

Morning Worship

November 20, 2016

Worship Leader — Tim Waters Piano — Marcia Hart

As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.

(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)

Hymn # 637 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Tim/People

Worship Prayer Allan Lane

Welcome and Fellowship Allan/People

Chorus # 256 *Father, I Adore You* Tim/People

Offering Prayer John Lewis

Offering Music Marcia Hart

Hymn # 644 *Count Your Blessings* Tim/People

Hymn # 643 *For the Fruit of All Creation* Tim/People

Chorus # 212 *I Love You, Lord* Tim/People

Children's Worship (Children are dismissed)

Scripture Reading Allan/People

Message "Thanksgiving from the Heart" Allan Lane

Hymn # 312 *Softly and Tenderly* Tim/People

Chorus # 457 *Lord, Be Glorified* Tim/People

Thanksgiving from the Heart

Romans 1:18-25

Many people in our world see the good stuff in their lives but they neglect giving thanks to the One Who gave them all that good stuff. They are grateful people but not to God. They recognize that they are blessed but don't recognize where the blessings come from.

James 1:16-17 says "if it's good, it's from God." We all have a lot of good stuff in our lives, such as, our mate, family, friends, material provision, the church, God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, the many promises in the Word and the ultimate promise of eternal life. God deserves our thanks more than we actual stop to thank Him. Considering the words "Thanks be to God," let's see what Paul said we were to be thankful for.

1. Thanks for victory over sin .

The world wants to know what the big deal about sin is. They debate why people of faith see it as so bad for our lives.

a. It is pleasurable .

One time a prominent novelist who was a skeptic of Christianity visited a revival meeting some out of curiosity, but mostly because he was writing a book and was researching to make sure he got his religious facts correct. When the invitation time came a member of the revival team approached the novelist and asked, "Are you saved?" He said, "No." Then he was asked, "Don't you want God to forgive you of your sins?" He replied, "No. I happen to love my sins."

Many people don't come to Christ for salvation because they like what they are doing. They love their sins. We might ask how this could be. Well, to some people, certain sins are very likeable or enjoyable. Hebrews 11:24-25 tells us about Moses and how he chose to be associated with his people rather than enjoy the pleasures of Pharaoh's lifestyle for a season.

Think about the pleasures of sin. Um, just for a moment, okay? Some sins are more pleasurable than others, of course. John Gertsch, former member here, used to tell a lot of stories about his family. When telling about the night his father died, he always began the story with, "Now, Dad really liked his beer." Do you know that some people find beer quite pleasurable? That's why so much of it is sold. (Personally, from the smell of it, it has always been something to me that one would be forced to acquire a taste for before one could actually enjoy it.) In fact, many people find drinking all kinds of alcoholic beverages to be quite pleasurable and consequently, when they think they will have to give up their drinking to become a Christian, they don't want to do it. And if they think they need to give up drinking alcoholic beverages in order to become a Christian then many will choose their habit over Christ.

b. It is divisive .

The same idea goes for many other sins: sexual sins of all sorts, gluttony, even hatred and anger. Some people find pleasure in hating others. Some like to steal other people's money, etc. Don't you know that Bernie Madoff enjoyed making off with people's money? He certainly enjoyed spending it. I read that he had a \$7 million yacht, \$2.6 million in jewelry, \$7 million Manhattan apartment, \$11 million Palm Beach home and furniture and household goods valued at \$9.9 million.

c. It leads to death .

Even though many people like their sins here is what is so bad about it. Romans 6:23 reminds us, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Sin is what separates man from God and sin is what leads to death. And that's not just physical death, but rather spiritual death.

Revelation 21:8 "But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death." Sin leads to the second death, which is separation from God and a lake of fire. I don't know about you, but this doesn't sound good to me. People can try to explain it away all they want, but the Scripture still speaks and still stands. While this doesn't sound very thrilling, you and I don't make the rules, God does. We're in sales, not management. If God says there is a second death, a lake of fire then all we can do is take Him at His Word. Sin is what leads people to that place. But it doesn't have to be this way.

