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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship..... 10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service..... 2:30 PM
Worship..... 6:00 PM

Tuesday:

Redstone Class..... 9:30 AM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class On Break
Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

Deacons:

Mike Bannister..... Jim Moore

Don Smith..... James Thomas

Preacher:

Ryan Smithey.....

Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children
Gospel Broadcast Network
Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)
House to House, Heart to Heart
Mission Printing
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World Bible School

Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

A Man After God's Own Heart

By Sam Willcut

One certainly cannot underestimate the role of the heart in godly religion when he reads what God has revealed through the scriptures. The fact is that God even knows our hearts. When Solomon prayed in dedicating the temple, he made a parenthetical statement in First Kings 8:39: "...for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men." Jeremiah stated, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jer. 17:9-10). During the appointment of a successor to Judas Iscariot, the apostles prayed, "Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men" (Acts 1:24). In addition, when Peter rebuked the sin of Simon of Samaria, he said, "...for thy heart is not right in the sight of God" (Acts 8:21). Therefore, when God describes the great king of Israel, named David, as "a man after mine own heart" (cf. Acts 13:22; 1 Sam. 13:14; 16:6-13), we ought to pay close attention. Why does the Bible describe David in such a way? Notice several reasons.

His heart appreciated the love of God. The love of God demonstrated in his life had a great effect on his life. Thus, he would write, "Show thy marvelous loving kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them" (Ps. 17:7). He appreciated the love of God. Do we appreciate the love of God in our lives (John 3:16; 1 John 4:19)?

His heart appreciated the goodness of God. We can see such demonstrated by the writings of his inspired heart as he wrote the following:

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way...O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing...I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O Lord; for it is good...Hear me, O Lord; for thy loving kindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies...Praise ye the Lord. O, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. [Ps. 25:7-8; 34:8-10; 54:6; 69:16; 106:1]

As David, do we appreciate the goodness of God? Do we realize that every good and perfect gift comes from God (James 1:17)?

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And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Acts 20:32

THANKSGIVING

By Todd Clippard

On Thursday our nation will celebrate Thanksgiving Day, an annual holiday set aside by our nation to praise God for His many blessings. As Christians, we, too, have many blessings for which to thank our Heavenly Father. And we certainly shouldn't wait for Thanksgiving Day to do it either! Nor should we limit our praise to once a year. The Bible says, "...always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father"(Eph. 5:20). Likewise, we read, "...in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5:18). One the hymns in our songbook, "Count Your Blessings," teaches this very idea. The first verse says, "Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done." This we propose to do here. Now, we realize that a hundred bulletin articles like this would not commence to begin to count the numerous blessings to which we as God's children are heirs. Nonetheless, as we gather around our turkey dinners this Thanksgiving and lift our grateful hearts in prayer, let us count some of our many blessings:

1. Salvation from sin. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Cor. 9:15).
2. The promise of eternal life in heaven. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).
3. The guarantee of answered prayer. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).
4. The church. "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers" (1

Thess. 1:2).

5. The Scriptures. "At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, because of Your righteous judgments" (Psa. 119:62).
6. Faithful, godly spouses. "Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD" (Prov. 19:15).
7. Our children. "Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is His reward" (Psa. 127:3).
8. Our grandchildren. "The LORD bless you...all the days of your life. Yes, may you see your children's children" (Psa. 128:5-6).
9. Our material blessings. "And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks..." (Matt. 15:36).
10. Our health. "So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing, and they glorified the God of Israel" (Matt. 15:31).
11. The cross of Christ. "But God forbid that should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Gal. 6:14).
12. Deliverance from the power of hell and Satan. "Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie" (Rev. 22:14-15).
13. Our trials and tribulations. "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing

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Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)
Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB
In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB
Gospel Broadcasting Network
Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org and on Roku
TV: Sunday @ 6:30 am on
Dish: 267, DirectTV: 376

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)
Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

God's Plan for Redeeming Man

Hear Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).
Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)
Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)
Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)
Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)
Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

Bible Study Schedule

Week 100
Psalm 117-122
& 2 Timothy 3-4

Study sheets are available at the back of the auditorium.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
(2 Timothy 2:15)



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- that the testing of your faith produces patience” (James 1:2-3).
14. The privilege of worship. “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name” (Psa. 100:4).
 15. The opportunity to serve the Lord. “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry” (1 Tim. 1:12).
 16. The friendship of faithful brethren. “But thanks be to God who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus” (2 Cor. 8:16).
 17. Living in a nation blessed with peace. “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and reverence” (1 Tim. 2:1-2).
 18. Faithful gospel preachers. Paul said of Timothy, “I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day” (2 Tim. 1:3).
 19. Sound congregational leadership. “To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons...I thank my God upon every remembrance of you” (Phil. 1:1, 3).
 20. Wisdom and strength. “I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might...” (Dan. 2:23).

Here are but twenty blessings we have counted and we could go on forever. (If you don’t believe that, just get a Bible concordance sometime and look up all the verses that have words like “thanks,” “thankful,” etc.) But perhaps the apostle Paul summarized things best when he wrote, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Eph. 1:3).

