

Wildwood Church of Christ

November 15, 2020

Welcome & Announcements

Song: #384 The Lily Of The Valley

Song: #257 Jesus Is Lord

Prayer

Song: #371 When We Meet In
Sweet Communion

Lord's Supper

Song: #491 Redeemed

Sermon: Walking In Wisdom

"Be Gratitude Conscious!"

Song: #920 "Just As I Am"

Song: #756 I Want To Be A Worker

The Wisdom of Being Grateful

While the apostle Paul was deep inside a Roman prison, it would have been very natural and tempting (easy) for him to grumble about his situation. Of all the choices he had while in prison, he wrote to his beloved brethren these words: "Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 2:4-7

A wise Christian will take an honest look at his/her life and reveal which choice has been made. The choice between gratitude or grumbling. When a person spends his days grumbling about most things, he will probably see few blessings around him. If on the other hand, he can see the many blessings in life, he will be gratitude conscious and find innumerable blessings all around him.

Paul will teach us today in our scripture text, Ephesians 5:20 and in Colossians 2:7, that a heart that is overflowing with thankfulness or gratitude, will be grounded in faith and God's divine wisdom. Another of Paul's prison epistles, the book of Philippians, says, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice!"

After reading this article and considering the sermon text today in Ephesians 5:20, which choice will you make? **Grumbling** or **Gratitude**? "Grumbling overlooks blessings but gratitude finds blessings everywhere" – even in a Roman prison . . . and in a pandemic.

~David



Prayer List

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Dale Jones, Ila Jean Locke** and all the family of Linda Jones. Linda passed away last Tuesday and the graveside service for her was this past Friday.

Also remember **Martha Polk** in the passing of her sister, Helen Barton. Helen's funeral was last week. Martha sends her love to all; she is doing well.

Linda Grove continues to struggle with health issues and needs our prayers and encouragement.

Marlin Kilpatrick had a serious fall last week and was not able to be with us for worship. He is doing better now and hopes to be here today.

Peggy Murphy has been losing blood and was in the hospital last week. She was home for a few days but her doctor admitted her again yesterday is now in The Villages Hospital. Please pray the doctors can find and correct the problem.

Pam Brown has been having a very scary time dealing with the coronavirus. Because of her asthma, the virus has been greatly affecting her lungs and ability to breath. She is doing some better now, but please continue to pray for her and the family who also have the virus. Their address is 3008 Scenic Drive, Scottsboro, AL 35769 if you would like to send a card.

Levi Cook (former member's son) is dealing with some very serious and rare health issues.

Monroe Haltaman, Sarah Myers' brother-in-law, continues to need prayers for serious health issues. The new address for Monroe and Martha is: 286 East Broad Street, Camilla, GA 31730.

Morgan Myers, David and Sarah's daughter-in-law is doing better but still needs prayers for some complications during her pregnancy.

Also remember: Pat Ponsford; John Yarborough; Charlotte Martin; Martha Pope; Millie Tudor; Joyce Freeman; Ken Scott; Leigh Workman; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Lew Faulkner; Guy Grove; Teresa Broyle

Announcements

Central Florida Bible Camp: We will be sending the money we raised to help the Bible camp, this week. If you would like to help the camp, please give your money or check (earmarked CFBC) to David, Sarah or Larry Hyder. Thank you!

Free Lift Chair: If you, or someone you know, needs a lift chair, there is one in great condition available. Please let Cindy Pope or Sarah Myers know.

November Birthdays

Alma Young-1; Steve Hutsepiller-2; Dylan Watts-3; Martha Pope-15; Lexy McKay-17; Chuck Stambaugh-18; Nicki Thayer-23; Ron Rollins-23; Guy Grove-28; Patricia Webber-28

November Anniversaries

Larry & Janet Hyder – 1; Cody & Shelbie Hileman – 2; Joey & Sheila Johnston – 12; Keith & Tracy Jones – 16; Darrel & Pat Ponsford – 23

PANTRY Items Needed

Canned Sweet Potatoes; Stuffing Mix; Peaches; Mac-n-Cheese; Turkey Gravy; Green Beans; Cranberry Sauce; Evaporated Milk

Money donations to purchase perishable items for the baskets: turkeys, rolls, pies, etc.

****Please give David or Sarah names of families that you know may need a Thanksgiving basket.** We need the family names by **Wednesday** of this week.

