

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING US

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8
God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4
Christ's Blood Shed - Romans 5:9-11
The Gospel - Romans 1:16

Our Response of Faith:

Believe - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16
Repentance - Luke 13:3
Confession - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for remission of sins -
Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:21
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -
Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

You Can Serve God Here

Thomas Read and Martha White were newly-weds. Their young marriage was quickly put to the test when, on July 11, 1861, Thomas enlisted in the Confederate Army. Their letters are filled with talk of war and family and faith. Martha, or Mattie as friends and family knew her, was obviously concerned about the dangers her husband faced each day. She was just as anxious that he not lose sight of their shared faith in God.

One letter in particular stands out. Mattie, writing on a peaceful Sunday evening (August 31, 1862), describes the serenity of the farm and of her longing to be reunited. She is confident that, unless he is surrounded by the confusion of battle, his thoughts would be of her. She encouraged him to do whatever he can to find time amid the turmoil of camp life to focus his attention on God. "I do not think." She writes Thomas, "that God ever placed a man in circumstances in which he could say with truth "I cannot serve God here." I believe that the Christian intent on the service of God can serve him anywhere" (<http://www.rarebooks.nd.edu/>).

Thomas Read survived being wounded on the very first day that Generals Grant and Lee faced each other on the battlefield (May 5, 1864). He survived being taken a prisoner at Winchester, VA that September. He survived life in the Union prison at Point Lookout, MD. The fact is, he and Mattie survived the Civil War. Through the travails of their life they teach us that the trials of life are only fleeting and that, if we really try, we can serve God in ANY circumstance.

The Apostle Paul reminds us of this truth. "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11). No matter where life takes you, never forget that you can serve God here.
- David Bragg



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We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that - if you are *seeking Christ* you will find Him here, if *sorrowing* you will receive comfort and strength here, if *troubled in spirit* you will gain the blessing of peace here, if *discouraged* you will rejoice in encouragement and hope here, if *friendless* you will find companionship and Christian love here. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

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In Everything Give Thanks

by Patrick Hogan

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The above reference is just one of many in Scripture that encourage Christians to have a positive outlook. As a matter of fact, the second admonition, "pray without ceasing," is one good reason to rejoice and to be thankful. Regardless of what happens we have the avenue of prayer by which we may communicate with the Father!

The third instruction, "in everything give thanks," may sometimes be more difficult to follow. There are some situations in which we find it difficult to be thankful. Perhaps an observation by commentator Matthew Henry can encourage us to be more thoughtful, and therefore more thankful, in those types of situations. When Henry discovered that he had been robbed, he entered the following in his daily journal:

I thank Thee first because I was never robbed before; second, because although they took my purse they did not take my life; third, although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed and not I who robbed.

While we hear much about thanksgiving during the last weeks of each year, may we cultivate a constant attitude of thankfulness. As Christians we have much for which to give thanks.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell has discontinued the IV chemo; Lori Brewer had a shoulder replacement last week that went well; Lois Edwards recovering at home from injuries sustained from a fall; Becky Hatcher was not able to have an injection in her back last week. She has a new appointment for Nov. 30; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Agnes Seaton; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Jackie Coop; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Geneane McQuire is taking care of her son Bobby at her home after a heart transplant; Steve Higginbotham sent to Houston last week for his 4th treatment. They hope to get them transferred to Knoxville; Wayne Davis undergoing treatments; Frances Davidson recently tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, she is now home; prayers for everyone affected in so many ways due to the virus which has now moved Hart County into the Red Zone; our nation and leaders Friends in our community - Seaborn Elzey; Greg Gore, Lawrence Johnson; Dorothy Woodson neighbor of Rex & Doris; sympathy to the family of Marion D. Esters

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass
House To House/Heart To Heart mailing

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in our Fall Quarter on the theme: "Genesis" - Part 1 Our lesson this morning lesson 12 "Abraham Promised A Son" Gen. 18:1-15 Wayne continues to serve as teacher.

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAM

Tune in to WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to hear our radio broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150

AM or from their webpage: wlocoline.com
8:30-8:45 a.m. **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee
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PREACHING THIS MORNING

Mike Thompson is scheduled to preach this Sunday at the 11:00 worship hour. Again, you are invited to be with us.

THANK YOU CARDS

To my much loved brothers and sisters in Christ: Thank you so, so much for all the beautiful cards, for your prayers and good wishes. I hope we can all be together again soon, but I'm still quite limited in what I can do although I guess I'm improving at a favorable rate, thank the good Lord. Please continue prayers!! Love to all, Lois Edwards

We want to thank all of you for the kindness and love you showed to our mother, Jenny Thompson, over the past two years. She really appreciated all the visits, cards, treats and many acts of kindness you showed to her. She loved her church family and missed not being able to attend over the past few years. Thanks for you expression of love and kindness during her passing. - Mike, Gayla and Connie

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which brother pleaded Benjamin's case before Joseph in Egypt?

The answer to our question last week: Enosh (Gen. 4:26)

THANK YOU GOD, for the blessings before us, the family and friends around us, and, most of all, the love between us.

Two Very Different Holidays

by Alan Smith

I heard about a teacher who asked the children in her class about the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. She thought it might be effective to inch toward its meaning by having them playfully correct some wrong ideas.

"Now let me think," she began. "Thanksgiving. That's the day when we think about all the stuff we have. And how we want more things than anybody else has. And how we don't care about anybody but ourselves. And . . ."

"No!" the preschool kids were starting to chorus! "No-o-o!"

Then one little guy in the middle of the pack looked up and chirped, "That's not Thanksgiving, Miss Michelle. That's Christmas!"

As we begin the transition in this country from Thanksgiving to Christmas, there does indeed seem to be a world of difference in the way these two holidays are viewed. Thanksgiving is one of the few holidays left which has not been ruined by commercialism. It is still a relatively "pure" time of giving thanks to God for our bountiful blessings. Christmas, on the other hand.....

What should be a time when we are able to take great joy in giving to others (for "it is more blessed to give than to receive", Acts 20:35) and a time to remember the great gift that God has given us through Jesus Christ, has (for many) turned instead to a stressful, hectic time when we are focused on ourselves and our wants.

Allow me to make a suggestion based on an ancient Jewish practice. The Jews had a day set aside, like our day of Thanksgiving,

to remember how God had blessed them as a nation and taken care of them in their darkest hour. Purim was a day of "gladness and feasting...and for sending presents to one another." (Esther 9:19).

However, there was one major difference in their practice and ours (though there shouldn't be). Their thanksgiving resulted in gift giving, but not just to friends and family. They had a practice of "sending presents to one another and gifts to the poor." (Esther 9:22).

This holiday season (indeed in our daily life) let's seize every opportunity to give thanks to God for how He has blessed us. We need to remember that with blessings come responsibilities - - and we have a responsibility to use our blessings to God's glory. In the weeks ahead, may you truly know the joy of using your blessings not merely to make your family happy, but to share with others around you who are in need.

Blessed Unity

There is too much division in the religious world. God wants all to unite under the banner of the cross and with the gospel of His Son. Paul wrote that we should endeavor "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). By doing so, we can be

- **Children in one family**
 - One Father (John 20:17).
- **Disciples in one school**
 - One Teacher (John 13:13–35).
- **Sheep in one flock**
 - One Shepherd (John 10:16).
- **Members of one body**
 - One Head (Ephesians 4:15).
- **Stones in one building**
 - One Foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 2:5) - HouseToHouse/HH Vol 20 #3