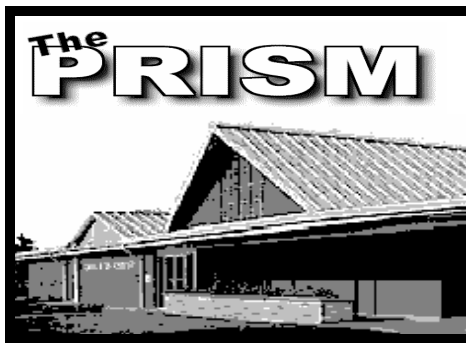




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Thanksgiving

Isn't it wonderful to live in a country with such a rich historical heritage. One of the first stories our children hear about America is that of the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving. Those thanksgiving stories passed down from generation to generation remind us of God's tremendous grace. As this Thursday approaches, we have so many blessing to count. Think about these as a start.

Life. As we grow older, many of us appreciate life so much more. Oh, yes, life is sometimes blurry and often boring, but seen through the eyes of Christ, life is a rich memorial of God's loving grace and creative genius. Life is a blessing. Love makes life even greater.

Love. God is love, and He has expressed love to His children. Many grow up today without the love of an earthly father. But, no one—not a soul—grows up without the love of the Heavenly Father. How do I know God loves me? Sometimes I don't feel loved. Love is not merely a feeling. Love is a reality. I know I am loved because God sacrificed His Son for me (Rom. 5:5-11).

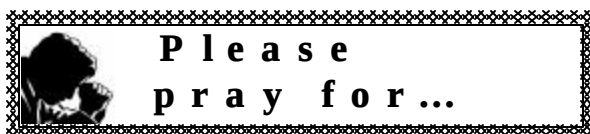
Christ. In Christ's great sacrifice, God has opened the door of salvation. WOW! I deserved to die, but Jesus set me free (Rom. 8:1-6). In Christ, you have a loving Lord, a friend, a brother, a leader, a shepherd. In Christ, you have everything that's worth anything. Sometimes, I turn my back on Christ. But, the amazing thing is that when I turn my face back to him in faith, He's still there! With God, there is life. With God, there is love. With God, there is Christ. And with God, there is strength.

Strength. Christ's saving love introduces us to Christ's sustaining strength. If you're like me, you run out of spiritual gas. You might try to buck up, push through, and hang-on, but face it—sometimes your faith fizzles. To whom do you turn for strength? Christ is the only answer. According to Paul, I "...can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need" (Phil. 4:13).

What a blessing!

For many, Thursday will be one of the best days of the year. We'll hug our loved ones, hear old stories told with a fresh smile, eat our turkey, watch our football, and do our shopping. But, above all, we'll pause—as we should—to offer our thanksgiving to our Creator, our Savior, and our Sustainer, Almighty God.

Richard W. Singleton



For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For Tim and Jennifer in the adoption process

Paulina Hilt (Darriah Kelly's mother) as she completes a 2nd round of chemotherapy.

Don Lemon is having to undergo another round of 8 chemotherapy treatments.

Mary Arnold (member at Lily Chapel) has been diagnosed with a type of brain cancer that is very aggressive. Prayers for her and her family.

Iva Glispie (Gary's grandmother) is at Golden Years for rehab after her back surgery.

Homer Cunningham (Janie Jennings' uncle) has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Connor Smith (son of Chuck Allison's coworker) had to be taken to Columbus Thursday evening with seizures that could not be explained or controlled here in our area

Mary Collins will be having an ultrasound test for a couple of masses found in her neck on November 27. Results will be back December 13.

Angie Turner (Minford Schools) had a surgery on Friday.

Vivian Woodworth had a bout with food poisoning this week that required a trip to the ER.

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday		Wednesday	
11/21	Lk 10:1-37	11/24	Gen 4:1-5:32
11/28	Lk 10:38-14:14	12/1	Gen 6:1-22
12/5	Lk 15	12/8	Gen 7:1-24
12/12	Lk 16:1-17:10	12/15	Gen 8-9
12/19	Jn 11	12/22	Gen 11:1-9
12/26	Lk 17:11-37	12/29	Gen 11:10-14:24

Thanksgiving Service

As in the past we have a special Thanksgiving service planned for next Sunday. Four of our men in the congregation will be taking a few minutes each to offer in a public way their thanks and praise to the Father for the blessings which they have received from His Hand. This is always a great service. The Children's Bible Time will not meet on this day. Everyone stays in the auditorium.

