



# CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 18, 2018

## Thanksgiving and Peace

(Philippians 4:4-7)

A refrain that runs through the history of Israel in the Old Testament. It was likely around for a while, but it shows up first when David brought the ark into Jerusalem “dancing and making merry.” He put the ark in the tent (where the temple would be) and in I Chronicles 16 we read, “O, give thanks to the Lord, and call on his name,” and ends with, “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.”

That last verse became a refrain that was associated with the temple. It shows up twice around the dedication of the temple of Solomon in II Chronicles 5 and 7. It appears again when the foundation of the second temple was laid in Ezra 3. And it is repeated in several Psalms. When it shows up in the Psalms (106, 107, 118, and 136) there follows a listing of the great deeds God had done on behalf of his people. In other words, thanksgiving is tied to memory – intentional, edited, and memorized memory.

When we get to the New Testament, the words and the context of thanksgiving change a bit. We read that Paul remembers the recipients of his letters “with thanksgiving.” This is praise toward their faith and memory of his relationship with them. It is the same word that is used when Jesus “blesses” or “give thanks” during the Last Supper. It has been transliterated in some churches where the Lord’s Supper is called eucharist.

While it is possible, and even desirable, to be in the habit of living thankfully in a personal and private way, this is not how thanksgiving is normally seen in the Bible. As we have noted, it was associated with worship around the temple in the Old Testament, and during Jesus’ ministry. In the New Testament it is used to express relationship between writers and recipients of letters and around meals – notably the Lord’s Supper.

From the standpoint of the Bible, thanksgiving is a group activity. It is a time to recount a story which becomes a shared memory. When we think about Thanksgiving Day, which we will celebrate on Thursday, we will do the same. It is a time to be with others and share what we are thankful for. The stories need not be historically accurate (we all have different memories), but they will reflect truth and call us into fellowship with each other.

Nations need this. Churches need this. Families need this. Taking our minds off our selves and our agendas and our shopping long enough to find a common story. Long enough to find those things for which we can all be thankful.

This is part of what Paul was saying to the Philippian church. Rejoice, be patient, help those who are quarrelling to agree in the Lord. Don’t be anxious (self-focused), but in prayer turn to God and let your (plural) requests be made known to him. Our prayers then are not about fixing others (or ourselves), but about sin, forgiveness, and remembering what God has done. If he can part the Red Sea, if he can rescue a nation from slavery, if he can raise a shepherd to a king – he can heal us, and give us peace.

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Read: Luke 4

Next Week: Encouraging the Heart

# WELCOME

*We are glad you've joined us for worship today!*

Please fill out the information sheet found in the maroon binder at the end of your pew.

\*An attended **nursery** is provided during worship assembly.

\***Communion**—We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord every Sunday (“first day of the week”) through a time of communion known as the Lord’s Supper. The “unleavened bread” represents His body and the “fruit of the vine” (cup of grape juice) represents His blood shed on the cross. As our guest, you are welcome to participate, though you are not required to do so.

\***Giving**— We are challenged to be good stewards of God’s blessings by supporting the various ministries of the church through a weekly collection that is taken during our worship time. You are welcome to give, but please do not feel as though you must.



**TONIGHT: We will meet at 6pm**

**Wednesday: Auditorium 6:30pm, 6:45pm class**

***Note from Landon:* As we celebrate thanksgiving this week, I hope you enjoy the fellowship of family and friends around the table. May it be a day that is filled with love, laughter and great food!**



**Ryan Hill-RI (Shoulders) Christopher Goodale-USMC  
Cameron Hurst--USAF(Curry) Hans Niestrath-USNA  
Sam Richey-USMC (Stoltz) Conner Wiseman, Fort Bragg (Moore)  
Jason Rushing-Air Natl Guard (Hampton) Ty Naifeh (Afghanistan)**

## Worship Order

### Order of Worship Sunday, November 18, 2018

Congregational Reading: I Chron. 16:8-13  
***Thou O Lord Art A Shield About Me***

