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"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful"
(Paul, Col. 3:15, KJV).

The subject comes from inspired Paul in this verse. There is a question, though: For what?: That question might come a lot from people this year, because of the slump in the economy or because of continuing life shortcomings.

This Thanksgiving more people than ever might be wondering, "For what can I be thankful?" Certainly, for many who normally have it pretty good, the last few months have been what we might call a roller coaster ride, and most of the ride of late had been on the downhill side of the ride. Housing values have declined. Many owe more than the house is worth. Many are finding payments out of reach, for whatever reason. We started out this quarter paying huge gasoline prices, reaching almost \$4.00 a gallon in our area, more than double a year ago. The cost of food has steadily gone up. People who had any savings in the stock market and associated retirement plans have seen the value of that reduce by at least a third. None of this has been very inspiring to a lot of us, those of us who were in pretty comfortable positions. But how about the people who were not in such good condition before?

To say the least it is harder and harder for many of us to take to heart what Paul said about being thankful. We tend to say, "For what?" Yet, those of us who are Christians know that what Paul said is true. We are asked to "let the peace of God

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Please pray for...

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 "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

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

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel.

Ellen Lemon has completed her first five weeks of radiation treatments. She gets a
so and then begins another 4 weeks of radiation treatment.

Alex Cram is still facing possible eye surgery to preserve his eyesight.

Kerri Davis had her surgery on Wednesday. She was able to come home on Friday but is still far from recuperated.

William Gilpin (Cheryl Sims father) had emergency surgery on Wednesday for infection in his colon. He is in ICU following the surgery and has shown some improvement.

Lillian Knore came home on Friday from the hospital and is recuperating from the flu at home.



**LET US KNEEL
BEFORE THE
LORD, OUR
MAKER!**

Psalm 96:6

rest for a week or



**11/30 - A.M. Thanksgiving Service
P.M. Preaching Service**

12/3-5 - Angel Food Orders

12/7 - Deadline for Coats for Kids

12/13 - Senior Ambassador Banquet

12/19 - Christmas Program @ 7 pm

12/22 - Christmas Cookie Exchange

VERSE OF THE MONTH

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

Acts 16:31



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

11/30 Preaching Service
12/7 Galatians 1-2
12/14 Galatians 3-4
12/21 Galatians 5-6
12/28 Ephesians 1

Wednesday

12/03 Exodus 8-10
12/10 Exodus 11-13
12/17 Exodus 14-15
12/24 Exodus 16-18
12/31 Exodus 19-20

Special Day of Thanksgiving

Today our morning worship service is somewhat different from the norm. We have 4 of our men here at Sunshine who have volunteered to express their thanks and praise to the Lord before the congregation. This service is always a blessing to the church here. This year we have **Derek Miller, Jamie Veach, Bill Gammon and Jim Jacobs** to come before us giving their thanks and praise to the Lord.



No Children's Bible Time Today

We would like for our children to stay in the auditorium to see and hear their fathers, grandfathers and uncles giving praise to the Lord in our special Thanksgiving service. Next week CBT resumes.

Spirit Club News

We have our practice tonight at 6 pm to get ready for a Spirit Club Concert this evening, before our service begins. On the bulletin board in the foyer, we have list of which Spirit Club Kids will be doing what song/verse for us as a solo or part of a small group. **Parents**, take a look and be sure and help your child with the verse/song they volunteered to do. All the kids will be singing several of our memory songs together. If your child knows the verse/songs they are welcome to be part of our concert tonight regardless of whether they have attended Spirit Club meetings or not.

Coats for Kids

We are in the process of contacting local schools (administrators and teachers) to develop a list of students who are in need of coats, hats and gloves for the winter. It takes about \$25-30 to provide a child with what is needed. If you would like to help with this project, give your donations to Rhonda Berry or Eugene Risner. Checks made out to Sunshine. Donations in excess of what is needed for the coats will go toward the Joy of Giving program which provides wrapped Christmas gifts to a family or families that are struggling financially at this time. Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 7.

Special PM Service Tonight

This evening we will be suspending all adult and teen classes and having a preaching service for them in the auditorium. **John Berry** will be our speaker for the evening. Classes for the children will continue as usual.

Christmas Program

Our annual kids Christmas Program is set for Friday, December 19, 7 pm here at the building. The program is designed for children age 4 and up. Depending on how many of each age group sign up, we may be using older children to help produce the program rather than be in it. Please sign up your child on the pad in the foyer for the Christmas Program no later than Sunday, December 7. See Brandi Gampp for details.

New Quarter Begins

Teachers/students, please note that the new teaching quarter begins on Wednesday, December 3. Questions, see Rich Book.

Christmas Cookie Exchange

All ladies in the congregation are invited to participate in a Christmas Cookie Exchange. Each participant should bring 8 dozen cookies, packed by half dozens. Dinner will be provided. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Please sign up in the foyer with your name and the type of cookie you will be bringing. Be creative. The event will be in the Annex on Monday, December 22, at 6:30 pm. See Mandi Coriell or Kim McCray for details.



