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**November 22, 2015**

**Today:**

*“Who Should I Listen To?”*

**Winterfest Meeting with Teens  
after AM worship**

**Tonight:**

Children Kindergarten and up (including  
Teens) meet in gym during PM service for a  
Thanksgiving Project.

*Food Donations for Thanksgiving Boxes Due*

**Tuesday:**

**Singing Night and Birthday /  
Anniversary Celebration**

Contact Elder for November — Fred Denney 256-831-4964

***Order of Worship***

***Call To Worship***

***Prayer - Frank Thomas***

***Song Leader: David West***

***Song #571: Something Beautiful (1)***

***Song #535: The Glory-Land Way (1,3)***

***Song #976: I Shall Not Be Moved (1,2,4)***

***Song #605: I Will Serve You***

***Communion & Offering***

***Song #851: I'll Fly Away (1,3)***

***Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour***

***Scripture Reading: Eric Ross***

***Colossians 1:15-19***

***Message: John Ross***

***Song #358: Jesus Is Lord Of All (1,3)***

***Announcements***

***Song #977: Every Time I Feel The Spirit (1)***

***Prayer - Glen Brown***

*Trust in the Lord With All Your Heart And Lean Not On Your Own Understanding; In All  
Your Ways Acknowledge Him, And He Will Make Your Paths Straight*

## A Thanksgiving Thought



When pondering on things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season, maybe we should think about these words: *This, too, shall pass.*

The truth is that nothing in this world is going to last very long. Recession, war, cancer, migraines, an ogre for a boss, a physics class – not one of them is going to last forever. Of course, we are usually thinking about beautiful sunsets, ice cream at picnics, or extended family around the Thanksgiving Day table and lamenting those when we comment about things that are too short-lived.

But the same is true of life's setbacks and heartaches as well.

The longest of human lives are incredibly short – when measured against eternity. David said it 3,000 years ago: *"Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered – how fleeting my life is. You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath"* (Psalm 39:4-5 NLT).

Perhaps it would help all of us to keep more things in perspective to realize that the good and the bad, the best days and the worst, or the achievements and the embarrassments are always less than they seem to be at the moment. The person who takes the positives too seriously is in danger of arrogance; the one who thinks a failure or humiliation is forever falls prey to depression and despair.

For every good thing, give thanks to God. For every transgression, receive His forgiveness. In sickness, loss, and grief accept His daily grace and strength.

I'm not talking only about what I see in others. This tendency to see too much negative and to live with needless stress is too embedded within my own personality. One of the items on my list of things to be thankful for this Thursday is that life be transient. Successes are only momentary. Failures need not be viewed as permanent either. There is a certain relief in knowing that nothing in this human experience is forever.

Remember these words from scripture: ***"And it came to pass."*** I've had to live as long as I have to finally get what that means.

Two verses later in the Psalm quoted above comes these words: *"And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in You."*

Thanksgiving is this Thursday, but every day is a day to be grateful.

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES

We will be taking donations for food boxes through tonight. Items needed are:

***Stuffing Mix, Cake Mixes & Icing, Macaroni and Cheese, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Vegetables, Brown Gravy Packets, Cornbread Mix, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Sugar***

## Upcoming Events



**November 24:** Singing Night and Birthday/Anniversary Celebration (Tuesday night due to Thanksgiving Holiday)

**November 26:** Thanksgiving

**November 29:** Men's General Business Meeting—8:30am

**November 29:** 5th Sunday Contribution to the Building Fund

**November 29:** Elders/Deacons Meeting 6PM

**November 29:** Youth Devotional at **David & Kathy West's** farm. They will have a hayride, marshmallow roasting, live nativity for the devotional and Santa will be there! Starts at 2pm

**December 6:** Pot Luck Lunch—menu theme is Soups & Sandwiches. **Food Group 3** in charge.

**December 8:** Secret Sister Devotional and Christmas Fellowship. Menu Soups & Sandwiches—See **Shelly Painter** for details. ALL ladies are invited! (please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend) We are asking that everyone bring an ornament for ornament exchange. Also, please bring an inexpensive stocking stuffer for a child 5 to 9 years old for Backpack Buddies.