Thanks be to God for setting us free from the slavery of sin (Romans 6:16-18). Thanks be to God who sets us free from the power of sin through Christ (Romans 7:24-25). When we believe in Jesus and give our lives to Him, obey Him, we have victory over sin. We may struggle daily but ultimately, the victory is ours because of what Christ did for us on the cross (I Peter 2:24). Thank you, Lord.

2. Thanks for victory over death .

a. The devil denies it.

Of course, we won't see this victory until we leave this world. In death we merely move from one world to the next. He gives us victory over death (1 Corinthians 15:55-57). Do you believe it? It appears there are some preachers who are deceived by the devil and don't believe it.

One night (November 9, 2010) ABC News with Diane Sawyer interviewed some so-called conservative ministers who don't believe. These two active ministers said they no longer believe in God but no one knows. The two, who asked that their real identities be protected, are pastors who have lost their faith. And these two men, who have built their careers and lives around faith, say they now feel trapped, living a lie. One, a Southern Baptist, said the more he read the Bible, the more questions he had. The more things didn't make sense to him. 10 years ago, he started to feel his faith slipping away. Reading the Bible is what led me not to believe in God.

Let me say that he must not have been reading it with an open mind toward God. Romans 10:17 tells us the Bible produces faith in us. It doesn't take it away. And, just for the record, and you can quote me on this: The more I read scripture, the more I believe it is true. The more I read it, the more I believe in God and His Son, Jesus Christ and the hope of eternal life.

The other man said his initial doubts about God came as he read the work of the so-called New Atheists - popular authors like the prominent scientist Richard Dawkins. He said his research was intended to help him defend his faith. (Dawkins is an outspoken atheist and a prominent critic of religion. He has been described as a vocal, militant rationalist, and as "the United Kingdom's Chief Atheist.") I'm not a genius, but it seems to me I know his problem. He was reading what atheists were saying and he got duped by the devil (I Timothy 4:1-2).

b. Many reject it.

Whether we want to admit it or not, some people will leave the faith of Christ and follow the lies of Satan and his lies are everywhere in our world today: TV, news,

books, newspapers, Internet, and even in some pulpits across our land. Some people will be duped and some people will leave the faith of Christ.

c. The Bible confirms it.

Brothers and sisters, I want you to know that I believe in God, Christ, the Bible, and the promise of eternal life. I believe that in Christ we have victory over death (John 3:16, 36, Romans 6:23). Thanks be to God for His promise of eternal life beyond the grave.

3. Thanks for victory over life .

Do you know what victory over life means? Victory over life's problems, difficulties, etc. (Job 14:1).

a. Everyone has problems .

How would you like to be on one of those cruise ships that becomes disabled? In November, 2010, for three days, the giant cruise ship Carnival Splendor — with a small city of nearly 4,500 passengers and crew members aboard — was without power 55 miles off the coast of Punta San Jacinto, disabled by an engine fire that made the ship the focus of worldwide attention.

As tugboats sent to rescue the Long Beach, CA-based vessel pulled it closer to shore and within cellphone range Wednesday, some of the 3,299 passengers aboard began calling family, friends and news outlets with firsthand accounts of increasingly miserable — and smelly — days without basic services such as hot food, air conditioning and, for a time, working toilets.

Instead of dining on lavish seafood buffets, passengers were fed Spam, canned crabmeat and Pop-Tarts, which were being ferried to them by U.S. Navy Seahawk helicopters from the USS Ronald Reagan. Passengers on lower decks had to climb as many as nine flights of stairs to get to the cafeteria only to meet long lines that stretched on for hours. By the time those at the end got to the food, they were left with tomatoes and lettuce.

