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**BIBLE LESSON TEXTS**  
Sunday November 22, 2020  
Lost Son Luke 15:11-32

Wednesday November 25, 2020  
Lazarus Raised John 11:1-46

**GOD'S SALVATION PLAN**  
Divine Love:.....John 3:16  
God's Grace:..... Ephesians 2:8  
Christ's Blood:.....Romans 5:9  
Holy Spirit's Word: ..... Romans 1:16  
Sinner's Faith: .....Acts 16:31  
Sinner's Repentance: .....Luke 13:3  
Sinner's Confession:..... Romans 10:10  
Sinner's Baptism: .....Acts 22:16  
Christian's Love:..... Matthew 22:37  
Christian's Work: ..... James 2:24  
Christian's Hope: ..... Romans 8:24  
Christian's Endurance: · Revelation 2:10

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# Happenings in God's Family



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November 22, 2020

“Always For All Things”

Thanksgiving is my favorite time of the year. It is a holiday designed around the noble concept of gratefulness. Christians are to be thankful at all times for all things. Ephesians 5:20 says that we should give “... thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father.” Think about those words, “always for all things.” These words are universal in scope. In other words, there is not a single thing for which we should not be thankful nor a single time at which we should not be thankful. It is a recipe for optimism.

We should be thankful at all times. Have you ever had a negative thought when standing in the grocery line? Did you ever think poorly of someone else’s driving abilities? Have you ever criticized anyone unfairly or behind their backs? Thanksgiving will cure you of these thoughts. By focusing on what we are thankful for at these times, our minds don’t have time to pursue the negative. You will also find yourself more cheery and joyful and it will not be so difficult to practice Philippians 4:4, “Rejoice in the Lord always.”

We should be thankful for all things. It’s not hard to be thankful for our blessings both physical and spiritual. We can be thankful for our opportunities by taking advantage of them. We can be thankful for our employment and means of living. It does not matter how little it may be since God can do big things with small blessings. We can even be thankful for our troubles and difficulties for the “peaceable fruit of righteousness” that they will yield (Hebrews 12:11). There is not a single thing for which we cannot be thankful.

God bless you, and I love you.  
Kevin Cauley

<b>November 22, 2020 Servants</b>	
Announcements: Jim Patterson	
<b>AM Prayers</b>	<b>PM Prayers</b>
Scott Overstreet	Jimmy Smith
Thomas McGee	Scott Hobson
<b>Lord's Table</b>	
Blake Tyndell	Ben Dooley
Jamey Thomas	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Ben Dooley	
<b>November 29, 2020 Servants</b>	
Announcements: Jim Patterson	
<b>Am Prayers</b>	<b>PM Prayers</b>
Johnny Thomas	
David Conley	Jody Thomas
<b>Lord's Table</b>	
Blake Tyndell	Ben Dooley
Jamey Thomas	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Ben Dooley	
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**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**Wednesday, November 11, 2020**

Devotional/classes----- 40

**SUNDAY, November 15, 2020**

AM Worship ----- 59  
 PM Worship ----- 35  
 Contribution ----- \$2,536.57  
 Average to Date ----- \$3,001.49  
 Budget ----- \$3,100.00

**Please Pray for ...** Billy Johnson  
 Lindy Raney Don Grider  
 Faith Salfen Hancock Family  
 Meg Shelton Robin Upson  
 Winnie Tucker Blake Drinkard  
 Marie McPherson Keith & Helen  
 James Love Clark  
 Clara Inman Helen Francis Davis  
 J.L. & Jaunice Foster  
 Juanita Higginbotham  
 Rhonda and Al Harrell  
 Amanda Georgakis and family  
 Lindsey Book-  
 Grieving families

**Ladies' Bible Class** has stopped meeting (for the holidays) The Wednesday morning meetings will resume after the first of the year. (Jan 6)

**Birthday**

Jody Thomas Nov 22

**Anniversary**

M/M Jamey Thomas Nov 25

**Melburne Smith memorial** will be held at the New Boston church of Christ building on Sunday, November 22nd, at 2pm.

November Pantry Item: Fruit cocktail

Dear church members,

Words are inadequate for me to thank you enough for your prayers and support during my recent hospital stay.

Even though visits were limited by the pandemic, knowing that your name is brought before the throne of God is most comforting.

It is my prayer that God will bless each of you.

Love, Weaver

**Tough enough**

Perils and contentions were a big part of the Apostle Paul's life (2 Cor 11). Yet, he didn't "pull his punches". Galatians 4:16 says "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" In Galatians 1:10, we find "if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." Jesus himself had warned and instructed about hatred and contention from the world in John 15:18, and John echoed this in 1 John 3:13. Where there is strife in this world, the Christian should seek to overcome evil with good (Rom 12:21).  
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**Thanksgiving**

At a book "sale" last week, I picked up an Atlanta (TX) High School project book from 1992 entitled *Perspectives... Moments of Remembrance*. I have only read a few entries, but the striking recurring sentiments of survivors of by-gone eras appears to be their gratitude and happy memories. In times when there was so little to be had, working hard at picking cotton didn't make them unhappy. On the contrary, they were happy to have a job, and help out. Happy to get grapes at Christmastime... happy to get a local hospital instead of being put on a train for Texarkana if you needed surgery... happy to get to swim in the creek at recess... happy to remember riding horses before all the roads were paved. If we will take the time to be habitually thankful to God, we'll be closer to Him. We'll be happy and "contented with such things as we have" even in lean or dry times. (Heb 13:5).  
 jp