

Welcome

TO
DRIPPING SPRINGS
CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 1st, 2019

Pursuing
Love

Promoting
Truth

Practicing
Godliness

Proclaiming
the Gospel

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Sunday:
Bible Class - 9:30
Worship - 10:30
PM Worship - 6:00
Wednesday:
Bible Class - 7:00

Giving Thanks

By Parker LaGrange

Thanksgiving is such a special time. Parades, cooking, traditions, and all sorts of things. For some, holidays are incredible. For others, holidays are hard. Holidays may bring back memories that hurt. Holidays may bring back memories that are joyful. But no matter how it hits us, we have so many things to be thankful for in this life. This thanksgiving, make it your mission to show your thanks. If you're thankful for your mom, let your mom know that you're thankful for her. If you're thankful for your wife or husband, let them know you're thankful for them. If you're thankful for God, let Him know. Although we only have one day a year set aside for being thankful, as Christians, **every day is Thanksgiving**. We have been freed from sin, we have Someone who knows everything that we are going through, and we have the promise of eternal life with our heavenly Father.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul says to give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. How is it possible to obey 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and "give thanks in all circumstances," especially if our circumstances are bad? What fuels our Thanksgiving when life seems to be one discouragement, disappointment, disaster, or death after another? There is only one way... Jesus. Jesus is the way and shows the way.

1) Jesus is the way and shows the way in the face of sorrow - Matthew 26:26. The best place to see Jesus showing the way in the face of sorrow is in the upper room. Jesus knew while instituting this supper what was shortly about to happen to Him. Jesus's thanks were not based on his present circumstances. He was about to endure the worst possible sadness and pain, yet He felt thankful to the Father for the grace and glory that was coming because of the cross, and this gave him joy. Jesus let His future glory motivate Him to deny self and take up the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. He got through the cross by not focusing on the cross, but on the promised joy that would result from it. That's where God wants your eyes: on the future joy he has promised you.

2) Jesus is the way and shows the way to our future. What is the future of a New Testament believer? Before we get to that, I want you to know I love eating. One of my favorite things to do before Thanksgiving is finding out every type of food we're going to eat. I like a big and full menu.

I want to introduce you to God's menu for His believers. This isn't a pick and choose, you get these all on your plate, so I hope you didn't buy the great value ones. You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:38. You will have the free gift of complete forgiveness for all of your sins - Romans 6:23. You will never have to merit your justification by keeping the law - Galatians 2:16. You will have all your real needs provided for you - Philippians 4:19. You will receive all the grace you need at all times so that you will abound in every good work that God has for you - 2 Corinthians 9:8. You will be raised from the dead and never die again - 1 Corinthians 15:52-53. Someday you will see Jesus, and be with him - 2 Corinthians 5:8. You will be completely free from all corruption - Romans 8:21. Imagining that plate? I mean, talk about the best Thanksgiving feast ever! So right now, you might have troubles. You might be sad, and that's okay. Jesus knows and understands and is right there by your side. Christians, look to the joy set before you. Since the future joy Jesus promises is real and you believe in Him, there is no circumstance that can steal your Thanksgiving from you! Praise Him!

Today's Lesson Titles

A.M. • Joyful Faith: The Joy of Maturity
 P.M. • One Word: Repentance

Bible Class Schedule

Sunday 9:30 • Revelation - Jacob Rutledge
 Sunday (High School) 9:30 • How to Pray When I... - Parker LaGrange
 Wednesday 7:00 • Ezekiel - Winston Kinser
 Wednesday (High School) 7:00 • Exodus - Parker LaGrange

Mark Your Calendar

TODAY • First Sunday Focus - The meal will be catered.
 TODAY • Ladies Ornament Exchange at Carla Moore's home at 6:00pm. Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament, an appetizer or finger food, and cookies to share and exchange. See back table for details.
 December 7th • Memorial Service for Jim Bob Simmons at 2:00 here at the building.
 December 8th • Deadline to bring your wrapped items to the Library for Project Elf.
 December 8th • Wreath Service Project for K-12th and families from 2-5PM in Room 101.
 December 8th • Holiday Meal bag assembly in Room 101 at 4:00PM. We will deliver the bags afterwards.