One passenger, who ate at night by flashlight, said "This was my first cruise and it was no luxury, no fun." It's like many of us have said, "There is always someone worse off than you." How would you have liked to have been there? Of course, it could have been worse and there are far worse things in life. Life is tough and very tough at times. But we have something going for us that gives us the victory even under undesirable circumstances.

b. The example of Job .

Look at what the Lord did for good old Job. He lost everything: His wealth, his health, his respect, and even all 10 of his children (Job 1:20-22). It would be hard not to charge God with wrongdoing if we had lost everything like Job, nevertheless, he did not do this. Instead, he blessed God, and he praised Him.

c. Express triumphal procession .

In II Corinthians 2:14-15 the Apostle Paul says to give thanks to God, who always leads us in what is translated by some versions as **triumphal procession** in Christ. What does that mean? God leads us in triumph. Paul is talking about spreading the Gospel message. When we spread the message about Christ, God will always lead us in triumph and people will come to know Christ. We can believe that God will always

lead us in triumph procession everywhere and in everything we do when we seek to please and honor Him. This means in good times and bad times.

At the end of Job's life (Job 42:10) we read what happened in the end for him. The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. Wouldn't you say this sounds very much like God led Job in triumphal procession? And He can do the same for us when we seek Him with our whole being and seek to honor Him in life. Thanks be to God for giving us victory over life's problems.

Conclusion

2 Corinthians 9:15 tells us "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift." What gift? It's Jesus, of course. We have so very much for which to give thanks to God. We must never, ever, ever stop praising Him and giving thanks to Him.

Only Jesus Makes It Possible!

Being Thankful

A Sunday School teacher asked her class what they were most thankful for. One little boy said, "My glasses." When asked why, he said, "Because they keep the boys from fighting me and the girls from kissing me." This season of thanksgiving we need to be thankful to God for all He has given to us and all He has done for us. Whether the blessings are large or small, significant and seemingly insignificant, we need to be thankful.

When you think of Thanksgiving, what's the first thing that comes to mind? Watching football? Shopping? Family? Turkey? Not only do turkeys meet their fate by the axe, but they have been known to have heart attacks. When the Air Force first began conducting test runs and breaking the sound barrier, within the test range there were fields of dead turkeys. It was later discovered that the boom simply stopped their hearts. Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining. It would seem that turkeys have eyes in the back of their heads since their range of vision is about 270 degrees. Add that to their keen sense of hearing, one can see why they continue to elude some hunters. A scared turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour. They can also burst into flight approaching speeds between 50-55 mph in a matter of seconds.

Benjamin Franklin wanted to designate the turkey as our National Bird instead of the eagle. Imagine going to war with the symbols of turkeys on our weapons. If that were the case, what would we now be eating for Thanksgiving? Each year an estimated 45 million turkeys will die for our pleasure.

But Thanksgiving is much more than any of this. True thanksgiving is not just a day for food, football, and family. It's not just a holiday every fourth Thursday in November. For God's people, everyday ought to be Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day is a distinctive holiday. It doesn't commemorate a battle or anyone's birthday. It's a day set aside to express our thanks to God. In 1789, George Washington made a public proclamation saying that, "it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." He recommended and assigned Thursday, the 26th day of November 1789 to be a day of Thanksgiving. Most know the story of the pilgrims and how they and the Indians of the area had a Thanksgiving feast in 1621 long before Washington's proclamation. Even earlier than 1621 there were people offering up thanks to God. In the Old Testament we find Psalm 100, a Song of Thanksgiving. It is an invitation to join together to acknowledge the great things that God has done. Not only does Psalm 100 call us to praise the Lord with thankfulness – but it also describes to us the nature of thanksgiving. Take a moment to read Psalm 100 together with your family or whoever you enjoy a Thanksgiving feast with this week. It puts things in proper perspective.

Has God Blessed You? Thank Him!

