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Sunday Morning Worship	
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Lead Singing	Stanley

ve Hillis Graves First PrayerRodney Reynolds Reading.....Bob Cantrell ScriptureTBA Lord's Table (N).....*Don Sullivan (S).....*Don Griffith (N)......Chris Neale (N)......loe Roller (N)......Marty Boles (S)Jeff Rhea Sermon.....Steve Hillis Dismiss Eddie Palmer

Un/Lock Building:....Stanley Graves/Danny Duncan Prepare Communion: ...D. Smith & W. Hendrixson Assist with Baptisms: Mary Flatt & Denice Rhea Pantry Item:Canned Corn Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons Record For The Week... A.M. Worship......308 Bible Study......238 Wednesday Bible Study 211

Contribution......\$5,593

Ushers:W.C. Chilton & Jacob Griffin Attend Nursery:lane Flatt

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-2632) Steve Hillis Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves First Prayerleff Flatt Reading......Christian Barrett ScriptureTBA Lord's Table*Dale Bennett*Willie Newby Sermon.....Steve Hillis Dismiss......Noel Pepper

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....(668-0351) Jeff McVey Lead Singing.....Paul Hurst Reading......Gordon Mayfield InvitationTony Lawrence Dismiss......Calvin Rogers

Welcome Committee

A.M.leff & Mary Flatt P.M.Doug & Wanda Hendrixson

Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

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A.M. Worship 9:00 AM Bible Study Bible Study 10:15 AM 6:00 PM P.M. Worship

Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)

Monday Morning Bible Class 9:00 AM

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Sick

At Home:

Jim Slatton Haley Taylor (great granddaughter of Bill Brown) Gerry Martin

Evie Campbell (Avie Clemons' sister) following hip replacement surgery

In The Hospital:

Melba Hillis (Steve Hillis' grandmother) - moved to Adams Place, 1927 Memorial Blvd. Murfreesboro, TN 37129 June Crouch - St. Thomas - Room #757

Sermon Preview

Sunday AM	Steve Hillis
Sunday PM	

Ladies Class Holiday Party

To all ladies of the congregation: You're reminded of the Class Holiday Party on Monday, December 5th. The cost of the meal is \$10. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. The deadline to sign up is next Sunday, November 27th. Your \$10 is due at that time. If you have any questions, please see Judy Sullivan... Remember, all ladies of the congregation are invited.

Stolen Turkey

A man stopped by the local church to talk to the Preacher. He told the Preacher "I stole a turkey this morning on my way home from work". The Preacher told him "That was a terrible thing to do". The man replied "Yes, I know that now, do you want it?" The Preacher replied "No, take it back and give it to the man that you stole it from." The man replied "I tried to give it back but he refused it". The Preacher told him "In that case you keep the turkey". The man thanked the Preacher and went on his way.

When the Preacher arrived home later that day he discovered that his turkey had been stolen!

~Selected~

Youth News

The Annual **WEDNESDAY NITE YOUTH SOMETHING** is this Wednesday night. We will begin immediately following services with a devotional in the auditorium. Following that we will assemble downstairs for activities. Everyone is asked to bring his or her favorite board/card game and snack. Drinks will be provided. Also, don't forget the "Connect-the- Dot" World Championship! Bring a friend!

Please check the Youth Bulletin board for events and activities. Two sign-up sheets are on the board, which are the **HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXTRAVGANZA** on December 9th-10th and **EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY** on January 13th to 15th. The shopping trip is open to 7th thru 12th graders. EU is for high school Christians only. Pertinent information is on the fliers on the board.

The Church Gossip

Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed arbiter of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several residents were unappreciative of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic, after she saw his pickup truck parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She commented to George and others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing.

George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and then just walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing.

Later that evening, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house......and left it there all night.

~Selected~

Baptism

We rejoice with Mike Mullins as he was baptized into Christ last Wednesday afternoon.

What Gratitude Can Do

Some form of the word "thanks" appears in the English Bible 140 times. Obviously, God's people are to be known for their thankful hearts. Have you ever thought about why it is so necessary that we give thanks to God? It's certainly not because God needs it! The Scriptures teach that we need to give thanks because of what gratitude will do for our own lives.

Gratitude can give us the desire to serve God. Those who genuinely appreciate what the Lord has done for them gladly obey His will. The apostle Paul, for example, was so thankful for the Lord's grace and mercy that he was willing to do anything for the Lord's cause (1 Tim. 1:12). Thankfulness destroys lukewarmness.

Gratitude can give us peace of mind. Someone said, "it is not the happy people who are thankful. It is the thankful people who are happy." Thanksgiving helps us to fix our eyes on the brighter side and erase the anxiety which stands in the way of peace (Phil. 4:6-7). The peace of God can rule in hearts which are thankful (Col. 3:15).

Gratitude can contribute to spiritual strength. It is not easy to face the temptations and trials which come our way in life. The inner strength required to be patient and longsuffering is inevitably linked to the giving of thanks (Col. 1:11-12). People who are strong in the faith will be found "abounding in thanksgiving" (Col. 2:6-7).

Gratitude can increase harmony among brethren. Thankful people are not as likely to struggle with envy and hurt feelings. Those who are "giving thanks in all things," have no trouble submitting themselves to one another (Eph. 5:20-21). A grateful spirit opens the heart to others.

Gratitude can keep us from the path of sin. For example, the 1st chapter of Romans shows how people sink through uncleanness to vileness and finally reach the level of a reprobate. Paul says that this tragic process begins when people are unthankful (Rom. 1:21). A thankful heart can prevent this sad fall.

No wonder the Scriptures so often call for the giving of thanks! A sincere spirit of gratitude is a giant step toward a better life.

~Bill McFarland~

Are You a Saint?

Have you ever heard someone say, "Well, I am not a sinner and I am not a saint." Is there some position between a sinner and a saint? Did you know that the words "holy," "saint," and "sanctified" all come from the same Greek word? If you are not a sinner, then you are a saint. There is no third category. But are Christians saints? If you mean by the word "saint" someone who is without flaw, then obviously, no one belongs in that category. But that is not the meaning of the Greek word *hagios*. You know that is true if you have carefully read I Corinthians. Paul referred to the Corinthians as "saints." You know how many sins are outlined in this great letter. The Corinthians were not perfect by any stretch of the imagination.

~Winford Claiborne~

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Elders & Deacons will be this Sunday afternoon at 5 pm.