

November 26, 2023

Announcements

Rickey Cissom

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Bo Chapman

Opening Prayer

John Hopper (A.M.)
Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Chris Moore (A.M.)
Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Larry Wood

Count and Usher

Dale Vandygriff & Tim McMillin

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Larry Wood (11/29/23)

OUR RECORD

November 19, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 115
Sunday Morning Worship: 148
Sunday Evening Worship: 107
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 81

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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**A "THANKSGIVING" VERSE
Mark Lindley**

The title of this article should not be interpreted to mean that there is a verse of the Bible that refers to the holiday we call Thanksgiving. Rather, the title refers to a verse in which the apostle Paul is thanking God for the gift of Christ. Paul wrote, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Corinthians 9:15). Although this verse does not refer to the holiday when families get together to eat turkey, we should thank God—on Thanksgiving and every other day—for the gift of His Son, Jesus. Consider a couple of reasons we should thank the heavenly Father.

First, notice that the verse says the gift God gave is "unspeakable." The word "unspeakable" means *indescribable*. Paul is simply stating that God's gift is so wonderful, precious, and costly that it cannot be described. Words are inadequate to express the love of God which prompted Him to give the gift of His Son: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Observe that God "so loved" the world. That little two-letter word "so" is a word that is used to try to convey how much God loves the world. Can we really comprehend with our finite, limited understanding, love so matchless and marvelous that it would lead the Father to give His "only begotten son" for a world full of sin and wickedness? Such love is so perfect and pure that it boggles our minds. It should also cause us to be thankful—thankful that the Father loved us enough to give His Son.

Second, we should thank God for the gift of Jesus because apart from that gift there would be no hope of salvation or heaven. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Even good, moral people would be hell-bound if it were not for the sacrifice of Christ. No person can be "good enough" that he can save himself from sin. "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). The only remedy for sin is the blood of Christ (Matthew 26:28). It is due to the shedding of the blood of Christ that we have the opportunity to obey the Gospel, have our sins washed away, and have the assurance of eternal life.

Surely, in view of God's love and the redeeming sacrifice of Christ, we should show our gratitude to the heavenly Father by obeying the Gospel and serving Him daily. Read this "thanksgiving" verse once more: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Corinthians 9:15). Happy Thanksgiving!

THE ART OF THANKSGIVING IS THANKS-LIVING By Gerald Cowan

Thanksgiving is gratitude in action. In return for your own good fortune, give something to others that will give them cause for joy and will lead them to thank God too. Here are a few ways to do it.

THANK GOD for the gift of life by living it triumphantly, as a channel of blessings from God to others.

THANK GOD for your abilities and talents by accepting them as obligations to be invested for the common good.

THANK GOD for opportunities by accepting them as challenges to achieve.

THANK GOD for your health and strength by care and respect for your body.

THANK GOD for inspiration and encouragement by giving encouragement to others.

THANK GOD for comforts received by calming and comforting others in their times of trouble and stress.

THANK GOD for your happiness by trying to make others happy.

THANK GOD for contributions made by others by adding your own creative contributions to the stream of human progress.

THANK GOD for your humanity by practicing true brotherhood, without prejudice or malice against those who are not of "your kind."

THANK GOD for friendship by being friendly, being a friend.

THANK GOD for love by loving - by unselfish giving of yourself and by unselfish receiving from others who give to you.


THANK GOD for each new day by living it to the fullest.


THANK GOD! Thank Him by giving hands, arms, legs, and voice to your thankful spirit. Thank Him by adding to your prayers of thanksgiving some works, some acts of thanks-living. Thank Him for all your yesterdays. Thank Him for today. Thank Him for tomorrow - as long as there is a tomorrow - and then thank Him in eternity.

*A Plea For Prayers
Please pray for spiritual and
numerical growth for the Chapman
Congregation in 2023.*

UPCOMING CHAPMAN EVENTS

**SENIOR'S
YOUNG AT HEART
Fellowship Hall
Sunday, December 3, 2023
After Evening Service
BRING A GIFT FOR DIRTY SANTA**

 O give thanks
unto the LORD;
for he is good:
for his mercy
endureth for
ever.

Psalm 136:1 

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Remember count your blessings,
pray for our lost ones, the sick, the
world and the broken-hearted.*

SICK SUNDAY: Pat Shackelford, Juan Stroupe, Idaleigh McVey

HOSPITAL: Jim Thomason - ICU (Pat Wade's Brother)

SURGERY: Donna McMillin

REHAB: Joy Simmons (Diversicare)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Shelia Fleming (Mark Lindley's Aunt), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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