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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."-Ecclesiastes 12:13



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GIVING THANKS IN 2020

by Jack Wilkie



In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 we read a group of commands which I consider to be among the most difficult in all of Christianity:

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (NKJV)

It's quite likely that somebody reading this lost a loved one this year, whether from Covid or otherwise. It's also likely that somebody reading this lost their job, or saw their business go under. Others have dealt with the pain of isolation from their families, friends, and church family or have watched their kids suffer the results of not being able to be around friends, classmates, grandparents, and everybody else. And, this week I'm sure there are plenty of readers who will miss out on having Thanksgiving (the greatest of all holidays, if you ask me) with family and friends.

Sometimes it's hard to read these three commands in 1 Thessalonians 5 without asking... "How?" How am I supposed to rejoice when the money is running out? How am I supposed to rejoice when someone I love is in the hospital? How am I supposed to give thanks in all things, when some of those things include a global pandemic and a life-altering lockdown? How am I supposed to pray with so little time and so many stressful things demanding my time?

But, sometimes the answer is not to ask "How?" but to just do it. That's what faith looks like.

When we act in faith, we see something really cool happen from these difficult commands. The beauty of the three of them is that they draw on past, present, and future to strengthen us each day.

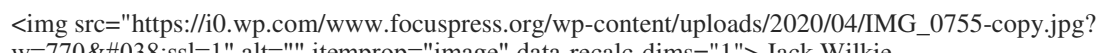
Thankfulness points us to our past. Consider all the things God has done for you, all that you can thank Him for today. This is why Israel had so many feasts, and why we have a weekly memorial to Jesus. These things, along with every other blessing for which we can thank Him, point us back to the mountain of evidence we have that He loves us and cares about us. Difficult times might make it feel like God is distant, but a heart of thankfulness is a guard against those lies from Satan creeping into our minds.

Prayer solidifies us today. It gives us an action we can take instead of worrying, knowing that we can cast those anxieties on the One who cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). The answer to the stress of this world is not to close our eyes and pretend nothing is wrong, ignoring all the very real difficulty in front of us. The answer is instead to put it all in the hands of He who has power to do something about it.

Rejoicing keeps our eyes on the future. We can rejoice today because we know any suffering we go through now is being used by God to strengthen us and draw us nearer to Him (Romans 8:28-29, James 1:2-4). We can also rejoice because we know we have victory in Christ, and that no matter what happens here on earth, everything turns out alright in the end (John 16:33).

In every single case, when a commandment from God seems burdensome or impossible, putting our faith in Him and giving His way a try always ends up best for us. These commands that seem so difficult in uncertain, painful times are the perfect antidote to stress and worry.

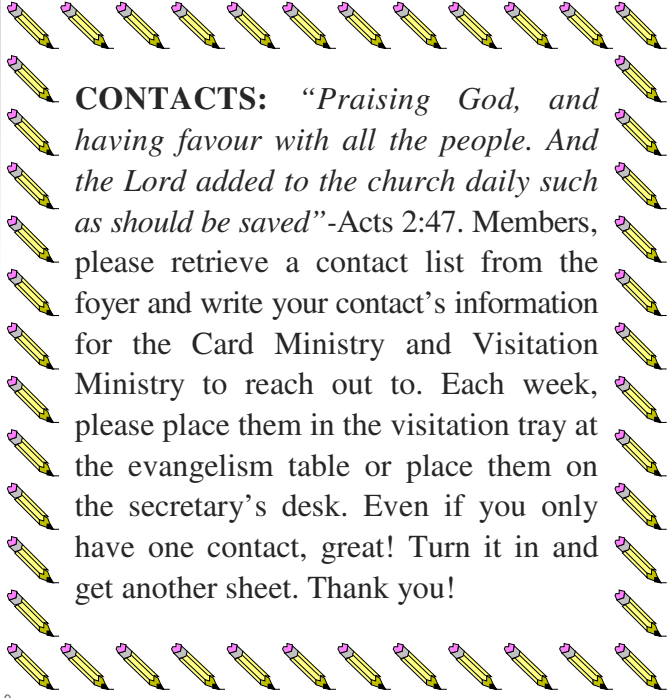
Our God loves us and cares for us. Give thanks for that fact. Lean on Him in prayer. Rejoice in everything, knowing He has it all taken care of.

 Jack Wilkie

TEMPORARY

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP ___10:30 AM



CONTACTS: *“Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved”-Acts 2:47.* Members, please retrieve a contact list from the foyer and write your contact’s information for the Card Ministry and Visitation Ministry to reach out to. Each week, please place them in the visitation tray at the evangelism table or place them on the secretary’s desk. Even if you only have one contact, great! Turn it in and get another sheet. Thank you!