Sunday PM Services

Home Groups have concluded. All of us will be meeting here at the building this evening. We'll be having a singing devotional put together by Scott Gamp.

Home Group Hosts

Don't forget to record your attendance on the chart on the bulletin board.

Missing Tables?

We're missing a couple of our 8' folding white-top tables from the annex. If you happen to know the whereabouts, would you let Steve Miller know?

Elbrooke Services Update

We have concluded our Thursday services for the month of November. Next Thursday is Thanksgiving and we usually don't try to have anything on Thanksgiving Day. However, we have two more Sunday's to cover in November: today and next Sunday, November 28. We meet at 2 pm in the Pavilion foyer. We need singers to help us with the singing. The people love it. Also in December we are covering services on Thursday, December 16, 7 pm and on Sunday, December 19, at 2 pm. For the Thursday session we'll be singing again. Hope you will be there. Our song books will be available for the Thursday singing. On December 19, we will be having a short worship service.

Ready for Joy of Giving?

Wednesday, December 1, we'll be kicking off our Joy of Giving effort. At this time the requested gift items will be on display in the annex for individuals to select items they want to purchase or make money donations. Checks made out to the Sunshine church of Christ.

Teen Devo

At Melinda, Melissa and Ashley Hayward's house, Tuesday, 6:30 pm. By the way, there is an incentive for the teens to get at least 40 young people to this particular devo. Have you ever wondered what Jeff Hayward would look like **without** his mustache? Or what Terry Sullivan would look like **without** all his whiskers? If at least 40 show up, we'll find out.

Simple, Eternal Acts

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus (John 1:40).

Not a lot is said in the New Testament about Andrew, the apostle of Jesus Christ. He is known as "the brother of Simon Peter" - one of the greatest apostles. When we read Acts, the first half seems to revolve around Peter. He was used by God to do so much for spreading the news of Jesus to a lost world.

But what about Andrew? What did he do? His "claim to fame" was that he brought someone to the Lord. He did not use pen and ink to write out a formal request. He was not a person of great standing to have servants to send in his place. His action was simple, to the point, and very personal. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

If God could reach a rough fisherman like Peter through a brother's invitation, could he use our invitations to reach a lost soul? If Andrew were here, he would say, "Absolutely."

Pray this prayer: "Please use me, dear Lord, this week to bring someone to Jesus."

Steven Yeakley
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T h o s e W h o S e r v e

<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>November 21</u>	<u>November 28</u>
Bible Class Text	Lk 10:1-37	Lk 10:38-14:14
Welcome & Prayer	Tom Kelley	Don Coriell
Song Director	Taylor Hoskins	Scott Gamp
Scripture Reading	Greg Coriell	Steve Williams
Prayer	Jon Coriell	Wayne Gamp
Lord's Supper - Wine	Mark Gamp	Gary Glispie
Bread	Terry Sullivan	Mike Coriell
Assist	Barry Gamp	John Gamp
Assist	Harold Gamp	Barry Hayward
Assist	Dale Gamp	Chuck Allison
Assist	Lane Raiser	Ike Hardin
Message	Steve Miller	Jamie Riley
Closing Prayer	Jamie Riley	Jeff Hayward

<u>Sunday Evening</u>		
Song Director	Bud Coriell	Aaron McCray
Opening Prayer	Rich Book	Mike Gamp
Lord's Supper	Jacob Miller	Josh Coriell
Closing Prayer	Aaron Kallner	Mark Risner

<u>Wednesday Evening</u>		
Song Director	Gabe Coriell	Zach Coriell
Prayer	Ryan Coriell	Matt Cram
Bible Class Text	Gen. 4:1-5:32	Gen. 6:1-22

Advance listings for Those Who Serve are posted on our website.

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Eve.Worship - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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