***Richly Blest***

Prayer— Joshua Scott

***Redeemer***

Lord's Supper

**Terry Hampton K. Ashby**

**Tim Ashby Tim Scott**

**M. Wilkerson Titus Scott**

**Presiding: Kenneth Ashby**

Contribution

NO Children's Church

***God Is So Good***

***Give Thanks***

***Thank You Lord***

Scripture Reading: Phil. 4:4-7 (**Byron**)

Prayer—Steve Stoltz

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

***It's What The Lord Has Done In Me***

Benediction: ***The Grace***

### ALTERNATES:

Please meet in case you are needed to serve as a sub for the Lord's Supper

**November:**

**Byron Pruitt**

**J. Stubblefield**

**Prepare communion:**

**Nov: Wilma**

**Dec: Wilma**

***For the Record:***

***Last Sunday***

Bible Class: 83

Worship: 133

Contribution:

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Wednesday: 15

### November 18, 2018

Monitor: D. Stubblefield

Nursery: Betty Rust

Children's Church: none

Sound Booth: Parker Mathis

### Sunday, November 25, 2018

Prayer: Dan Rust

Prayer: Landon Moore

Scripture: Terry Goodale

Monitor: Butch Blanton

Nursery: Megan Scott

Children's Church: Clark

**Serving the Lord's Table:**

**Terry Hampton K. Ashby**

**Tim Ashby Tim Scott**

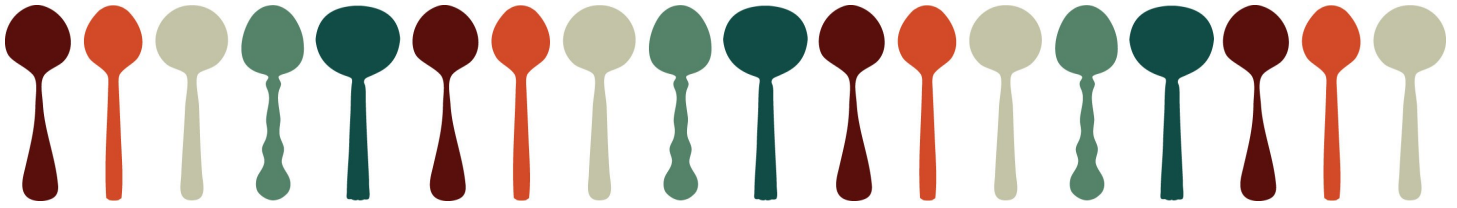
**M. Wilkerson Titus Scott**

**Presiding:**

Sound Booth—Darin/David

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Service topic: John 7:1-53 (Dan)



**NEEDED:** Volunteers to be Door Greeters before Sunday morning classes and after worship services.  
See Byron or Kellie if you can do this.

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Surprise 80th Birthday Celebration  
for Curt Frederick  
December 2 from 2-4pm  
Madisonville Church of Christ  
No gifts, please.

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## **Parent's Night Out**

Friday, December 7th 5-9pm  
(ages 12 years and under)  
Deadline: Wednesday, Dec 5th  
Sign up in foyer!

*Hebrews 13:16*

*"Do not neglect to do good  
and to share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are  
pleasing to God."*

*I thank each of you for  
your donation of items for  
the Thanksgiving Baskets.  
They are completed!—Betty*

## **Expecting Parents:**

Whitney & Bryce Kittinger (girl)—December  
Angela & Brock Shoulders (girl)—March 8

## **Sunday Morning Class Schedule**

Sean's Class-Questions

November 18—Tim & Krista Teel  
November 18—Amelia Shoulders  
November 18—Mason Shoulders  
November 22—Aaron Ashby  
November 22—Roger & Teresa  
Dillingham  
November 23—Barry Webb  
November 23—Tim Scott  
November 23—Jessica Alvey



## **CALENDAR:**

**Nov 18**—Oak Ridge  
**Nov 22**—Thanksgiving Day  
**Dec 7**—Parent's Night Out  
**Dec 21**—1st day of winter  
**Dec 25**—Christmas day

## When we meet:

### Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 10:30 A.M.

