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Sunday Morning Worship

| Announcements | (668-2918) Jeff Flatt |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Lead Singing | Stanley Graves |
| First Prayer | Bo Rivers |
| Reading | Chuch Boles |
| | James 4:13 |
| Lord's Table (N) | *Don Sullivan |
| (S) | *Harold Cook |
| (N) | Jeff Rhea |
| (N) | Dustin Rhea |
| (N) | Justin Griffin |
| | David King |
| | Josh King |
| | Micah Lawrence |
| | Tony Lawrence |
| | log Collins |

Sunday Evening Worship

| Announcements | (668-2918) Jeff Flatt |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Lead Singing | Stanley Graves |
| First Prayer | Bobby Ashford |
| Reading | David McColloch |
| Scripture | Revelation 20:4-6 |
| Lord's Table | *Tim Fisher |
| | *Don Griffith |
| Sermon | Tony Lawrence |
| Closing Prayer | Eddie Palmer |

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements(668-7078) Danny Duncan

Special Program

Welcome Committee

| A.M | Steve & Carol Boyd |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| | Gordon & Linda Fults |
| Bus Driver: | Kelly Thaxton (607-9169) |

Ushers: Mike Driver & Robert Elam Attend Nursery: Amy Prince Lock Building: ______leff Templeton Prepare Communion:|eff Rhea Family Assist with Baptisms: Mary Flatt & Denice Rhea Pantry Item: Peanut Butter Elder Closing Remarks: Stanley Graves

Record For The Week...

| A.M. Worship | 323 |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Bible Study | 224 |
| P.M. Worship | 261 |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 218 |
| Contribution | \$5,525 |

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Sick

At Home:

Judy Nussbaum Mike Killian (brother-in-law to Elaine Hoover) David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father) Wayne Jordan (Nancy Roger's brother)

Debbie Kell (daughter-in-law of Asa & Sarah Kell) W.C. Chilton

Lucas McGregor (nephew of Rickey Burks)-diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma

Buddy Cathey (brother of Don Cathey)-diagnosed with cancer and in serious condition

In The Hospital:

Vickie Bell (daughter-in-law of Myra Bell)- Park West Hospital in Knoxville

Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)-River Park ICU

Sunday's Sermons

A.M.....Thy Will Be Done P.M.....Questions: Will There Be A 1000 Year Reign?

Prepare Communion for 2010

Those who can are asked to sign the sheet on the bulletin board to prepare the communion for 2010.

Fruit Baskets

The fruit baskets for the widows/widowers for the deacons to deliver will be at the building after 2 pm on Friday for pickup.

2nd Annual Christian Caving at Cumberland Caverns

The second annual Christian Caving at Cumberland Caverns will be on January 2, from 11 am to 5 pm. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for additional details.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Tuesday December 15th

TNT (Singing to shut ins)

Wednesday December 16th

Birthday Wednesday

Saturday December 19th

- Service Project: shopping for nursing home gifts
 Sunday December 20th
- Service Project: Gift wrapping for nursing home
 Monday December 2 Ist
- Service Project: Deliver Gifts for nursing home

And God Said No

I asked God to take away my pride. And God said "No". He said it was not for Him to take away, but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. And God said "No".

He said her spirit was whole, her body was only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. And God said "No". He said patience is a by-product of tribulations. It isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness. And God said "No". He said He gives me blessings, happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain. And God said "No". He said suffering draws me apart from worldly cares and brings me closer to Him.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. And God said "No". He said I must grow on my own. But He will prune me to make me fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. And God said "No"

He said He will give me life, that I may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me love others, as much as he loves me. And God said "Ah, finally you have the idea!"

~ Claudia Minden Weisz~

Two Very Different Holidays

I heard about a teacher who asked the children in her class about the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. She thought it might be effective to inch toward its meaning by having them playfully correct some wrong ideas.

"Now let me think," she began. "Thanksgiving. That's the day when we think about all the stuff we have. And how we want more things than anybody else has. And how we don't care about anybody but ourselves. And ..."

"No!" the preschool kids were starting to chorus! "No-o-o!"

Then one little guy in the middle of the pack looked up and chirped, "That's not Thanksgiving, Miss Michelle. That's Christmas!"

As we begin the transition in this country from Thanksgiving to Christmas, there does indeed seem to be a world of difference in the way these two holidays are viewed. Thanksgiving is one of the few holidays left which has not been ruined by commercialism. It is still a relatively "pure" time of giving thanks to God for our bountiful blessings. Christmas, on the other hand...

What should be a time when we are able to take great joy in giving to others (for "it is more blessed to give than to receive", Acts 20:35) and a time to remember the great gift that God has given us through Jesus Christ, has (for many) turned instead to a stressful, hectic time when we are focused on ourselves and our wants.

Allow me to make a suggestion based on an ancient Jewish practice. The Jews had a day set aside, like our day of Thanksgiving, to remember how God had blessed them as a nation and taken care of them in their darkest hour. Purim was a day of "gladness and feasting...and for sending presents to one another." (Esther 9:19).

However, there was one major difference in their practice and ours (though there shouldn't be). Their thanksgiving resulted in gift giving, but not just to friends and family. They had a practice of "sending presents to one another and gifts to the poor." (Esther 9:22).

This holiday season (indeed in our daily life) let's sieze every opportunity to give thanks to God for how He has blessed us. We need to remember that with blessings come responsibilities -- and we have a responsibility to use our blessings to God's glory. In the weeks ahead, may you truly know the joy of using your blessings not merely to make your family happy, but to share with others around you who are in need.

~Alan Smith~ (from Bulletin Gold Extra)

When it comes to doing for others, some folks stop at nothing.

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