

Welcome to the Church of Christ at **SUNSHINE**

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Thanksgiving is a Way of Life

Of all the Holidays we celebrate in this country Thanksgiving is the closest to being Biblical. In fact, Abraham Lincoln instituted this Holiday recognizing the great blessings we have received as a country from God. Can you imagine a political leader today declaring a day to give thanks to God?

As we think about our blessings we need to be thankful for all that we have received. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17). Many times we can read of people giving God thanks for His kindness and mercy. Jesus gave thanks before breaking the bread when feeding the 4,000. "And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude" (Matt 15:36). He also gave thanks while observing the Passover and then instituting the "Lord's Supper" in Matthew 26.

We need to remember that being thankful is not a day but a way of life. A person that is not thankful each and every day is not truly thankful on the fourth Thursday in November. We need to appreciate the great blessings of life each day. The blessing of having family and loved ones around us is truly something to be thankful for. We are blessed with a level of prosperity that is the envy of the world around us. We have homes the size of mansions, televisions in most rooms, electronic games, medical care, central heat, air conditioning, food in the frig, and more clothes than needed. This is just a partial list but you get the idea. We have been blessed.

The greatest blessing is the gift God sent in the form of His Son who died on the cross for our sins. "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)...For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:4-5, 8). The two words that stand out to me in the above verses are the words "But God." Man was deserving of death "but God" gave His Son to die for you and me. It was because "but God" that our children, our family, and our neighbors can be saved.

We can be thankful on "Thanksgiving Day" because we are thankful each day of our lives.

Dennis Tucker

Westside Church of Christ
Owensboro, KY

Please Pray For:

For our nation as we are going through troubled times.

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 innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

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 church in Siliguri and Naresh Chhetri and Ashok Basfor.

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

For the people in the Philippines affected by the typhoon.

Esther Crisp now home but continuing her therapy. Volunteers are helping with food for Gene and Esther. See below.

Gregg Ferrell now in Mt Carmel West (Columbus) for treatment. Some physical problems this week but they are improving.

Henry Mason (Gene and Esther Crisp's son) No further treatments scheduled at this time. Cards and prayers needed.

Garnet Lindeman improving slowly every day. With Nancy through the week and with Janie on weekends.

Patsy Graff had her endoscopy on Friday. Some problems found and corrected but will require a follow up endoscopy in near future.

Matthew Gampp in the Philippines working to deliver water to people affected by the typhoon.

Angie Arnett (friend of Laryssa Grashel, mother of 2 children) fighting cancer.

Eldon Conkel (former member now living in Atlanta) cancer of the bladder. Starting his chemo on November 27.

Paul Hagen (Donnie Coriell's friend) cranial tumor.

Doris Wallace (Kandy Cooper's sister) is back at Bristol Village in Waverly.

Debbie Krumpleman (Delores Gampp's niece in Cincinnati) diagnosed with cancer, facing chemo and radiation.

Praise Reports

Valerie Lemaster's petscan showed good results!

Matt Cram finally got his visa just in time to fly off to China with his family to get Anna Mei!



Coming Events

11/24	Song Service in the PM
12/1	Thanksgiving Sunday
12/15	Christmas Caroling
12/21	Christmas Lights in Ashland

Food Needed

Gene and Esther are needing some help with food for the next week or so. If you would be able to prepare a meal and deliver to their house, please sign up for a specific day on the sheet in the back. See Kristi Cordle for details.

Directory Update

Terese and Jordan Jones have moved recently:

**96 MacDonald St
South Webster, OH 45682
740-357-9996.**

Thanksgiving Sunday

Thanksgiving Day comes late in the month this year and Thanksgiving Sunday actually lands on December 1. On Thanksgiving Sunday for many years we have had four of our men take a few minutes to give their personal thanks and praise to the Lord for His blessings. This year our four guys are **Greg Shepherd, Wes Lyon, David Deacon** and **P J McGaughey**. Pray for these men as next week they will be standing before us giving their thanks and praise to the Father.

Special Collection

Last Sunday we collected about \$3500 for relief work in the Philippines. We are partnering with the Southside church of Christ in Lexington, KY, which has direct contacts through the church there already. If you would like to add to this amount, please give it to one of our deacons and they will take care of getting it in the right place.

Responses

Last Sunday, three of our members made request for prayer and we are asking you to continue to pray for them on a daily basis. Please remember **Jon Coriell, Esther Crisp** and **Teresa Hayward**.