**December 11:** Church Christmas Party Fellowship Hall 6pm — details coming soon!

**December 20:** Community Christmas Dinner

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/22—Phil Waits

11/23—Lester Behel

11/24—M/M Keith Carter

11/26—Victor Phillips

11/27—Shelly Painter, Cathy Fetner, M/M Spence Beasley

11/28—M/M Lester Behel

11/29—M/M James Mitchell

## Remember in Prayer. .



### Our Sick . .

**Kesley Williams** is suffering from an increase in seizures. She was in the hospital this past week for testing and doctors are trying a new plan. Please be in prayer that this is successful. (48371 Alabama Hwy 21, Munford 36268)

**Dan Adams (Patsy Ruth's husband)** had a heart cath at Brookwood Hospital on Tuesday. Everything turned out okay and he did not have any blockages. (1125 McElderry Road, Munford 36268)

### Friends & Family. . .

**Christy McKinney** (niece of **Joyce Smith**) has been diagnosed with cancer. (261 Lendon Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30043)

**John David Watts** (nephew of **Joyce Smith**) has been diagnosed with cancer. (841 Atkins Road, Eclectic, AL 36024)

**Chris Harrell** (friend of **Larry Watts**) is struggling with a chronic bone infection. (351 Mountainview Circle, Munford 36268)

**JulieAnna Lyons** (friend of **Gaye Phillips**) has just been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She had surgery Friday. This will determine what stage the cancer is in and next steps for treatment.

### Encourage & Support. . .

Our sisters, **Mary Colley** and **Robin Houston** both came forward last Sunday asking for prayers from the church as they seek to handle family and personal issues with God's guidance. Please support them and lift them up in prayer during the days ahead. (Mary — 196 Texas Lane, Lincoln 35096. Robin — 328 Deyo Street, Anniston 36201)

### Angels Are Rejoicing. . .

We are rejoicing with the angels that **Daniel Patterson** was baptized last Sunday morning. Please support and encourage Daniel and lift him up in prayer as he continues his walk with our Lord. (221 Horizon Drive, Eastaboga 36260)

### Sympathy. . .

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Doris Shields** (mother of **Eleanor Eaton**) who passed away on Friday, November 13th. Her funeral was held last Monday. Please keep Eleanor and family in your prayers during the days ahead. (1500 Cloverdale Road, Anniston 36207)

We also extend our condolences to the family of **Pete Ishee** (brother of **Ray Ishee**) who passed away last Saturday. Funeral services were held Wednesday in Columbiana. Please keep Ray and the entire family in your prayers during this difficult time. (3916 Lera Drive, Anniston 36207)

We also express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Raymond Wallace**. (grandfather of **Bryana Yarbrough**). Mr. Wallace passed away Wednesday night. Please remember Bryana and the entire family during the difficult days ahead. (50 Howard Circle, Lincoln 35096)

## Those Privileged to Serve:

November 2015

### Song Leaders:

22nd — David West    29th — Shaun Stancil

### AM: Opening Prayer

22nd: Frank Thomas

29th: Kevin Briley

### Closing Prayer

Glen Brown

Bobby Lackey

### PM: Opening Prayer

22nd: James Lindsey

29th: Eric Ishee

### Closing Prayer

Jamie Burgess

Jeff Tims

### Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

**Presiding:** Rusty Stephens

**Assisting:** Charles Elston, Jim Merrell, Bubba Bullington,  
David Austin, Duane Stephens, Donte' Richey,  
Jason Webb, David Pugh

### Ushers:

Tyler Johnston, Landon Watts, Spencer Austin,  
Norman Morrison, Andy Strickland, Avery Pressley

### Little Lambs:

22nd: Jan Templin & Susan Briley  
29th: Kesley Williams & Linda Carter

### Greeters:

**West Entrance:** Harold & Pattie Bean

**East Entrance:** Debbie Stewart & Patsy Ruth Adams

**Main Foyer:** Eleanor Eaton, Calvin & Dorothy Phillips,  
Kesley Williams

### Security Duty:

22nd: Norman Morrison & Mike Tims  
29th: Patrick Houston & Eddie Jennings

**Prepare Communion:** Debora Mitchell

**Secure Building:** Eddie Jennings

**Youth Devo Host:** David & Kathy West

If you are unable to serve please contact

**Brian Forbus @ 256-831-2471.**

## This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

-CHEESE crackers



-Applesauce



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Fred Denney  
James Lindsey  
Bob Templin

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Brian Forbus  
(Worship Organization)  
James Galbreath  
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Eddie Jennings  
(Homebuilders, Young Adult Activities)  
Marty Livingston  
(Youth, Office Administration, Widows Needs)  
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Kenny Stratton  
(Finance)

### Preaching Minister:

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### Youth Minister:

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#### Sunday

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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#### Wednesday

Morning Study: 10:00am-

11:00am

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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## Who Should I Listen To? Sermon Notes

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