

## Morning Worship

November 18, 2018

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Don Beavers

Piano —

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

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Welcome and Fellowship		Allan/People Hymn # 644
<i>Count Your Blessings</i>	Don/People	
Worship Prayer		Allan Lane
Hymn # 636 <i>We Gather Together</i>		Don/People
Hymn # 637 <i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	Don/People	
Offering Prayer		Fred Kerns
Tithes and Offerings		People
Offering Music		Alva Lou Schottel
Children's Worship	(Children are dismissed)	
Scripture Reading		Allan/People
Message		Allan Lane
Hymn # 325 <i>Whiter Than Snow</i>		Don/People
Prayer Concerns		Allan/People
Closing Chorus #545 <i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>		Don/People

## God Speaks on Thanksgiving

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Thanksgiving is more than a day off. It is more than eating mashed potatoes and gravy, watching football, and taking a wonderful turkey-induced nap. Thanksgiving is a pervasive and essential concept in Scripture. And although it is good to set aside a Thursday each November to cultivate a heart of thanksgiving, the Scriptures have more to say about giving thanks than one day a year can handle. Here are five biblical truths about thanksgiving.

### 1. Thanksgiving is Trinitarian .

The typical pattern of thanksgiving in the New Testament is that God the Father is the object of thanksgiving, God the Son is the person through whom thanksgiving flows, and God the Holy Spirit is the source of thanksgiving.

A. Father - Romans 1:8

B. Son - Colossians 3:16-17

C. Holy Spirit – Romans 8:5-8

The very presence of thanksgiving points to the Holy Spirit as the source of thanksgiving because without the work of the Spirit it is impossible to please God (Romans 8:5-8).

Christianity does not call for vague thanksgiving to a vague deity. Our God is triune and, as a result, thanksgiving has a Trinitarian flavor. Thanksgiving flows to God the Father, through God the Son, from God the Spirit.

### 2. Thanksgiving Replaces Sin .

When Paul commands believers to stop sinning, he also commands believers to put thanksgiving in its place (Ephesians 5:4). Paul knows that we are always acting. We

either act with sinful, thankless hearts which leads to foolish talk or crude jokes, or we act with thankful hearts and thereby please God with our speech. John Piper explains,

"The key to unlocking a heart of gratitude and overcoming bitterness and ugliness and disrespect and violence is a strong belief in God, the Creator and Sustainer and Provider and Hope-giver. If we do not believe we are deeply indebted to God for all we have or hope to have, then the very spring of gratitude has gone dry." ("Violence, Ugliness, and Thanksgiving")

### **3. Thanksgiving Sanctifies Creation .**

How should Christians think about God's good creation? Paul says that it should be received with a heart full of thanksgiving (1 Timothy 4:4).

Paul teaches that creation is good and should be received with thanksgiving because it is made holy through the word of God and prayer. John Piper explains the connection between the goodness of creation, thanksgiving, and prayer:

"The word of God teaches us to taste food as a communication of His diverse goodness and his supreme worth. And when we taste food as a communication of God's goodness and worth in the eating of this food, we offer up our prayers of thanks, and ask him to give us the fullest possible feast of his supreme worth. And we pray this in Jesus's name, knowing that every lasting blessing was bought by his blood" (from "What God Made Is Good and Must Be Sanctified").

### **4. Thanksgiving for the Gospel .**

We should aim to have our thanksgiving rise in proportion to the value of the object for which we give thanks. Therefore, we should be most grateful for God's work for us in Christ because it unites us to our highest joy – God himself (1 Corinthians 1:4).

Paul never tired of giving thanks for the grace of God in Jesus's person and work. And neither should we. God has showed his love for us even when we were enemies of God (Romans 5:8); he called us out of darkness and made us heirs of God (Romans 8:17); Jesus bore the punishment we deserved, and we receive his perfect righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21).

### **5. Thanksgiving in All Circumstances .**

One surprising aspect of thanksgiving is that it's for all circumstances, not just one big meal a year (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18).

Giving thanks in all circumstances is especially difficult while undergoing suffering. How can we be thankful when there's something that hurts so much? We can give thanks in the midst of suffering because it is meant to enlarge our faith, not as punishment (2 Corinthians 4:17–18), and because it is redemptive, not random.

Our suffering is not punishment for our sin — because Christ has borne our punishment in our place (Romans 3:25). The demands of justice have been met. And our suffering is not random — because God is sovereign over it, and through it God is conforming us in the image of his Son (Romans 8:28–29).

## **Conclusion**

The official designated Thanksgiving Day is wonderful, but everyday should be a day of thanking God.