### Sunday P.M.

At the building 6 P.M.

Small Groups Sept—May: various times;  
contact Sean Niestrath

### Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

### **Contact Us:**

Office: 8:00-12:00 M-F  
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**-Bulletin Deadline: Friday, 10 am**

### **Minister:**

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### **Youth Minister:**

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### **Missionaries:**

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**Love. Grow. Serve.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Pam Wiggins**, diagnosed with cancer.

**Jackie Smith**, upcoming CT scan.

**Sha Baxter**, has had 2 deaths in her family recently and has been at home sick for awhile.

Remember the **church in Kenya** and our **Honduran brothers and sisters**.

### Serious Illness/Injury:

**Rita Frazier**, lung cancer, Barbara's SIL

**Bryce Alexander**, leukemia

**Michael Skultety**, cancer, Jane

**Mike Bright**, health issues

**Ruffin Chandler**

**Lynn Stevens**, cancer

**Keith Roberts**, cancer, EJ

**Betty & Kim Stanley**

**Makenzie Carson**, L. Russell

**Brady Cobb**, intestinal problems

**Barbara Lynch**, Shelia

**Charles Smallwood**, Micki's father

**Jonathan Allen**, MS

**Tammy Langenright**, Hodgkins

**Aaron Reding**, ALS

**Mack Shearn**

**George Utley**, cancer

**Audrey Davis**, 4yr.old, leukemia

**Tracey Moore**, illness

**Barry Newton**, Keith's friend, cancer

**Larry Crowder**, lymphoma, Byron

**Wayne Warszona**, Parkinson's

**Jakayla Acker**, lymphoma

**Mike Oates**, Natalie's father

**J.B. Wagner's parents** health

**Connie Armstrong**, cancer

**Mark Martin**, mesothelioma

**Andrea Kane**, cancer

**Denise Hawkins**, lung cancer

**Allen Seibert**, tests

**Frankie Phaup**, heart attack

**Kim Feltner**, Tim's sister

**Rama Austin**, cancer

**Marvin Gallagher**

**Phil Keith**

**George Teel**, cancer

**Jon Riley**, lungs

**Kevin Cline**, eye disease

**Bruce Coleson**, MS

**Ed Wallace**, liver transplant

**Amanda Coomes**, lung biopsy

**Connor Peebles**, back problems

**Mike Burns**, cancer

**Mark Toomes**, health

**Rodney Householder**

**Buddy Jenkins**, Karen S. father

**Jeff Travis**, waiting on kidney

**Ronnie Lear**, COPD

**Steve Stirsmen**, tumors

**Kathy Terrell**, Terry's sister, COPD

**Hannah Gates**, heart surgery

**Sherry Mitchell**, cancer

**Dennis Matheny**

**Helen Wyatt**, Barbara S.

**Barbie Kern**, Carol's sister, cancer

**Joan Owens**, Landon's grandmother

**Larry Jerome**, Wendy's father

**Sally Malik**, lungs

**Jonathan Walker**, Cumberland Hall

**Virginia Barron**, Children's hospital

### Shut-Ins & Elderly:

Lee Townsend, Junie Peterson, Ewing Stubblefield, Anna Etta Brown,

Ruth Shoulders, Ann Alderson, Don Niestrath

### **Elders:**

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**Byron Pruitt**— 270-841-7518 brpruitt65@gmail.com

**Ronny Stubblefield**— 270-635-5360

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**Sean Niestrath**— 269-352-9134 sean.niestrath@outlook.com

### Pennyrile Christian Counseling

Elizabeth B. Webb, LMFT, LCSW

To make an appointment, call 270-825-8746.

### Deacons:

Jeremy Duggin, James Rust, Joshua Scott

Brock Shoulders, Steve Stoltz, Darin Swaidner

Tim Teel, Randy Travis