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THANKSGIVING

In a few days our nation will pause and celebrate Thanksgiving. As we as a nation stop to give thanks, it may appear there is little to be thankful for. A short time spent listening to the national news or reading the newspaper would indicate times are bad and getting worse. Is this really the case? Do we have any reason to give thanks? Yes we do. We can be thankful for our nation. America is certainly not perfect and we all should do our part to improve the nation. But what other country provides the freedom and opportunity that ours does? We can worship God without governmental interference. We are not required to pay taxes to support the nationally recognized religion and its particular practices. Nor are we required to participate in that religion's public observances.

We can be thankful for Jesus. He died for our sins, receiving the punishment we rightly deserve (Isaiah 53:1-12; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:24). John wrote that Jesus "is the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). To propitiate is to "appease (an offended person)" (The Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus, page 1199). Before the Jewish council Peter proclaimed, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Without Jesus there is no hope of salvation from sin. Nor can one find release from the guilt sins bring.

Jesus promised to build His church and then did it (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47). The church is where God places the saved (Acts 2:47). The church serves as: the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:22-33); the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22, 23; Colossians 1:18); the temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:10-16); it is also the family or household of God (1 Timothy 3:15).

We can also be thankful for the way Jesus organized the church. With each congregation independent and self-ruling from all others, there is the safeguard against apostasy. When a congregation departs from "the faith once delivered to the saints" (Jude 3), no other congregation is compelled to follow. If the structure involved one congregation or one eldership or one man over several congregations, then when the leading church departs all those under their authority would also depart.

The leadership of the local congregation belonging to an eldership made up of two or more men meeting specified qualifications is another thing to be thankful for. These men bring a check and balances to the leadership. This structure prevents one man from imposing his will rather than the Lord's will on the congregation.

As this article closes, consider one more area of thanks: your personal blessings. As the song we sing admonishes "Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings see what God has done." As you count you will no doubt be amazed how much you personally can be thankful for.

Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "Black Friday" John 19:28-30

Sunday Evening: "Dealing with Doubt"

Leadership

Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey

Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,
Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney

Pulpit Minister Eric Welch

Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Panama Missions

Evans Campbell Pablo Sanchez

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Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service	PM Service	AM & PM Services
Song Leader Michael Hawkins	Song Leader Stephen Cravens	Announcements Robby Stocksdale
Opening Prayer Ethan Welch	Bible Reading John Keaton	Lord's Supper Leon Stocksdale
Scripture Greg Blanton	Selection 59	Offering Nathaniel Welch
Sermon Eric Welch	Prayer Ernie Marshall	Usher Clint Smith Sr
Lord's Supper	Sermon Eric Welch	Count Offering Art Patrick
Message Jerry Casey	Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr	Assist Count Marc Owens
Attendant Hank Tincher	<i>If you are unable to serve, please call Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tincher 502-409-3511</i>	
Attendant Harold Tincher		
Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton		

Those Privileged to Serve November 30

AM Service	PM Service	AM & PM Services
Song Leader Michael Hawkins	Song Leader Clint Smith Jr	Announcements Joe Sweeney
Opening Prayer Nathaniel Welch	Bible Reading Clint Smith Sr	Lord's Supper Hank Tincher
Scripture Grover Blanton	Selection 60	Offering Greg Blanton
Sermon Eric Welch	Prayer Rick Martin	Usher Harold Tincher
Lord's Supper	Sermon Singing Emphasis	Count Offering Robby Stocksdale
Message Stephen Cravens	Closing Prayer Irvin Williams	Assist Count Art Patrick
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Attendant Brandon Montgomery		
Closing Prayer Jerry Casey		

A Biblical Mondegreen

Eric Welch

A mondegreen is a word or phrase that results from a mishearing of something spoke. For example, "very close veins" is a mondegreen for "varicose veins."

Children often say the funniest mondegreens: The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the 10 amendments. Moses died and could not go into Canada and Joshua fought the battle of Geritol. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him. King David played a liar and fought the Finklesteins. Solomon had 300 wives and 700 porcupines. Jesus had 12 decibels. One of the opossums was Matthew and he was a taxi man. Who is Art in heaven (Matthew 6:9)?

Sometimes we sing mondegreens. When Hannah was three years old, she would sing the "Lord's Army" this way: "I may never march in the apple tree, ride in the Cavity..." Perhaps you have heard "Bringing in the Sheets" or have asked, "Are You Sowing the Seed of the King, dumb brother?" How about "Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me?" Maybe you've heard in the chorus "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," "Oh, come let us ignore Him."

That last mondegreen sums up a true mondegreen found in Mark 15:34. At the edge of death, Jesus shouted "Eloi, Eloi lamah sabachthani," but the people misheard him. They thought that he was calling for Elijah (Mark 15:34). It's not surprising. Their hearts were already stopped up and their hearts were dull. They ignored His teachings. Why would the occasion of the cross be any different (cf. Isaiah 6:10; 59:1; Matthew 13:15; Acts 28:27; Hebrews 5:11)?

People still ignore him today. Yes, they adore baby Jesus this time of year, but they dismiss the teachings of the Son of Man the rest of the year. Why wrestle with the reason for the cross and its demands, when you can keep baby Jesus in the manger? People create "mondegreens" of His teachings; only hearing what is easy for them to swallow. For example, "judge not" could easily pass as the most famous and most important for those who wish to live how they want. However, those who love Jesus will hear Him speaking clearly and will submit to Him.

May God help us to have open ears to hear His plain teaching.---

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

Mark 15:33-37

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will not meet Monday November 24th. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday December 1st at 6:00 pm.

A combined fellowship group meal is planned for Sunday November 23rd after the morning worship; ham will be provided. The Tincher and Smith groups will provide the sides; the Stocksdale group will provide drinks and desserts. Sign-up sheets for what to bring are in the foyer.

This is a double issue of the bulletin and lists the assignments for those men who serve during worship for the next 2 Sundays.

A singing emphasis service is scheduled for Sunday evening November 30th. Men and young men of the congregation who would like to lead a song or read scripture please sign the sheet on the table.

"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

"God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things"

Acts 17:24-25.