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NOVEMBER 2014: ‘It Is Right To Give Praise And Thanksgiving To Our Lord God’ “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8) “This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up on the last day.” (John 6:39)

I know that when one goes through the ordinary and not so ordinary events of life, it can be difficult to give thanks and praise to God. Back many years ago I preached on Romans 8:28; “And we know that all things work together for good to those love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Following the service a lady confronted me and told me that God could not surely expect this in every situation. It is easy to give thanks when things go smoothly and the way we want them to go, but when things begin go in the other direction, we begin to think, “Why is God doing this to me or why is He allowing this to happen.” The enemy of our souls wants us to go down this path. His desire is for us to blame or curse God, not to praise Him in the midst of a trial. It is a supernatural event when we do give thanks in bad situations. It is not natural, humanly speaking, to have this as the way we respond.

Look to the One who died for you for the strength and perseverance needed, as well as, fellow Christians who will stand with you and who will be a strong source of encouragement when you are going through the fire, when we go through these trials. From the very beginning God did not intend a person to go it alone. “It is not good for man to be alone.” (Genesis 2:18a) It may seem that it could be the right thing to do, but when things really come caving in on you, the realization becomes clear that I cannot make it on my own. Our God created us as social creatures. The need to interact with someone in times of crisis is vital for our physical, mental and spiritual health and wellbeing.

It may seem to be a neat thing to consider being marooned on a deserted island. In the movie where Tom Hanks played the character who was marooned for a long period of time on such an island, created out of a coconut a make-believe person. He spent many hours conversing with this make believe person. Even the so-called self-reliant person can only go but for so long without human connections. After months and years of isolation the fallacy of this kind of thinking will begin to be revealed and cracks in our walls will begin to appear and widen.

This is the point that where scriptures make it crystal clear that we cannot not make alone. We cannot save ourselves for none of us has the strength, righteousness or ability to do so. God is not a scorekeeper. He does not keep a tally sheet of the bad and good which we have done to see which way the scales are tipping. If He did, we could say; “My good deeds outweigh my bad ones, God has to let me in heaven.” The Bible teaches that every sin, the big, the little and the in-between ones condemn the person’s soul to an eternity in hell. You mean tell me that if it were just for telling a lie, there would no hope outside of God’s provision? Yes, that is true.

It is for the fact of our complete inability to save ourselves that Jesus, God the Son, came to earth to die, to be bodily raised from the dead and to ascend back into His glory to secure eternal life for all who are called to be His own. This is why, if for no other reason, we can and should give God praise and thanksgiving! Lord God, thank you for your grace, love and mercy that we experience in Jesus! My dear friends, have a truly blessed Thanksgiving with your families!

Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

November 2	Hebrew 11:32-12:2 “Consider Those Who Gone Before Us”
November 9	Romans 6:12-23 “If Salvation relied On us There Would Be No Hope”
November 16	John 6:32-47 “Are We Off The Mark?”
November 23	Romans 5:6-11 “Is There a Reason to Give Thanks?”
November 30	Isaiah 2:1-5 “Our Only Hope For Peace”

Prayer List:

Shut ins:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Moore, Martha Lou
Goulder, Gordon	Smith, Mary Frances
Goulder, Helen	Rhodes, Geraldine

Ill / Recovering

Jill Gross (Pat's Daughter) -	Cancer/Radiation
Wanda (Pat McCains Sister)	Chemo
June Trotter	Heart issues
Ann Locke	Cancer

Sick

Culver, Anthony	Lineberger, Rachael
Culver, Michael	Locke, Mike
Curtis, Cooper	McCain, Pat
Goulder, Bobbie	Moncla, Luke
Griffin, Melanie	Moss, Charlie
Hill, Dana	Otis, Mike
Hill, Joy	Patrick, Carolyn
Hubbard, Kristi	Pugh, Kaleb
Huffman, Linda	Stitt, Sam
Legler, Don	Tyler, Jean
Lewis, Adam	Wells, Whit

Military

Bornaman, Zachary	Heathman, Matthew
Donahoo, Tim	Hill, Debra
Dooley, Rod	Hunt, Boyce
Hair, Colton	Smith, Brad

Missionaries

Coad, Jim & Gala	Carson, Rebekah
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If you know of anyone who needs to be added or removed please let us know!

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele Circle

Nov. 9 Barbara Heath
In Memory of
Jeff Heath

Nov. 16 Denise Moore
In Honor of
Men's Ministry

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

November 10 Mr. and Mrs. Randy Goulder
November 16 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boswell
November 20 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCain

CHILDRENS SERMON

Nov 2 Meredith
Nov 9 Leslie
Nov 16 Ashley
Nov 23 Nick
Nov 30 Kevin

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

November 2 Stephanie Moore
November 9 Amanda Heath
November 16 Robin Gravely
November 23 Molly Huffman
November 30

November Menu

Nov 5 Soup - Vegetable,
Chicken Noodle

Nov 12 Ham

Nov 19 Surprise

Nov 26 NO SUPPER

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Jane Trotter	12	Ruth Rowell
4	Kim Crum	15	Helen Goulder
5	Sara Jo Hernandez	16	Joe Kelly Morgan
7	Katie Ruffin	18	Bonnie Griffin
	Randy Goulder	20	Ann Gravely
	Sam Hernandez		Lauren Guthrie
8	Rylee Griffin	21	Carolyn Patrick
	Todd Hardy		Marvin Trotter
10	Emogene Neumon	22	Emma Curtis
	Jimmy Wylie		Willa Whitmer
11	Alex Alsbrook	27	Kenneth Boswell
	Kristi Billings		

November Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any ideas or suggestions for the church website, please contact Chris Gravley, webmaster, at 901-674-3851 or e-mail at chris_gravley@bellsouth.net.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Alton Woods. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Alton at 901-837-8950.

NOVEMBER 4 There will be a Worker's Council Meeting Tuesday the 4th at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for all who are concerned about the Christian Education of our church.

NOVEMBER 22 The **Harvest Supper and Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, November 22nd from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. There will be "General Store" with handcrafted items, canned goods, baked goods, etc. Menu is Spaghetti or Stroganoff! Please come out and enjoy this evening.

NOVEMBER 23 Joint Thanksgiving Service will be here at the church at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Van Kampen will be bringing the evening message. We are asked to bring finger foods.

NOVEMBER 21-23 MVP Fall Retreat Who? Youth (7th - 12th) and Young Adults (College Age) When? Friday 21st 7:00 pm through Sunday 23rd noon. Where? Camp of the Rising Son, French Camp MS What's it cost? \$40 per youth (\$100 max per family) Meals will be provided all day Saturday and Sunday morning.

FOOD PANTRY is in need of all kinds of food items! We are running low.

IT'S CHURCH YEARBOOK time and we need to start updating! Please inform the church office of any changes, corrections or additions that need to be made.

IT'S ARP MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION TIME. The cost for your subscription is \$16.50. Please make your check out to the Brighton ARP Church designated for "ARP Subscription". Deadline for subscriptions is Nov. 9.

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Cavin. He was inducted in the National Junior Honor Society on Sept. 30!