JANUARY CLEANING CALENDAR

- May be done any time before the following Sunday
- Please consult with your team leader for further questions. **THANK YOU!**

3-TEAM ZACK

Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul

10-TEAM ROGER

Patrick
Brenda
Roger
Linda

17 -TEAM JAMES S.

James
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden
Tay

24-TEAM BEVERLY

Beverly
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Josephine
Yvonne
Marcella

31-TEAM LEE

Lee
Natalie
Rufas

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE:



- ANNOUNCEMENTS: LEE FISHER
- SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- 1ST PRAYER: ROGER DEEM
- SCRIPTURE READING: MICHAEL ROGERS
- SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- SERMON: FOY FOREHAND
- INVITATION SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: PAUL PORTLEY
- COMMUNION/OFFERING:
ANDRE PETTAWAY & PATRICK SELLERS
- CLOSING SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- CLOSING PRAYER: RODNEY CARTER
- AUDIO/VISUAL: PAUL PORTLEY & PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY: ROGER DEEM, KINGSFORD ASARE & CLAY CULVER



SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:26,27

“²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Zane Wilson is in Afghanistan, and Tim Matter is contracting in Saudi Arabia. We are thankful for the service of our military and civilians. Please keep these members & their families in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Julia Jones' granddaughter in law, Melissa Joett, tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. Julia is quarantining at this time. Please keep them in your prayers. Please keep Julia in your prayers to remain Covid negative.

-Former member Sue Zak, is recovering from a fall that left her with multiple rib fractures. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Please keep James, Kim-Marie, Jaden, and Xavier Seay in your prayers as they recover from illness.

-Gladys Driver received a false positive on her recent Covid test, however, she had been already moved to an area with other Covid patients and now has to be quarantine. Please keep her in your prayers to remain Covid negative.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Letty Burgos, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Tim Matter's aunt (Vivian), Nichole Williams' high school friend (Rhonda Howell-Moore), Millie Simcox, Charles Culver, Jean Basco, Beverly Williams' aunt (Dot), James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Billye Hughes, Josephine Spear, Jim Dukes, Brenda Seller's sister (Linda) and mother, Scott Davis, Mary McAnally's son, & sister (Ann Ahrens), Kingsford Asare's wife (Evelyn), Gary & Shirl Foster, Julia Jones' son (Richard Jouett), Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmitt), Barbara Robinson's daughter (Laura Skarba), Tom & Diane Holubec, Lois Brown, Esther Cox, Shawn Forkey, former members (Penny Fogle) (Rey & Connie Cruz) (Janet & John John Simmons) (Carl Nicholson), Martha Bell's sister, Skip & Tina Pallo and Tina's son (Jeremy) and Tina's sisters (Cheryle & Jeanette), Willard Dunn, Gail Mende & her son (Eric), friend (Sue Worshim), Tanja, Tiffany, & Natasha Arch, Tanja Arch's daughter-in-law, Archie & Jessie Turner, David Shilling, Alice Allison, Garnie & Nada Miller, and Linda Walts. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to Ollie Jones and her family on the loss of her son-in-law's family member to cancer. Please keep them in your prayers.

-We wish to extend our sympathy to Greg & Jodi Culp and their family on the loss of Greg's mother, Mary Ann Culp, on December 17. The funeral service was held at the build on December 22. Please keep them in your prayers.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DEVOTIONAL: On Thursday, December 31st, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm, we will have a New Year's Eve Devotional in the auditorium. Please join us for prayer, scripture reading, and singing.

VISITATION TEAMS: The Visitation Teams will be postponed until the week of January 3rd.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The office will be closed on January 1, 2021, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. Happy New Year!

Our Guest Speaker Today Is Foy Forehand.

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*We want to especially welcome our visitors!
If you are visiting, please fill out an attendance
card from the back of the pew directly in front
of you and leave it in the pew as you leave.
Thank you for your visit and please join us again!*

LET'S ASSEMBLE SAFELY

- ⇒ Upon entering to building, we have hand sanitizer stations available for everyone to sanitize their hands.
- ⇒ We recommend everyone over 10 wear a face mask. We will be happy to provide you with one mask per person.
- ⇒ We will have individual communion sets inside zip lock bags to pick up prior to entering the auditorium.
- ⇒ Following the communion. Please place your empty communion containers in the zip lock bag and seal it. There will be a trash receptacle as you leave the auditorium.
- ⇒ PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING (6 FEET) AND PLEASE DO NOT SIT IN THE MARKED PEWS. THANK YOU!

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

- ⇒ **Bible Studies With One Of Our Preachers Or Elders**
- ⇒ **Free Bible Correspondence**
- ⇒ **Free Marriage And Family Counseling**

*To our visitors—Thanks for being with us
today, and please come again!*

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