

Church of Christ

Florence

November 18, 2018

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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.

GIVE THANKS!

by Daniel L. Holloway

These days, we hear much about our country's economic woes. And we do not have to look far to find that society is beset with plenty of other problems. Of course, each individual has his own personal difficulties as well. To make sure that we feel sufficiently miserable, we are often given to counting our many troubles. If this is our attitude, there is a lesson which we are in need of from God's word.

From Ephesians 5:20, we learn that we are to give "thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father." However, I fear that, too often, we take our blessings for granted. We may even feel that we have earned them, that they are ours solely because of our own efforts. We must guard against such an attitude. The truth is that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights" (James 1:17). Although we may labor to get something, it is still from God in that He makes it possible to obtain it. As Paul and Barnabas told the people of Lystra, "...he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17). Paul said of the church in Corinth, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (I Corinthians 3:6).

Not only does God provide us with material blessings, but our very existence is dependent upon Him. Paul declared to the Athenians, "...in him we live, and move, and have our being..." (Acts 17:28). Rather than feeling that God has cheated us if we do not receive something that we want, we should be thankful for what we have. "Come now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall both live, and do this or that" (James 4:13-15).

Also, we ought to be thankful for the spiritual blessings which God offers. From Ephesians 1:3, we learn that God blesses with all spiritual blessings in Christ. We do not earn these blessings either. Paul explains, "...for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory" (Ephesians 2:8,9).

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The Church you read about in the Bible

However, there is a significant difference between the way in which God bestows material blessings and the way in which He bestows spiritual blessings. We may receive material blessings whether we want them or not and without meeting any conditions for them. As Christ said, "...He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). But spiritual blessings are not poured out on us whether we want them or not. They must be accepted. After preaching to the Jews of Antioch in Pisidia, Paul and Barnabas told them that they were putting the word of God from them and judging themselves unworthy of everlasting life (Acts 13:46). This shows that we can reject the spiritual blessings that are in Christ. On the other hand, Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23). We should be thankful that He has given us the terms which must be followed to receive His spiritual blessings: we must believe on Him (John 8:24), repent of our sins (Luke 13:3,5), confess our faith (Matthew 10:32), and be baptized (Mark 16:16).

As Paul wrote, we ought to be "rooted and builded up" in Christ, "established" in the faith, "abounding in thanksgiving" (Colossians 2:7). But how can we be thankful for the spiritual blessings if we have not accepted them? The spiritual things are much more important than the material things which we prize so highly. That which is material shall pass away with time, but that which is spiritual will never fail (Matthew 6:19,20; II Corinthians 4:16-18; Matthew 16:26). We ought to be thankful for our material blessings because they truly are blessings. We ought to be thankful for our lives. And we ought to obey our God that we might receive the spiritual blessings, and be thankful!

Thank You

I am taking this opportunity to thank all those who have helped me as I recuperated from my accident and the many surgeries that followed. I firmly believe I would not be able to do this if I had not had everyone's prayers, encouragement and support.

I would like to say a special thanks to Cori Bennett for doing the bulletin, Naiome House for taking care of the overhead announcements, and Cassi Lemay for teaching the 2 and 3 year old's bible class. I am so thankful they were willing to take on the extra work when the need arose.

I am extremely grateful for everyone's continued prayers and encouragement. Thank You!

In Christian Love
Nita Mayfield

Thanksgiving Meals

We will be putting the meals together today.
If you would like to help with this please see Teddi Budy for more information.

Christmas List

The Christmas list for our families in need is located in the hall. Please sign your name by the child's name on the list. Please bring all gifts to the building December 16th UNWRAPPED. We will have a gift wrapping party on December 17th. Thank you for all you do!

(The gifts listed on the tags are just suggestions and you don't have to get everything on the list)



Teen Christmas Party!

December 1st
Meet at church at 7:00
Heading to Game Works in Newport
Please see Wyatt Robbins for more information

Kids Christmas Party!

When December 9th
Starts @ 3:00
Fun, food, games, crafts, and a gift exchange
Those wishing to participate in the gift exchange are asked to bring a gift gender specific between \$8.00-\$10.00.

Adult Christmas Party!

December 15th
Starts at 6:00
Please bring a finger food to share
If you would like to play the gift exchange game bring a gender specific gift around \$15.00 dollars.

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:

- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Diapers
- Wipes

We would also like to collect diapers and wipes to give away at the clothing day next year.

We emptied the pantry at the clothing give away so we are starting over .

Benevolence

We are helping several families each month. Please check the list in the hall for items that still may be needed.

Please see Kenny Strasser, Teddi Budy, or Lela Wilburn for more information.

