

Winnsboro Church of Christ

November 16, 2017

Prayer Requests For:

Belong, Believe, Become

We are Committed.



Are we a committed people? Are we committed to belonging, to participation with a sense of ownership in the Lord's kingdom? Are we committed to believing? That sounds a bit strange. How do I commit to believing? I make the commitment to strengthen my belief with study. I encourage others and allow them to encourage me. I confess my weaknesses and ask the Lord to help me in my unbelief. Are we committed to becoming? Am I willing to be what God wants me to be? Am I willing to forgo what inhibits my spiritual development? As 2018 approaches, be encouraged to commit.

How many things are more important to us than the Lord and His church? It is not uncommon for a person to think of his(her)self as fully committed to Jesus, but not be committed to the Lord's church. It is easy to be **fully** committed to someone that you cannot see. A little more difficult to be committed to a tangible group. ²⁰*If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.* ²¹*And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother* (1 John 4:20,21). I am committed. My prayer is that we are a committed people, serving God and His church together.

The Avery/Morrison Life Group is serving Thanksgiving Dinner (12 noon) at the church fellowship room, with turkey and all that goes with it. Anyone who wishes is encouraged to come. Come share in this time of family thanksgiving.

Jim Hampton continues his work in developing a "transition house" for men who are recovering from addiction. Stop by and see the progress he has made on that old building. In the years to come, many men will be helped and God will be praised in that building.

The Adult Christmas Party is 5 PM, Saturday, December 2. Please sign the list if you can come so we will know how much food to prepare. This is a catered meal for each one. Bring a gift (\$10) for the exchange. We will have a great time together.

Gerald Elliott

Don Brisendine - Is at home
Don Dykema - He is home now, doing well.
Hurston Prescott - Continued prayers.
Sandy Willis - Is hoping to come home in November.
Don Nowell - Continue to remember

Continue to Pray

Jim Hampton	Debbie Wallis
Don Nowell	Don Brisendine
Ina Strickland	Carl Grimes
Sandy Grimes	Gary Gaskin
Emery Brown	B. D. McCarley
Eddy McCarley	Joyce Azlin
Eppie Elmore	LuAnn Norris

Those in Nursing Facilities/Homebound

Bob Willis	Grace Lewis *HB*
Hesta Mae LaRue	Shirley Parker
Troy Holmes	Lois Rudsell *HB*

Attendance:

Sunday:
 Bible Class: 85
 AM Worship: 117
 PM Worship: 51
Wednesday: 88

Contribution: \$4,425.00
Budget: \$5,200.00
Over/Under (\$775.00)
YTD: \$728.00

*The Samaritan Fund is available for any benevolent need that you identify.

Sermons This Sunday

November 19 AM	Christians Give Thanks Psalm 100
November 19 PM	How are We Saved by the Death of Jesus? Romans 3:21-31; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Philippinas 2:5-11; Ephesians 5:1-2

GIVE THANKS

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever. – Psalm 107:1

Rudyard Kipling was a well known author, enjoying success and fame. His best known work is The Jungle Book. Being interviewed by a reporter once, the reporter said he had researched how much money Kipling had made from his writings and calculated that he had earned \$100 per word he had written. The reporter said, "Give me one of your \$100 words" and presented him with a \$100 bill. Kipling took the money, folded it neatly and placed it in his pocket and said, "Thanks."

"Thanks" is probably worth much more than \$100. When expressed, it can move benefactors into much greater generosity. An attitude of thanksgiving transforms *any* person into a much greater person. Christians should be characterized by "thanksgiving." Our Lord encourages his disciples to be people who give thanks.

¹⁷ So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is . . . ²⁰ giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, (Ephesians 5:17,20 HCSB) ¹⁵ See to it that no one repays evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always! ¹⁷ Pray constantly. ¹⁸ Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:15-18 HCSB)

Jesus was disappointed when only one of the ten healed lepers returned to give thanks. The Lord told that one his faith had made him "whole." All 10 had been healed. What cured the other nine? Apparently all were healed by the power of God and maybe all had some faith that Jesus could do as they had all asked him. True faithfulness also expresses thanksgiving. An attitude of thanksgiving will make a person "completely whole." Sound in mind and spirit as well as physically.

Give thanks to the Lord.

Gerald Elliott

NEWS AND REMINDERS

Upcoming Events

- **November 19 - Elders'/Deacons'/Ministers' Meeting**
- **November 20 - OASIS**
- **November 22 - No WW or SS-Thanksgiving**
- **November 30 - Fun Bunch to Piers Inn**
- **December 2 - Adult Christmas Party**
- **December 8 - Teen Christmas Party**
- **December 21 - Fun Bunch to see Vocal Majority; Leaving the building at 4 P.M.**

Thanksgiving Dinner

Hosted by the Morrison/Avery Life Group

Wednesday, November 22.

12 Noon at the Church Building

All are invited. especially those who may be celebrating alone.

Please sign up if you are planning to come.

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that were sent for my son's memorial service.
All Our Love,
K.J. Hicks Family

To All of You,
We want to say a very special thank you for a delicious meal on Friday, November 3rd. Tina has been our friend for over 20 years and they are so precious.
God bless each one of you.
With Gratitude,
Winiford & Lynda Kline

Until We ALL...

“**2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” -Ephesians 4:3

When I read through scripture there is a beautiful overarching theme which is difficult to miss. That theme is the redemption of mankind. From start to finish, God’s word depicts an incredible story of rehabilitation for the entire human race.

His ultimate desire being to put all of us back into the relationship that He designed. Jesus accomplishes this through redemption. This rehabilitation of all mankind calls for a realization of Jesus in more than just our individual life. We are designed to know Christ as a collective.

God has not put us here to develop a spiritual life all to ourselves, or to enjoy some sort of spiritual retirement. We are here to realize Jesus Christ so that the Body of Christ may be built up. It is for this purpose that Christ himself gave apostles and teachers (Eph. 4:12).

“**13** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” -Ephesians 4:13

Notice how Paul says “until we ALL reach unity”. That statement makes it evident that until we are all united, we are to build one another up. It may be of some benefit to ask ourselves this question: Am I building up the Body of Christ, or am I looking solely for my own personal development?

May God unite us through the bond of peace. I pray that He will guide us in our efforts to bring everyone to the great rehabilitator, Jesus Christ. May we be a people who build one another up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of Christ.

In Him,
Kyle Thompson

Life’s Basic Question

1 John 2: 15-17 “Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.”

When I read that passage I was reminded of some phrases that I have heard and sometimes use myself, “it just feels right”, “follow your heart”, “do what comes natural”. As a human being and a child of God, what “feels right” and natural should terrify me! My cravings, my desires, my lusts, my pride and the world that I live in will ultimately drive a wedge between me and the Father. I once read that righteous living is a result of loving the right things and sinful living is the result of loving the wrong things. Therefore, we are each faced with a question, “What or whom do I love?” I challenge each of us to ask this to ourselves on a daily basis. Search your hearts and judge your own decisions based upon where your desires are truly hidden. “If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

Grace and peace,
Drayton Hoffman

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Serving This Week

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Simple Supper 5:45 p.m.
Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

Song Leader

Lonzell Holman

Opening Prayer:

Dennis Phelps

**Communion Leader:
Serving:**

Drayton Hoffman
David Jackson
Bobby Willis
Tony Morrison
Randall Patterson

Scripture Reading:

Kyle Thompson

Sermon :

Gerald Elliott

Closing Thoughts & Prayer:

Roger Young

Media Control:

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Nursery:

Kali Wallis

Greeters:

Mike & Cathy Avery
Richard & Carol Lawler

Visitor Cards:

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