

To know HIM and to make HIM known



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Service Times

Sunday:

Coffee & Fellowship..... 9:45 am
Adult Bible Class..... 10:00 am
Worship Service 11:00 am

LifeGroups

Hannigan..... 5:30 pm
Denham..... 5:30 pm
Reynolds..... 6:00 pm
Morris..... 5:00 pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study..... 6:00 pm

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Thanksgiving

Throughout the Bible, we see **thanksgiving** for blessings as a theme. The Old Testament resounds with the people praising God; Israel had a history of giving thanks to God for the mercy and deliverance he showed them. In the New Testament we read, Jesus "Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven he gave thanks and broke them" (Luke 9:16). At the Last Supper Jesus took bread and gave thanks, and offered it to His followers (1 Cor. 11:24). Jesus always prayed before meals.

With the holiday approaching, let's consider some thoughts for thanksgiving.

Motive. When we give thanks to God, our sole motive should be *pure gratitude*. Thanksgiving is giving thanks and that alone. Of all our types of prayers, a thanksgiving prayer is the least likely to be polluted or corrupted with selfish thoughts or a subconscious appeal to manipulate God. It is about God's blessings toward us and our appreciation of those blessings.

Knowledgeable. Being grateful requires us to look back into the past, whether times recent or years past, and acknowledging blessings for which we are thankful. Our culture is infatuated with the future and the result is that thanksgiving is sometimes neglected. But to give thanks to God is to look backwards, not forwards, and to express gratitude for the good things that have come our way.

Comprehensive. On the U.S. holiday, we thank God for the meal. Sometimes we include more in our prayers. We should, because we are so blessed. God is to be thanked for our family, friends, housing, jobs, and possibly hundreds of other minor things. Giving God thanks should be a theme running through our lives in times good and bad. The Pilgrims lived close enough to the soil to know how dependent they were on God's providence. In bitter winters with scarce food, they learned to thank God for all they had. And they were eager to thank Him during times of abundant blessing, too.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, ponder and consider the many blessings you enjoy. Be grateful for these wonderful benefits and thank God for them.

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

MORNING ASSEMBLY

December 1, 2019

Front Greeter: Debbie Derenburger
Usher: Richard Wagner
Worship Leaders: Jacob Glaspell

Scripture Reading/Prayer: Nick Johnson
Communion Preside: Bill Reynolds
Serve East: Tom Winnell
 Tom McNeely

Serve West: Alex Derenburger
 Richard Walker

Contribution Tally: H & R Kinder
Sound Booth: Matt Barber
PowerPoint: Pete Williams

WEDNESDAY EVENING

November 27 **December 4**

Usher: Tom McNeely Bill Reynolds
Prayer: Chris Morris Bob Midkiff
Sound Booth: Paul Estep Tom McNeely

Communion Preparation & Garments:
 Grace Wagner

*If you cannot serve as scheduled,
 please contact Tom McNeely at 304-346-5212.*

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

Attendance
 Bible Class 55
 Worship..... 82
 Wednesday..... 28

Collection Plate \$2,050.13
 Online \$1,310.00
Total **\$3,360.13**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Joe Riley, Janice Richardson, Charlie and Jeanie Weaver, Steve Fox, Charlie and Dora Mynes, Lanny Markland

NOTE FROM ELWOOD BROWN

We have good feelings to ALL of the folks that attended the party, namely my and Ruth's families, our church folks, our telephone pioneers group, and our many friends that we have!

Thanks again!

"THANKS TO GOD"

Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered,
 Thanks for what thou dost deny.
 Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
 Thanks for all thou dost supply.
 Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure.
 Thanks for comfort in despair.
 Thanks for grace that none can measure,
 Thanks for love beyond compare.

Thanks for roses by the wayside,
 Thanks for thorns their stems contain.
 Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
 Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.
 Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
 Thanks for heav'nly peace with thee.
 Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
 Thanks through all eternity!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 3 **Prayer Meeting**, 6:00 pm
- December 9 **Ladies Book Club**, 7:00 pm
 Linda Johnson's home
- December 14 **Teens Christmas Party**
- December 26 **Young at Heart Breakfast**, 10 am

TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 14

Location TBA



Join us for our Teen Christmas Party Saturday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m.

We will have food, games, and a white elephant gift exchange (\$20 limit)

Parents and teens are encouraged to come!

For additional information see Jacob.

THE POWER OF GRATITUDE

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

grat-i-tude
 [grat i tood]
 noun
 the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

- Melody Beattie

LIFEGROUP INFORMATION

- **Chuck and Shirley Denham**
 5:30-6:30 pm Sunday at the building.
 Serving communion.
- **Tom and Brenda Hannigan**
 5:30-7:30 pm in their home.
- **Chris and Renee Morris**
 5:00-7:00 pm, See Chris or Renee for location.
- **Bill and Darlena Reynolds**
 6:00-8:00 pm Sunday at various locations

Join a LifeGroup! They are open to everyone; feel free to try them all!



Alaina Morris	12/04
Bill Reynolds	12/06
Michelle Boggs	12/07
Serenity Stephenson	12/09
Brenda Hannigan	12/10
Eulah Miller	12/13
Linda Johnson	12/24
Danene Hartley	12/28



Dewey & Amy Kuhns	12/02
Tom & Donna McNeely	12/12
Bill & Darlena Reynolds	12/19
Frank & Elaine Javins	12/27
Ehren & Wendy Johnson	12/28

Did we miss a special day? Contact office@kccofo.org