

An Update from Andrew...

It was great to see so many familiar faces on Sunday morning, including family members who were in town for Thanksgiving, college students who had come home for Thanksgiving break, and several guests who were worshipping with us. There is something powerful about the way worship can bring us all together. It is also fitting that we are thinking about thanksgiving during tonight's devotional. Although the holiday of Thanksgiving is an American tradition, it reflects a Biblical practice – gratitude. We can even find it in the most unlikely places – for instance, the life of King Saul.

Saul's life began with promise but ended with tragedy. The Philistines were defeating Israel in battle, and Saul was worried about what the Philistines would do with him, so he chose to take his own life. He asked his armor bearer to do it, and when the man refused, Saul fell on his sword. That did not pacify the Philistines, though, and they fastened Saul's body (as well as the bodies of his sons) to the wall of Beth-shan, as a gruesome reminder of their victory. Yet 1 Samuel 31:11-13 reveals that the men of Jabesh-gilead came by night, took the bodies home, and gave them a proper burial.

Why? Why would individuals risk being caught and punished by the Philistines to give an honorable burial to a man who had turned his back on the opportunity to lead his people in the right way? The answer – gratitude.

Twenty chapters earlier, Nahash was leading the Ammonites against the people of Jabesh-gilead. They pleaded for mercy from Nahash, and he said he would give it if he could gouge out the right eyes of every man in Jabesh (another gruesome punishment). When newly crowned King Saul heard about this, he was angry. The Spirit of the Lord was upon him, and he led troops into battle to defeat the Ammonites. The people of Jabesh-gilead were thankful, and that gratitude led them to give a proper burial to the man who had assisted them in their time of need.

While that is a powerful story of what gratitude can cause us to do, it also reminds us of something else important. It is likely the people of Jabesh expressed thankfulness to Saul after they were delivered, but the actions of 1 Samuel 31 take place after he had died. Let's not wait until it is too late to share our gratitude with people who have helped us. Let's show honor to whom it is due while we have the time and opportunity. Is there someone you need to call or text this week to let them know how much you appreciate them? Let's decide to do it. It will bless their lives, and you will find that sharing your gratitude will bless your life as well. I hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday, and we can look forward to worshipping together on Sunday!

Sunday's Messages

AM – A Thanksgiving Feast (Psalm 105:1-4)

PM – A Revelation from God #8: Zion's Glorious Summit (Revelation 14:1-5)

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DEACONS

Rick Barker	Josh Love
Billy Bishop	Carl Martin
Bobby Bishop	Wayne Phillips
Shawn Butterfield	Troy Potts
Hollis Carpenter	Warren Robinson
Barry Christian	Ed Self
Ken Compton	Austin Simmons
Ben Farris	Jeff Skelton
Dwayne Fulks	Ricky Thompson
Jason Golden	Doug Wilburn
Randy Goodwin	Ken Wiles
Tim Gordon	Doug Williams
Eddie Harris	Larry Winchester
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OFFICE HOURS

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TIMES OF WORSHIP

Sunday 9:00 AM
Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM

COUNSELING CENTER

Mondays 11:00 AM—5:00 PM

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TELEVISION

Connections
Charter Channel 195
Wednesdays 7 PM,
Sundays 5 PM
CPWS Channel 13
Sundays 7:30 PM
Sunday Morning Worship
Charter Channel 195
Sundays 8 AM

OUR RECORD

Week of	11-18-18
Sunday AM	583
Bible Study	382
Sunday PM	318
Contribution	\$23,903.64
Wednesday PM	267
Budget	\$23,000.00



Senior Adult Holiday Dinner

Thursday, December 6, 6 PM
Fellowship Hall—\$12 per person

Sign up at the Sr. Info Desk or any
auditorium entrance.

Deadline to sign up is December 2.

Our Shut-ins

NURSING HOME:

NHC-MAURY REGIONAL

Emily Long, 2406
Fran Ferrell, 2301
Sue Foster, 2200
Mary Ann Fry, 2302
Eris Ledford, 2500 (Martha Goodwin's mother)
Ray Davis

LIFE CARE CENTER

Elaine Bills (Kathie Porter's mother)

AT HOME:

Edwin Derryberry
Marie Mayberry
Leon & Jewel Whitlatch
Rebecca Burgett
Dorothy LaCroix
Sarah Johnson
Lucille Potts

ASSISTED LIVING:

THE BRIDGE

Bobby Smithson, 122
Frances Logsdon, 102
Olivyn Hardison, 243
Mary Margaret Lovell, 127
Grace Frank, 106
Betty Rash, 120

MORNING POINTE

Marie Voss, 126

POPLAR ESTATES

Mary Robb, The Gardens
Barbara McNeece, The Gardens

BROOKDALE

Ruby Mathis, 5011

SOMERBY OF FRANKLIN

Sara Pigg, Apt. 1207
Faye Locke, Apt. 1315
Mary Jo McGee (mother of Pam Hendrickson)

NHC PLACE, Cool Springs

Robert Waddell, 313

Our Sick

MRMC: **Jordan Compton**, 250
Dismissed: **Samantha Baugus**

Remember in Prayer

Tessa Fleming, Kenny Compton, Linda Jobe, Charles Smith, Beverly Martin, Bettie Sparkman, Roger Riddle, Sue Foster, Nan Price, Deane Pigg, Tim Mullican, Dianne Campbell, Billy Mynes & family, Hope Welch, Bill Butterfield (father of Shawn Butterfield, cancer treatment), Paul Handley, Susan Irick, Gavin & Cynthia Beck and son, Will (son of Ron & Sherry Beck-displaced from their home in the California fires), Jack Brown (brother-in-law of Gerald Buie)

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Rachel Farless**, sister of Joe Huckaby and aunt of Connie Bedwell. The funeral was Tuesday.

Mission Points & Missionaries

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Upcoming Events

• **Meals Program:**

November 26: Wanda Robinson
November 28: Mable Delk
November 30: Kitty Chaffin

• **Pantry Needs:** cereal/oatmeal

• **LADS TO LEADERS:** Great opportunity for our YOUNG folks to develop leadership skills. If you are interested, please sign up by November 25th to be included at the Convention/Hotel. *No Bible Bowl study session Sunday.*

• **Brown School Second Grade Classroom donations:**

In order to help the Brown School second grade stay healthy, they need these donations: Boxes of Kleenex, Hand sanitizer, Clorox or Lysol wipes, Lysol spray (or any items that fit into this category). You may drop donations in the boxes in the educational foyer.

- No **Bible Kidnection** Sunday night.
- No Wednesday Morning Bible classes this week.

Meals Program

The Meals Program has a need for additional helpers in 2019. If you would like to be on a team to prepare part of a meal or to help deliver meals, please contact the church office or Jeff and Kyla Harris. For more information about the Meals Program, see Jeff or Kyla Harris.

New Youth Webpage

Check out the new webpage for our youth group. If you have any pictures from a youth activity to contribute, send them to JD.

www.graymerestudentministry.com