God Bless You!
Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Gary Yarbrough,
Joseph Coats, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Larry McKahan

Business Meeting and Dinner at Noon

No Evening Worship.... 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 23

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm

Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 24

W Team.....6:30 pm

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel,
Ken Kirkpatrick, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Worship..... 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 30

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer/Bible Study 6:30 pm

Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 1

G Team.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

November 14-21 — Operation Christmas Child Collection Week

November 20 — Thanksgiving Dinner and Business Meeting at Noon

November 24 — Happy Thanksgiving! (Office will be closed Thurs. and Fri.)

December 4 — The Ascension Quartet, 10:30 am

— International Mission Study, following lunch at noon

— Frederick and Friends Christmas 6:00 pm

December 5 — Food Kitchen

December 11—Christmas Tea with the Lanes, 2-4 pm

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

Sunday Nights

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We will not meet tonight due to Business Meeting and Dinner.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

We will meet Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We are looking at the season of Advent in preparing our hearts for the coming of Christmas with Max Lucado's *God Came Near—Insights on the season of Advent*. Hope to see you there!

THANKSGIVING DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING

Today, November 20,

Immediately following the Morning Worship Service.

Frederick and Friends Christmas

Sunday, December 4, 2016

6:00 pm

**Frederick Boulevard
Baptist Church**

The Ascension Quartet

There is something special about Gospel music. It goes far beyond mere

entertainment. In September while we were ministering at Diversicare we were blessed to hear *The Ascension Quartet*. They have been taking the message of Jesus Christ in song all over the mid west for over 40 years. Based in Strafford Missouri, the group travels thousands of miles each year bringing a message of love and joy through song. They have been invited to bless us here at Calvary Baptist Church December 4th during Morning Worship at 10:30 am. Invite a Friend!

Christmas Love Gift for Matt and Karissa Long

Matt and Karissa Long are leaving January 18, 2017 for Papua, New Guinea. Our church family has decided to give them a Christmas love offering. Please pray about how the Lord would have you give.

For the Record-

Attendance: November 13, 2016

Sunday School.....	49
Visitors.....	6
Total.....	55
Contacts Made.....	6
Morning Worship.....	51
Children's Worship.....	19
Sunday Night	36
Wednesday Night	14

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget \$ 2,040.52
Offering Received ... \$ 2,016.00

Offering Received by Mail:

November Counting Team:

John Lewis and Bill Schottel

November Van Driver:

George Burgess
Remember to call 232-3747
before 8 am if you need a ride.

November Birthdays:

07...Alva Lou Schottel
13...Shirley Wilson
14...Ann Riddle
16...Nancy McCamy
22...Linda Dotson
23...Floetta Conard

27...Linda Kerns

November Anniversaries

Bill and Donna Dunn

November 3, 1995

Jack and Flo Conard

November 4, 1956

John and Dottie Wildberger

November 23, 1962

Jim and Brigida Winans

November 28, 1975

Prayer Requests ...

George Ferbert and Family—strength

Nellie Reynolds—strength

Troy Griswold—cancer

David Beavers—recovery

Larry Danner—cancer treatment

Cynthia Burdick—cancer treatment

Jim Winans—Laverna Village

Karissa and Matt Long

Betty Campbell—healing

Pat Puckett—eyes, healing

Marcia and Don Hart—future plans

Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter

LoLeta Middleton—strength

Buddy Means—Mary Sharp's nephew

Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—

Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law

Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris

Richardson's sisters

Madeline Swink

Audrey Dugan Bob Barquist

Kathryn Beavers Ann Riddle

Louanne Laurence Keon McKahan

Jozy Winans Leona Reynolds

Kevin Duty Kenny Duty

Sue Higgins Bobby Griswold

Bill Haskins Debbie Sands

Brenda Burgess Judy Anderson

Carolyn Houts Roscoe Lane

Missionaries Don and Diane Combs

Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church

David and Deborah Grace

Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People

Our Nation and Leaders

Our Military Service people

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
