

Morning Worship

February 11, 2018

Pastor — Allan Lane	Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel
Worship Leader — Don Beavers	Piano —
As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.	
(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)	
Welcome and Fellowship	Don/People
Hymn # 4 <i>To God Be the Glory</i>	Don/People
Worship Prayer	Bro. Al Shirley
Hymn # 140 <i>Down At the Cross</i>	Don/People
Hymn # 146 <i>O How He Loves You and Me</i>	Don/People
Offering Prayer	Bill Schottel
Tithes and Offerings	People
Offering Music	Alva Lou Schottel
Special Music	
Children's Worship	(Children are dismissed)
Scripture Reading	Bro. Al Shirley/People
Message	Bro. Al Shirley
Hymn # 134 <i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	Don/People
Prayer Concerns	Don/People
Hymn #205 <i>Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know</i>	Don/People

Honoring Our Veterans

Veterans Day is a day to celebrate and thank U.S. military veterans for their service to our country. While civilians may want to show their gratitude and appreciation for these brave men and women, many aren't sure how or what's appropriate.

In an article from the Chicago Tribune (November 10, 2015, written by Rianne Coale and was entitled *How to Thank a Veteran 101*), six Chicago veterans, representing three of the five armed service branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, weighed in on what they do and don't appreciate when it comes to being thanked for their service. Here's part of that article.

Paying for meals or drinks

When it comes to food and drinks, is it OK to pay for a veteran's meal or buy them a cup of coffee? Is there a more appropriate time to do it, and should you do it anonymously? From the veterans I talked to, many appreciate the kind gesture but don't feel it's expected.

"It feels weird if someone comes up and asks to buy my meal or coffee. There was no draft. I chose to serve, so I don't feel someone should buy me lunch because I made that decision," said Eric Potter, a 32-year-old Army veteran now in the reserves. "If they did it anonymously, then yes, I'd accept it, but if they ask me ahead of time, I would probably decline their offer even though it's greatly appreciated."

"When you're getting freebie stuff like that, it makes a lot of veterans uncomfortable," said 29-year-old Coast Guard veteran Janine Siegal. "There was no draft; it was a choice we all made, so you don't need to pay for my stuff."

"I think every veteran reacts differently. While some like to have dinner or coffee paid for,

others—myself included—felt honored just to serve," 33-year-old Army veteran Mariceli Serrano said in an email. "While I won't push away the paid for coffee, (because that would be rude) I don't feel that anyone owes me anything."

"If someone wants to pay for your drink or meal and are doing it out of genuine gratitude, I don't see a problem with it," said Dusty Schmit, a 36-year-old Army veteran. "The best time to do it would probably be after the person orders their food or drink."

Saying 'Thank you for your service'

If you see a veteran, is it OK to simply say to them, "Thank you for your service?" While some feel that the phrase has become somewhat of an empty gesture, many think it's a more-than-appropriate way to show your gratitude.

"The feeling I get is that some people are very thankful and try too hard to express this," Vega said. "Most should stop at, 'Thank you for your service.' This small gesture sincerely means a lot and is very nonintrusive in regard to the subject of war, which is reserved for those who have shared the same experiences."

"A pet peeve of mine is people thanking veterans for their service on Memorial Day," Schmit said. "Veterans Day is for thanking living veterans for their service, and Memorial Day is for honoring the soldiers who've died in service to our country."

"The folks in the service are special," Steiner said. "Recognize them. Say hello. Say thank you. They appreciate it. If you go up to them and say, 'Thank you for your service,' you're going to put a smile on their face."

"A 'Thank you' is nice if it is genuine. Though many people say it without thinking about what they are thanking a service member for," Serrano said.

"I would prefer, if you were interested, to be asked questions about my service rather than hear you say, 'Thank you for your service,'" Siegal said.

Saluting veterans

Saluting is often misrepresented in movies, making civilians think that saluting a veteran is an appropriate gesture, our veteran sources told us. Well, it's not.

"The issue with saluting veterans is if you're a civilian, you really shouldn't be doing it," Siegal said.

"In the military, saluting is a part of ceremony and it's very prescriptive. If you're not in uniform, you can't salute," Potter said. "The sentiment is important, but sometimes it just feels awkward to have someone do it to you."

"It's part of our military drill and ceremony and unless it's a child doing the saluting (cute), many of us cringe deep down inside when we see awkward improper salutes, especially in Hollywood movies," Serrano said.

"If someone in their 30s who has never served saluted me, I wouldn't be mad or get angry, but I'm not going to salute them back," Schmit said.

Questions/gestures that are inappropriate

While it's good to show a level of curiosity about a veteran's service by asking questions like "Why did you join the military?" there are many questions and gestures that are inappropriate and can leave a veteran feeling uncomfortable and upset.