Budget Requests for 2014

Soon we will be preparing our budget for 2014. If you anticipate a need for funding for a ministry in 2014, please get that request ASAP to one of our deacons, preferably the one who is over the area of ministry where your idea would fit.

Important Announcement

Last Sunday at the conclusion of services our elders made an important announcement requesting the help of the congregation. If you missed this announcement, please get with one of our elders today and ask them to share the announcement with you.

Reminder about Children's Bible Time

Just a reminder to parents about Children's Bible Time. CBT is designed for children from ages 3 through 8. Just before our sermon on Sunday morning we dismiss children of that age to go to the classrooms or Annex for a lesson on their own level. It is a two-tiered program. Children ages 3-5 have their own track and children ages 6-8 have their own track. If your child is new to the congregation you (parent) are welcome to accompany them until they are "settled in." We discourage sending big brother or big sister (older than 8) with them to watch over them or to "help" with CBT. We would like for children 9 and up to learn how to be in big people's church. For infants up through age 2 we have a Cradle Roll class in the Cradle Roll class room (just off the foyer) at the same time as CBT. Parents are welcome to come with their child to the Cradle Roll class at least until they are acclimated. Both of these classes are optional. You as parents are free to keep your children with you in the auditorium regardless of their age. The elders and the program leaders have established these guidelines for both CBT and Cradle Roll for the overall good of the congregation. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tonight's Service

This is the 4th Sunday and we will be doing something special. We're going to have a session of singing, prayer and thanksgiving. If you have a word of praise and thanks to God, please come prepared to share it with us. We do not view this time as worship but more in the vein of fellowship or class time or a simple prayer meeting. Therefore everyone (men, women, teens, children) should feel free to speak up and participate.

Sweet Christmas Tea

December Sweet Monday will be Dec. 2 at 6:30 PM in order to give time for all the fun we have planned! We are going to have a "tea" format--serving cookies and hot beverages, enjoy playing our ornament swapping game (bring ornament that is \$5 or less), make a great craft ornament, and listen to a special guest speaker--Steve Williams! Feel free to bring a friend and your little sweeties to have a great time kicking off the holiday season! I hope to see each of you at this event--I know it's a busy time of year, but if you come I know you will be blessed! Heather

Notes of Encouragement

Our shepherds serve the congregation on a daily basis. They handle a myriad of problems (spiritual, financial, emotional, physical) that come to them from individual Christians and families. They set the direction for the congregation as we move forward. They oversee the work of the deacons and the ministers and advise them in the specific areas of work they may be involved in. None of them are paid. All is done on a voluntary basis and some of our shepherds have been serving in this capacity for 20, 30 and more than 30 years. This work is the highest work to which a man can be called in the Lord's kingdom and it is the most difficult work in the kingdom when it is done conscientiously. Our shepherds have been faithful in their work and for the next few weeks we invite you to write your own note of thanks and encouragement to the men in our present eldership. There are manila envelopes on the window in the foyer. Write your note and drop it in the appropriate envelope. Let them know how much you love, respect and appreciate them.

PG Men

After services this morning, Steve Miller would like to meet with any men (age 18 and up) who would like to get involved in a special class for men using Lou Butterfields DVD material, **The Mousetrap**. Meetings would be about an hour. We just want to figure out the best time and how often to have the meetings. Please come to the meeting in the teen room in the annex. Details, see Steve.



Christmas Caroling

Youth Group, look! Sunday, December 15th! Be at Sunshine at 1:00PM to stuff bags and practice singing carols with other groups involved. We will be visiting the Concord nursing home from 3:00-4:30. The youth group will be making cookies and cards for 125 residents between two different nursing homes (Concord and Fountainhead). Fountain head is very small and will be visited some time later by a small group.

Food and Lights

Youth Group, look! Saturday, December 21, 4:30-10 PM. We're headed to Ashland to see the Christmas lights and to eat at a "sit down" restaurant (not fast food). Sign up on the sheet in the foyer.





Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am

Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer

Song Director

Worship Leaders

Message

November 24

Rich Book

Nick Davis

Mike Gampp

Price Gammon

Steve Miller

December 1

Don Coriell

Shaun McCray

Shawn Gragg

Jason Foster

Guest Speakers

Sunday Evening

Song Director

Scripture Reading

Lord's Supper

Assist

Prayer

Don Ramey

Jim Cunningham

Dewey Cordle

Matt Hoskins

Jason Coriell

Gabe Coriell

Steve Williams

Mark Gampp

Tim Coriell

Mark Villinger

Wednesday Evening

Song Director

Prayer

David Bradshaw

Caleb Miller

Zach Coriell

Josh Coriell

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