Youth Events

Every Wednesday • Friends in Faith - Dinner and fellowship for 6th-12th Graders beginning at 6:15pm.
 Every Sunday • Bible Bowl at 5:00pm.
 December 5th • Thursday Night Devo at the Rutledge's home
 December 6th • K-5th Grade Christmas Party
 December 8th • Wreath Service Project (K-12th Grade). We will go Caroling after evening service.

Leadership

Elders

Roland MerzBill Hyde....Tracy Frisinger

Deacons

Randy Banks Matt Walker
 Stephen Estrada Winston Kinser
 John Gray Brian Wilks
 Damon Hyde Robert Wright
 Jay Kelsey Tim Wright

Ministers

Jacob Rutledge Parker LaGrange

For the Record

November 17th
 Sunday AM..... 182
 Contribution \$6,450
 November 24th
 Sunday AM
 Contribution \$10,949

December Birthdays

1st • Tom Hickey, Joe Perrone, Mary Williams	17th • Barrett Nuckels
2nd • Sarah Crumley	18th • Russell Molenaar
3rd • Tammy Hyde	19th • Quinn Mauck
4th • Robert Wright	20th • Bailey Cain
6th • Elana Dalley	22nd • Scott Miller, Ruth Ann Somervell
8th • Roland Williams	23rd • Jennifer Nuckels, Sloan Pogue
9th • Tim Wright	26th • Rick Bangs, Caroline Westover
11th • Alec Estrada, Betty Starling	28th • Lucas Kinser, Maverick Walker
12th • Angela Starling	30th • Mat Cain, Ben Valle
13th • Luke Lovelace	
14th • Aaron Crumley	
15th • Hailey Ross	

Privileged to Serve

Keep In Your Prayers

Sunday, December 1st

Morning

Announcements.....Charles Smith

Song Leader.....Tim Wright

Opening Prayer.....Tracy Frisinger

Scripture Reading.....Maverick Walker

Sermon.....Jacob Rutledge

Closing Prayer.....Grant Lawrence

Evening

Song Leader.....Bill Hyde

Opening Prayer.....Jay Kelsey

Sermon.....Jacob Rutledge

Closing Prayer.....Lynn Johnson

Lord's Table

Bill Hyde.....Byron Pogue

Matt Hand.....Winston Kinser

Don Stafford.....Brian Wilks

Keith Mauck.....Randy Banks

Wednesday, December 4th

Opening Prayer.....Brian Wilks

Song Leader.....David Nuckels

Speaker.....John Gray

Closing Prayer.....Matt Hand

Ladies Room 101 Duty December

Melissa Lovelace, Stephanie Gray,
Lea Valle, Jamie Wright

Church Family • Phyllis Barker, Daryl Burrell, Polly Coon, The Mark Crumley Family, Russ and Pat Molenaar, Grady & Janice Moore, Clinton & Carolyn Rutherford, Barbara Smith, Margaret Tilley, Norman and Betty Starling, Bob Templeton, The Walker Family

Shut-ins & Other Needs • Nelawyn Dalley, Tom Hickey
HCC Resident • Nancy Wallace

Lavender Springs Residents • Marvin Crumley
Ledgestone Residents • Elaine Hartzog, Elsie Norton, Shirley Scott, & Marie Balderson

Family & Friends of the Church • Will Allen, Pat Balderas, Faith Beamon, Betty Bufkin, Timmy Burchfield, Shirley Burrell, Mike Coon, Gary & Carol Heinemann, Dart Hyde, Gary & Sandra Montgomery, Regina Sanchez, Margie Simmons, John Suter Sr., Ariana Stainitis, Dennis Tilley, Pat Feiling-Tweedie, Barbara Valle, Gary Williamson, Tommy Williamson

Sympathy

• Jim Bob Simmon's memorial service will be December 7th at 2:00pm here at the building.

Prayer Updates

Bob Templeton is in need of prayers as he deals with health issues. He is at Seton-Kyle Hospital.

Betty Starling is at Park Manor.