"The inevitable questions are, have you ever killed anyone? How many people have you killed? Those questions are wildly inappropriate," Schmit said. "Also when civilians say, 'I would have joined the military, BUT...' is really irritating and insulting to the people who did join."

"I had told the guy I was on a date with that I was in the military for a little while. Before anything happened, he said, 'So could you kill me?' How do you find it OK to ask that question?" Siegal said. "I think there is a stark contrast between how female and male veterans are treated by the general public."

"People come up and want to have extended conversations with you while you're talking to someone else or eating with a spouse," Potter said. "It's appreciated, but very awkward."

'Thank you' alternatives

If you don't feel that a simple "Thank you for your service" is enough, there are many other ways you can show your appreciation for veterans.

"I think the act of reaching out, getting to know some vets and welcoming them back into

the community is a lot more meaningful than buying a vet a cup of coffee," Potter said. "There are a lot of Millennials who went off to war at 18 and now they have very little in common with their peers. Playing a game of kickball, volunteering, and creating a real relationship with a vet is a more effective way to say thanks, in my opinion."

"I would say civilians approaching veterans with respectful curiosity goes a long way with a lot of people. If you're interested in hearing about my time in the military, I appreciate those questions a lot," Siegal said. "I also would like places of employment to consider making Veterans Day a mandatory day off, so we can all go home and be with the people who served."

"There are outward expressions that don't cost you time or money, but if you want to get more involved, a lot of veteran organizations accept donations, money, time or even stuff from around the house," Steiner said.

"Visit one of the many activities being hosted by veterans this month. Listen to our stories IF we want to tell them. Show us respect by not asking intruding questions, such as 'Have you ever killed anyone?' Treat us like we're human because, after all, we are," Serrano said.

"I think the best way to improve communication between veterans and civilians is to get involved with veteran organizations or work alongside them," Vega said. "Veterans get greedy for the feeling of (thanklessly) sacrificing for a greater cause. It's addicting. I think civilians can also become addicted to this same feeling as it is very contagious."

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan ☺

Opportunities For Service

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

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel,

Ken Kirkpatrick,? ? ? ?

Alternate: Ken Nice

No Evening Service Tonight

Wednesday, November 14

Prayer Warriors10:00 am

Prayer / Bible Study ...6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 15

Food Pantry Day

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed
Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Gary Yarbrough,
John Lewis, Joseph Coats
Alternate: Ken Nice
No Evening Service Tonight

Wednesday, November 21

Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm
Worship Team 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 22

THANKSGIVING—OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 23
Office Closed

Up-Coming Events

November 11 — Veterans Day

— Shoebox Collection

November 14 — Prayer Warriors

November 18 — Business Meeting and Dinner at Noon

November 22 — Thanksgiving

November 25 — Diversicare 2:30 pm

November 26 — Workers Meeting 6:30 pm

GROW Team

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

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Sunday Night

We **will not** have Sunday night service tonight. Plan to join us next time we meet.
Don't miss it!

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

Prayer is such a vital part of everything a church does. Please come as we pray for the direction of our church.

Also, we have been viewing a study on **Spiritual Gifts** by Ken Hemphill. See you this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Prayer Warriors

Wednesday,
November 14
at 10:00 am

THANKSGIVING DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING

We will have our
Thanksgiving Dinner and
regular business meeting
immediately following the
morning worship service

Sunday, November 18. Plan to attend this special fellowship.

Operation Christmas Child *Shoe Box* *Collection Day*

Sunday, November 11.

There are still a few boxes on the front pew. If your box is not quite finished, it may be delivered to the church office no later than Wednesday, or taken to a collection center. The suggested shipping price for this year is \$9.00.

For the Record-

Attendance: November 4, 2018

Sunday School.....	27
Visitors.....	7
Total.....	34
Contacts Made.....	11
Morning Worship.....	41
Sunday Night.....	N/A
Children's Worship	5
Wednesday Night	10

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 2,400.00
Long Family –Oct.	\$ 80.00

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 ...

Doris Richardson
Sandy and Stanley Wilson
Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery

Mike Green—surgery November 23rd
Brendan Conner—Swymeler's Grandson
Ruth Anne Bush—healing
Sharri Duty—Jerry Garcia
Linda Huff—cancer treatment
Jim Winans—recuperation
June Fritchle—recovery
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings
Arlette Duty—strength
Donna and Bill Dunn—health
Jack and Flo Conard
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health
Karissa and Matt Long and family
Stephanie & Jason Terpack
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
The Waters Family Betty Campbell
George Ferbert Kevin Duty
Nellie Reynolds Ann Riddle
Don Beavers Tim Izer
Kathryn Beavers Keon McKahan
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Pat Means Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Curtis Conard
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
