored illustrations, the poison in the ink killed him.

Jesus spoke of spiritual rather than physical matters when he referred to living by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Christians should resemble "newborn babes" and "long for the pure milk of the word" (1 Pet. 2:2). In this sense, the word does have special powers in that it provides the "wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ" (2 Tim. 3:15). But this word must be taken into the heart rather than the stomach. Only then, will it produce faith and lead to salvation.

God's word can only produce its desired result when we accept it by faith and put it into practice in our daily lives. Paul exhorts us to let Christ's word dwell richly within our hearts (Col. 3:16). Isn't it about time that we appreciate God's word for what it really is—food for the soul?