Thank you for everything you do!
Matthew 20:28

B+

Please share with everyone you know—Caleb Robbins is in need of a kidney and is now receiving dialysis three times a week. He has B+ blood type. For more information please contact Marty Hudson 513-636-6794

Please keep Caleb and his family in your prayers

Ladies Bible Class

All ladies are invited
Studying in the book of Exodus
Tuesday Evenings at 7:00

Lads Memory Verses

John 3:16	2 Timothy 3:16-17
Mark 12:29-31	Acts 16:31
Ephesians 2:8-9	James 2:19
Romans 3:10	James 2:26
Romans 3:23	Matthew 10:32-33
Romans 6:23	1 John 1:9
Hebrews 11:6	Romans 10:9-10
Romans 10:17	

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

Daniel Wagner Diana Green's brother is home recuperating from heart and kidney issues.

Roy and June Pugh are having some health issues

Jerry Gorman continued recovery from a stroke.

Nancy Delauder eye issues

Jay Noble, Jerry Gorman's friend, is having surgery on his leg to transplant arteries

Tom Smith former Summit Church of Christ preacher is in rehab

Ongoing prayer requests

Issac	Caleb Robbins	Doug and Ella
Joe Carr	James Palmore	Carmack
Shirley Zerkle	Rosemary Warmack	

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 Encounter

Those with cancer and their families

Lula Creech	Debbie Hellman	Nancy Lambert
Randy Williams	Desirae Wilson	Janice Gallagher
Jeanette Misner	Dwight Lowerg	Kay Shinck
Kristen Shaw	Layla Adkins	Jim McCarthy
Donna Farrar	Ayden Egan	Donnice Palmer
Lorraine Starr	Peggy Davis	Brooks Dobson
Tammy Palmer	Gwen Miller	Kaily Jones
December Vosquez	Chad Fischer	Mrs. Zeph
Mike Lowe	James Blair	Galen Stanley

Our shut-ins and those caring for them

Joyce Tingle	Della LeMasters
Eveline Lanham	Dessie Hacker
Bob Hamon	

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

Serving in AM Worship

Announcements Bill Morgan
 Opening Prayer Robert Budy
 Song Leader Randy Johnson

Communion Clint Green
 Serve Wyatt Robbins
 Serve Tom Grindstaff
 Serve Dave Moster
 Serve Dan Brown
 Serve Bobby Lemay
 Serve Mark Walker

Scripture Reading Dave Moster
Psalm 107:21-22

Sermon Bruce House
Give Thanks to the Lord

Closing Prayer Kyle Strasser

November 25
 Bill Morgan
 Bill Morgan
 Robert Budy

Randy Johnson
 Wyatt Robbins
 Tom Grindstaff
 Dave Moster
 Dan Brown
 Bobby Lemay
 Mark Walker

Clint Green

Bruce House

Mark Walker

Serving in PM Worship

Announcements Bill Morgan
 Opening Prayer Mark Walker
 Song Leader Randy Johnson

Communion Clint Green
 Invitation Bruce House
 Closing Prayer Robert Budy

Bill Morgan
 Bill Morgan
 Singing Night
 Randy Johnson
 Bruce House
 Bobby Lemay

Wednesday November 21

Song Leader Jesse Black
 Invitation Bruce House
 Announcements Robert Budy
 Closing Prayer Dan Brown

November 28

Robert Budy
 Bruce House
 Robert Budy
 Kyle Strasser

Communion Prep

November The Black's
 December The Brown's

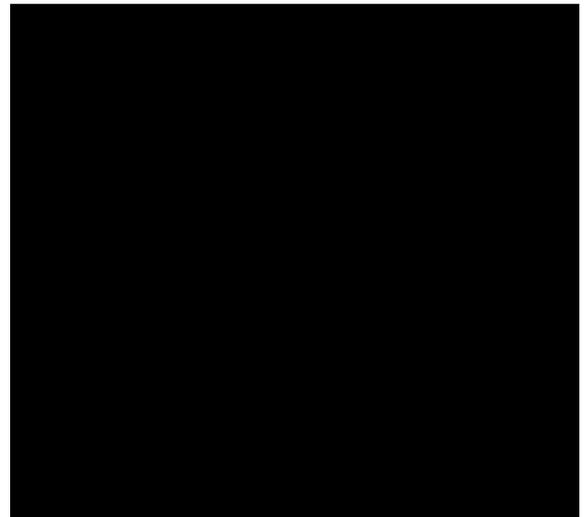
Greeters

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



Mark Your Calendar

November 18 Lads Day
 November 18 Thanksgiving food due
 December 1 Teen Christmas Party
 December 9 Kids Christmas Party
 December 15 Adult Christmas Party



Deacons

Jesse Black *Children's Education/ Fellowships Building Maintenance*

Wyatt Robbins *Youth and as needed*

Coordinators

Jerry Gorman *Prime Timers*

Dave Moster *Worship Service/ Duty Roster*

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