

November 21, 2024

GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER

With Thanksgiving nearly here, it is a time that often seems oddly stressful. Even though Thanksgiving and Christmas are to be a time for families to get together, enjoy each other's company, and celebrate, it seems that we often begin to feel stressed and anxious. As we rush around to prepare for the holidays, I would like to encourage you to take a moment and reflect on what it truly means to be thankful. It is often challenging to keep our minds focused on all the reasons we should be optimistic and thankful when we are so busy, or perhaps even sad during this time of year, but if we look at **Luke 17** we can be reminded of some very simple ways to become more thankful and to recognize all that we are truly blessed with.

In **Luke 17**, we find Jesus on the way to Jerusalem and as he enters a village, he is met by ten lepers. **Luke 17:13** tell us they called out saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." Jesus tells them to go to the priests to be inspected, and as they were going, they were cleansed. **Luke 17:15-16** says, "Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan." Now, if you were living in the first century and had leprosy, and suddenly someone healed you instantly, would you be thankful? Of course! There is no better word to describe the emotions you would have. But the real question is, how would you respond to being healed?

Notice that all ten lepers wanted the same thing, and they were all cleansed. But were all ten thankful? We would like to think that they all were, but only one actually expressed that thankfulness. So, what can we learn from the one leper to avoid becoming like the nine others? First, we must make sure that we pay attention. In verse 15, we read that the leper saw that he was healed. It seems as though the other nine were either too busy or focused so much on themselves that they didn't even seem to recognize the moment they were healed. Maybe they were so excited to see that they were clean and began rushing back to family and friends. Maybe they decided to go explore parts of town that they were previously not allowed to go. Whatever the reason, let us make sure that we do not become so busy with life or caught up in our selfish desires that we forget to pay attention and notice all the ways that the Lord blesses us.

The next thing we can learn from the one leper is that we need to turn back to the Lord. We are told that when the leper saw he was healed he returned to Jesus. So often in life, it is easy for us to be like the nine lepers. Sure, we notice the blessings, but we don't return to the Lord in thanksgiving. **James 1:17** says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." Instead of taking the blessings and continuing, let us make sure that we return back to God and spend time with Him, making sure that we are thanking Him for all of His blessings instead of just asking.

Finally, let us remember that we need to offer reverence to the Lord. Verse 15 and 16 tell us that the leper had turned back and was praising God with a loud voice. He then fell at Jesus' feet and was giving thanks continually. Notice that he did so loudly, with great humility, and over and over. Just like the one leper, we need to have an outpouring of praise and thanksgiving to God for the blessings He gives us.

As wonderful as the blessing of being healed from leprosy would have been, we have been given a greater blessing that we should be thankful for. **Colossians 1:12-14** says we should be "giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." What greater blessing could we ever receive than the blessing of salvation and a cleansing from sin? We truly have so much to be thankful for. So, during this holiday season, even in times of stress and all the distractions, make sure to take time to pay attention to all your blessings, return to our savior, and offer Him the reverence and gratitude He deserves.

Andrew Spivey

I will praise the name of God with a song. And will magnify him with thanksgiving. Psalms 69:30

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Luke 2:21-38

Matthew 2:1-12

Wednesday Read – Matthew 2:13-23,

Luke 2:39-52

Questions for last week's reading of;

Matthew 1:18-25 & Luke 1: 39-80, Luke 2:1-20

Questions:

1. What did Zacharias' and Elizabeth's neighbors want to name their son?
2. What happened to Zacharias when he wrote down John's name?
3. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem to pay taxes?
4. What two names are given to Jesus in **Matthew 1:21** and **Matthew 1:23**, and what do they mean?
5. Who came to see Jesus in the manger?

UPCOMING EVENTS

** 4:15 Singing class every Sunday**

Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm

Nov. 28th - Happy Thanksgiving

(office closed 28th & 29th)

Dec 1st – *Baby shower for Taylor Spivey @ 1pm*

Dec 7th – Bible Trivia @ 5:00pm.

Dec 8th – **Cookies with Santa @ 3:00pm**

Dec 10th – Ladies Bible Class @ 6:30pm

Dec. 14th– Excels will meet @ 5pm. Bring finger foods

Dec.25th – **Merry Christmas**

(church office closed Dec 24th & 25th)

Dec. 29 – **5th Sunday Singing/evening service**

BIBLE TRIVIA

Bible Trivia will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 5 p.m. The theme for Bible Trivia is **Heroes, Villains & Sidekicks**. Hero Sub Sandwiches will be provided. Make plans to come and bring a side dish and, or dessert.

THANK YOU

I want to say thank you to everyone for the cards, calls, texts, visits and the prayers sent my way while I was at NHC. I truly appreciate my church family. Love to all,
Evelyn Harris

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

November 24, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Tim Cummins
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
Scripture Reading.....Kevin Siler
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Allyn Hosman
Lord's Supper.....Rick Gallagher
Servers.....M. Ellis, E. Stephenson, M. Lyle
Z. Tooley, J. Cherry, T. Butler
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Adam Williamson

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....David Johnson
Sermon..... Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Jonathan Senn
Closing Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett

WEDNESDAY

November 27, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Ushers for November..... R. Buck/L. Clark
Communion Care for December.....C/P Newby
Door Greeters – West Door.....B/S Sever
East Door.....L/J Clark
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Julie Cummins

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Tarina Brown is home. Syble Johnson is at NHC. Evelyn Harris has returned home. Eva Petty has been diagnosed with COPD. Charles Williams is back home. Olene Anderson, mother of June Thompson, has returned home. Ida Lou Sherrill mother of Alex Sherrill, is in rehab at The Waters of Gallatin, Room 407. Myra Rasnick mother of Meredith Andrews had surgery for a broken fibula. Jean McCurdy, mother of Olivia Nelsen, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby has begun chemo treatments. Larry Bailey, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He has begun chemo.



PRAYER LIST

Hugh Fulford; Maddie Andrews; Mary Spivey; Charlie Cliburn; Ottis & Maxine Cothron; Sara Hosman; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Lena Baggett; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Charles & Jackie Williams; Pat Crump; Scott Seals son of Charlie & Wanda Seals; Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby; Heather Lemley daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley; Jean McCurdy mother of Olivia Nelsen; Elaine Reynolds, friend of Christie Coleman; Alan Greene, nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; Bethany Shoulders, granddaughter of Evelyn Harris; Samantha Hager, friend of June Thompson; Vycki Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; Ty Tyler son of Ann Tyler; Wade Kennedy father of Diana Stephenson; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; Taylor Lackford, niece of Brenda Veale; Dustin Lackford, nephew of Brenda Veale; Larry Conley, friend of Wanda Proctor; Harold Cole, friend of Lena Baggett; Bobbie Carter, sister of Janice Johnson; Walter Wooten, brother of Wanda Sherrill; Aza Topik, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals.

SHUT-INS

Jean Deaton

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	84
Morning Worship.....	142
Sunday Evening.....	67
Wednesday Evening.....	65
Contribution.....	\$6,905.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,125.00

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