Angel Food Orders This Week

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we will be taking orders for the December Angel Food program. The hours are Wed-Friday, 9-12 am and Thursday, 5-8 pm. And of course, on Wednesday and Sunday, you Sunshine members can come by the office after services and place an order.

Lily Chapel Paint Project

The painting project for the Lily Chapel church of Christ has been postponed till spring. Questions, see Caleb Miller.

Local Need

Anyone who is interested in getting dirty and sweating for the Lord (and a local family), please see **Dewey Cordle**. All help is welcomed!! Date is Saturday, December 6. There is a list of items needed on the back bulletin board. Bring work items with you on Saturday: weed eaters, lawn mowers, paint brushes, joyful heart.

Missions Updates

For the Honduras Trip: We are still looking for people interested in making the Honduras trip. Date for the trip is May 14-21, 2009. See Jason Coriell for details ASAP.

For the Haiti Trip: The trip is closed at this point to new people. Trip dates are February 14-21, 2009. However, it is not too early to start planning for the 2010 trip which will be in January or February of 2010.

We have eight people from our congregation scheduled to go on the February, 2008 trip: **Mike Dixon, Brandy Gampp, Scott Gampp, Candi Gampp, Jason Coriell, Dewey Cordle, Terry Grashel and Aaron Kallner.**

Haiti Mission Donation

There is one item we are collecting for our trip to Haiti. We have been asked to come up with 300 boxes of crayons for Haiti school children. All must have 24 crayons--no more, no less. If you would like to buy some boxes and contribute to this need, there will be a collection box in the foyer to receive your donation.

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rule" our hearts. There is good reason for that; for one, it should help us over the doldrums of the times. But that is true all the time, in time of plenty as well as time of need.

That is part of what Thanksgiving should be about. At the end of the day the only thing that counts is our relationship to God. So, we do need to be thankful, without question, connecting with Paul's statement, "when I am weak, then am I strong" (2 Cor. 12:10, NIV). Also, the verse before has the Lord saying to Paul, "my power is made perfect in weakness." That is part of letting the peace of God rule.

A poem titled "Beyond the Darkness" by Martha Pounders Walker has a couple of lines appropriate to this thought. Speaking of when the darkness will be over, she says, "I cannot know when, but I can know hope -- Hope in the One who worked under cover of darkness, Bringing day from the nothingness of night." And so it is with us.

Meantime, if we ate well in past Thanksgivings, it might do us good to enjoy rice and beans and cornbread, if that be our lot. While doing it, we might share with those who have less, and have done so all the time.

Chuck Owen
Northside Church of Christ
Laredo, TX



Those Who Serve

<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>November 30</u>
Welcome & Prayer	Wayne Gampp
Song Director	Nick Davis
Scripture Reading	Eric McLaughlin
Prayer	Troy Gahm
L Server 6	Michael Dixon
O Server 5	Barry Hayward
R Server 4	Price Gammon
D Wine	Greg Coriell
S Bread	Josh Coriell
U Server 3	Barry Gampp
P Server 2	Ryan Coriell
E Server 1	Bill Gammon
R Message	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	John Berry

<u>December 7</u>
Tom Kelley
Ralph Gampp
Steve Williams
Aaron Kallner
Jack Jennings
Gary Glispie
Jamie Riley
Spike Ferrell
Jeff Hayward
Ira Coriell
Tim Coriell
Lane Raiser
Steve Miller
David Gampp

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Deadline for each issue is 5 p.m. Friday. News items may be called to **Al Graff** or **Steve Miller** or e-mailed to:

info@sunshine-church.org

Sunday Evening

Song Director	Gabe Coriell	Mark Gampp
Scripture Reading	Rich Book	Bob Havens
Lord's Supper	Caleb Miller	Dewey Cordle
Assist	Shawn Gragg	Mark Risner
Prayer	Jason Coriell	Don Ramey
Bible Class	Preaching Service	<i>Galatians 1-2</i>

Wednesday Evening

Song Director	Aaron McCray	Matt Hoskins
Prayer	Jeff Hayward	Mike Gampp
Bible Class Text	<i>Exodus 8-10</i>	<i>Exodus 11-13</i>

Children's Bible Time

Nov 3/5: Stephanie Copas, Eric Copas, Debbie Sullivan
Nov 6/8: Mary Lemon, Kristine Coriell, Teresa Hayward
Dec 3/5: Jennette Ferrell, Pam Coriell, Irmalee Gampp
Dec 6/8: Kerri Davis, Kim McCray, Jessie Coriell

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

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Find the Thanksgiving words below in the grid at the right. Some words may be diagonal or spelled backwards. Solution posted on the bulletin board and on page 5 of the online bulletin

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