

Those to Serve

(B) Jack Wall
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(A) Jorge Garza
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2nd prayer Kevin Grant
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Singing: Judd Wall

November 24th

Noon Fellowship

November 28th

Thanksgiving Day

December 1st

Mission Fund

Happy Birthday

Calvin Burks Nov 26th

Linda Houts Nov 28th

Sarah Vann Dec 7th

Lynette Vann Dec 14th

Virgina Lovell Dec 19th

Kevin Grant Dec 24th

Letha Sheldon Dec 25th

Will Vann Dec 26th

Prayer List:

Pringle Family
Mike Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement

Quotes & Sayings

- *"Any man worth his salt will stick up for what he believes right, but it takes a slightly better man to acknowledge instantly and without reservation that he is in error."*
Andrew Jackson:
- *"Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company."*
George Washington
- *"When one side only of a story is heard and often repeated, the human mind becomes impressed with it insensibly."*
George Washington
- *What consumes your mind controls your life-*
Unknown

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Thanks-Giving

By Joe Chesser

Thanksgiving is a great holiday. It's a time when families can get together to do things families should be doing: eating together, laughing and telling stories you've heard a hundred times, watching the Lions and Cowboys lose (well, maybe not this year), playing games, and then eating some more. You cook and clean and travel. You get too full, too tired and extend yourself too much, but it's all worth it. It's Thanksgiving. That's what people do at Thanksgiving. At least it's a part of it.

But let's back up for just a moment. Let's not forget that the reason we have so much food and fun on Thanksgiving is because we have been so richly blessed by God. We have been blessed to live in a nation that allows us the religious freedom to have a holiday called Thanksgiving. We have been blessed with the financial resources to travel and to feast. We have been blessed with people in our past who have taught us about God and how He loves to give to us. We have been blessed with people, both past and present, who take seriously the need to protect our freedoms.

So, perhaps this Thanksgiving we can take advantage of time off from work and time with family and friends to set aside a special time to truly give thanks to God for the countless ways He has blessed us. Our God is a God who gives. Giving is a part of what makes Him God. Everything we have has come from God because He owns it all. "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1). "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father ..." (James 1:17). If you have turkey and dressing for Thanksgiving dinner it's because God has given you the turkey and dressing. If you spend time with friends and family on Thanksgiving it's because God has given you the time, the people, and the means to get together. If you get some great bargains at the stores on Black Friday, thank God for those bargains. When it comes to thanking God, nothing is too trivial, even the peas and carrots. It has all come from Him, and we all need to give thanks to Him for it. When we do, we are blessed even more.

When it comes to thanksgiving, there are two parts. The first is to recognize that it is God who has given us what we have. Our hearts respond with gratitude because our heads know the source of our blessings. We know the love that gave them, and we appreciate what He has done for us. But thanksgiving involves more than just knowing and appreciating, it requires a tangible response. We give to God praise and thanks for what He has given us. We can speak it, sing it or pray it alone or with others. Certainly we are to live a life of thanksgiving. But there's no thanksgiving without the giving. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good" (Psalm 118:1).

More Than Just Being Good

By Joe Slater

"There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius . . . a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people and prayed to God always" (Acts 10:2, NKJV).

If you aren't being good, repent – quickly! And bring forth the fruit of repentance by mending your ways. God wants you to be good. Of that there is no doubt.

But is "being good" all God requires? If ever there was a "good" man, Cornelius certainly was. As to "goodness," few, if any, of us could hold a candle to him. He was a "devout" (i.e. religious) man. And he directed his devotion toward the right object: he "feared God" (i.e. he held God in reverence). Not only that, but he led his household in that same worshipful devotion. Then our text tells us he "gave alms generously to the people." While Cornelius was a Gentile, his charity was directed toward Jews ("the people" is used in contrast to the Gentiles). Finally, Cornelius "prayed to God always."

What a good man! God Himself took note of him: "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God" (Acts 10:4). So Cornelius must have been saved, right? No, that would be wrong! God's holy angel told him to "send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved" (Acts 11:13-14). Good as he was, Cornelius was lost! Unlike so many today, however, Cornelius wasn't trusting in his own goodness. When Peter taught him the gospel, he believed and obeyed (Acts 10:44-48).

Jesus taught that many sincere, "good," religious people will be lost on Judgment Day. "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then will declare to them, 'I never knew you: depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" (Matthew 7:22-23).

doing His will includes being "good"; but goodness won't cleanse you from sin. Only Jesus' blood can do that when you, like Cornelius, believe and obey the gospel, and then "walk in the light" with Jesus (1 John 1:7).