*Let's thank God:*

*For all the gifts that Thou dost send,  
For every kind and loyal friend,  
For prompt supply of all my need,  
For all that's good in word or deed,  
For gift of health along life's way.  
For strength to work from day to day.*

*I give Thee humble thanks.*

*For ready hands to help and cheer,  
For listening ears Thy voice to hear,  
For yielded tongue Thy love to talk,  
For willing feet Thy paths to walk,  
For open eyes Thy word to read,  
For loving heart Thy will to heed,  
I give Thee humble thanks.*

*For Christ who came from Heaven above,  
For the Cross and His redeeming love,  
For His mighty power to seek and save,  
For His glorious triumph o'er the grave,  
For the lovely mansions in the sky,  
For His blessed coming by-and-by,  
I give Thee humble thanks.*

--Clifford Lewis

When our forefathers met for that first Thanksgiving Day, it was not only to give thanks to God for the end of adversity and for being able to endure hardness, but also to thank Him for His blessings of food, clothing, shelter, and the freedoms they enjoyed.

We may acknowledge our Divine Provider over the roast and mashed potatoes, but how often are we deliberately thankful for the water from our taps? The wood for our houses and our furniture? The paper for our books and napkins and note pads? The brick and metal and fabric and countless other materials we use and enjoy? God through nature made them all possible. We would do well to remember.

James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights"...

### **Thank God Every Day!**

## **Showing Thankfulness**

Returning thanks is a learned trait. We are not born grateful creatures. Pick up a baby for just a little while and you're holding in your arms what could be best described as a schizophrenic. One minute cooing, the next crying; one minute silent, the next screaming; one minute friendly looking into your eyes, the next flailing every limb with bowed back and blood-red face; one minute smelling sweet, the next...well, you know. Babies are not born saying, "Thanks." It is not even the first word they learn. In order for children to learn to return thanks, they must be taught.

Max Lucado tells about living as an American in Brazil. One day, as he was walking along the street on his way to the University to teach a class, he felt a tug on his pants leg. Turning around, he saw a little boy about 5 or 6 years old with dark beady eyes and a dirty little face. The little boy looked up at the big American and said, "Bread, Sir." He was a little beggar boy and Lucado said, "There are always little beggar boys in the streets of Brazil. Usually I turn away from them because there are so many and you can't feed them all. But there was something so compelling about this little boy that I couldn't turn away."

"So, taking his hand, I said, 'Come with me' and I took him into a coffee shop." Max told the owner, "I'll have a cup of coffee and give the boy a piece of pastry...whatever he wants." Since the coffee counter was at the other end of the store, Max walked on and got a cup of coffee, forgetting about the little boy because beggar boys usually get the bread and then run back out into the street and disappear. But this one didn't. After he got his pastry, he went over to the big American and just stood there until Lucado felt his staring eyes. Lucado said, "I

turned and looked at him. Standing up, his eyes just about hit my belt buckle. Then slowly his eyes came up until they met mine. The little boy, holding his pastry in one hand, looked up and said, 'Thank you, sir. Thank you very much.'"

Lucado said, "I was so touched by the boy's thanks that I would have bought him the store. I sat there for another 30 minutes, late for my class, just thinking about a little beggar boy who came back and said, 'Thank you.'" This young lad had an attitude of thankfulness and it was expressed. If we have this attitude, it will show. We will be expressive and praising God; we will have joy in our hearts. Having an attitude of thankfulness is ultra-important in the life of a follower of Jesus.

In Luke 17:11-17 there is a familiar story about ten lepers who encountered Jesus and asked Him to heal them. Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the priest in order to get validation on their healing. Somewhere along the way, they were all healed but only one of the ten lepers came back to express his gratitude to God.

Someone gave several suggestions why the other nine never returned to give thanks. One waited to see if the cure was real. One waited to see if it would last. One said he would catch up to Jesus later. One decided that he had never had leprosy. One said he would have gotten well anyway. One gave the glory to the Priests. One said, "O well, Jesus didn't really do anything. It just happened." One said, Any rabbi could have done it. One said I was already much improved."

And then there was one who returned to give God praise. Gratitude is the heart of giving thanks for the favor one receives. Since Christians have been given so much, every day ought to be a day of thanksgiving.

God Bless You!  
Bro. Allan ☺

## **Opportunities For Service**

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

#### **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

Business Meeting and Dinner at Noon

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**

#### **Sunday, November 25, 2018**

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Nursery: Volunteers as needed  
Ushers: John Lewis, Gary Yarbrough, Joseph Coats, ? ? ? ?  
Alternate: Larry McKahan  
Diversicare.....2:30 pm  
No Evening Service Tonight

### **Monday, November 26**

Workers Meeting ..... 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday, November 28**

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

## **GROW Team**

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

### **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.

***Happy Thanksgiving***

## **Thank You**

*Thank you to those who donated the food products to our food pantry.*

*Your continued support of us is very much appreciated.*

*Cheryl Meeks*

*Patee Park Food Pantry*

## THANKSGIVING DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING

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

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

## *Christmas Tea at the Lanes*

December 9th  
Make plans to attend!

### For the Record-

#### Attendance: November 11, 2018

Sunday School.....	18
Visitors.....	4
Total.....	22
Contacts Made.....	10
Morning Worship.....	45
Sunday Night.....	N/A
Children's Worship .....	10
Wednesday Night .....	8

#### Financial Record:

Weekly Budget .....	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 725.53
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 ...***

Mike Green

Doris Richardson

Sandy and Stanley Wilson

Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery

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 ...**

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**Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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**Five More New Families...**

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