Let each of us pray that same prayer of thanks not only on Thanksgiving Day, but every day.

Responses

- ◆ We rejoice in the news that **Jack Turner** was baptized into Christ last week.
- ◆ **Billy Suniga** who has visited with us a number of times asked for prayers Wednesday night as he tries to turn his life around and become faithful once again.

Lets keep both of these men in our prayers and continue to encourage them in their Christian walk.

Visitation Meeting

Remember our visitation meeting each Sunday night following the evening worship to sign cards and discuss the work going on. Last week **31 contacts** were made.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Bible Bowl for today at Rising Star has been canceled because of the weather.
- ◆ There is to be a going away get-together for the Smithey and Cox family tonight after services (weather allowing). Bring salads and deserts and come for some good fellowship, wishing them all the best.

Celebrate

“Rejoice with those who rejoice...” (Romans 12:15)

November Birthdays: Linda Jimenez (08), Horace Hooper (09), Emilee Evetts (13), Juanita Barnum (15), Terry Teague (17), Kevin Wilcox (27), Xavier Martinez (28).

November Anniversaries: Barbara & Gene Bannister (06), Jack & Judie Turner (18).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



Records

	Nov. 10, 2013	Nov. 17, 2013
Bible Class	48	53
AM Worship	60	67
PM Worship	40	57
Wednesday PM	42	50
Contribution	\$1547	\$2079

Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1)

	This Week: 11/24/13	Next Week: 12/01/13		
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	November 2013 Make Announcements: Don Smith Prepare Communion: Billy & Peggy Chism Clean Building: The Smithey Family Keep Grounds: Tom Wilcox December 2013 Make Announcements: Joe Dennis Prepare Communion: Jim & Peg Moore Clean Building: Jessica Stultz Keep Grounds: Tom Wilcox	
Greeters	The Dennis Family	Gene & Barabra Bannister		
Opening Prayer	Don Smith	Joe Dennis		
Communion	Joe Dennis*, Gene Bannister Garrett Barnum, Caleb Dennis	Allen Griffith*, Hank Wheeler Don Smith, John Barnum		
Closing Prayer	Jim Moore	Gene Bannister		
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell	Caleb Dennis/		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Tom Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	Ken Maninger	Billy Chism		
Scripture Reading	Hank Wheeler 3 John 1:2-4	Garrett Barnum		
Communion	Joe Dennis	Allen Griffith		
Closing Prayer	Kevin Wilcox	John Barnum		
Wednesday Devotionals:	November 27 Tom Wilcox	December 4 Kevin Wilcox	December 11 Garrett Barnum	December 18 Don Smith

Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of November 24, 2013	Sunday Class Redemption Through The Bible Wednesday PM Redemption Through The Bible
<p><i>(Continued from page 1)</i></p> <p>His heart expressed the proper attitude toward committed sins. The fact is that all of us sin (Rom. 3:10, 23). There is no question about such. In fact, the grace of God does not overlook sin in anyone. As a result, what is our attitude toward sin when we commit such? When David sinned, he expressed such attitudes of heart as godly sorrow, remorse, confession, repentance and other such virtues (cf. Ps. 32:1-5; 51:1-19). It might be difficult to swallow, but the fact is that God is pleased when sin breaks our hearts!</p> <p>His heart appreciated the mercy and forgiveness of God. Psalm 51 expresses such statements in beautiful, forgiveness of God (cf. Matt. 18:21-35)? The mercy and forgiveness of God should create within us a merciful and forgiving spirit (Matt. 6:14-15). David is quite an example in forgiving Saul and Shimei, just to name a few.</p> <p>Therefore, if these qualities of heart made David special, we can apply these very same qualities to our lives and be Christians after God's own heart!</p>	<p>Sunday AM: Finally, Brethren (2 Thessalonians 3) Paul has comforted them in the knowledge of Christ's return and closes with instructions to live faithfully, continuing in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer (v1-2) - Continues to show his dependence on God and his desire for the work of the Lord to prosper. Patience (v3-5) - God can always be trusted; and so continue with faithful endurance. Practice (6-15) - Need to watch our conduct, walking as we ought and not growing weary in well doing. Peace (v16-18) - His prayer is for blessings on the children of God that would continue with Him. <hr/> <p>Sunday PM: From The Cross To The Crown (1 Peter) Peter reminds us that as Christians we will endure a time of suffering, but its ultimate end will be eternal glory.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> We Are A Saved People (Ch. 1) - a salvation planned by God (v2), prophesied in the OT (v10-12), preached by the apostles (v12), purchased with the blood of Christ (v18-19), and predicated upon obedience (v22-23). We Are A Separated People (Ch. 2) - by birth (1:23), faith (2:7), and behavior (v2:11), a special people of God! We Are A Submissive People (Ch. 3) - submissive in marriage (v1-7), in conduct (v8-17), and in seeking the salvation of others while suffering (v18-22). We Are A Suffering People (Ch. 4) - such can be expected (v1-6), made easier (v7-11), and be endured (v13-19). We Are A Steadfast People (Ch. 5) - we need strong leadership (v1-4), loyalty to truth (v9), and sincere love (v10-14)