

Southeast Sower

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The Southeast Church Of Christ Meets At:

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Services:

SUNDAY:

- 10AM Bible Study
- 10:50AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30PM Worship

God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear Rom. 10:17
- Believe Heb. 11:6
- Repent Acts 2:38
- Confess Matt. 10:32
- Be Baptized Mark 16:16
- Stay Faithful Rev.2: 10

Psalm 139:14

"I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

Be Ye Thankful

Thanksgiving began in America, as stated by George Washington in October of 1789, as a day of "public thanksgiving and prayer" directed towards "the Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."

However, today, men and women seem to have forgotten the purpose of Thanksgiving altogether. Instead of spending this day as a day to thank the Lord for blessing us with food, water, families and, most importantly, salvation, many are only mindful of the sales and "special, door-buster" deals offered by their favorite stores when they open on Thanksgiving evening or early the next day. I am not saying we should only be thankful to the Lord for all of our blessings on the fourth Thursday of every November. As Christians we are to be thankful every day. We are to be thankful not just for the nutrition we receive but also for the sacrifice His Son made for us, for the grace and mercy He bestows upon us, for the encouragement we receive as we open up and study His word and for the comfort and love we share with our physical and spiritual families.

James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variance of shadow of turning." Everything you have is a blessing from the Lord. All of you talents and abilities which you possess are gifts granted to you from the Lord. In Psalm 139 David gave credit to the Lord for all of his possibilities, even from his birth, because David understood that he existed within the boundaries and limits of the Almighty God. David did not take credit for achievements because he knew that without the Lord granting him certain abilities, he would be nothing.

Philippians 4:6 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." The Lord is wise and knows the concerns, struggles and cares of each individual. When we go to God in prayer to ask for

Hebrews 8:6-7

"But Now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much more also He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second."

Pray To God

1st Thess. 5:18 "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of god in Christ concerning you."

1ST Thess. 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

nutrition, courage and strength to overcome our temptations or to relieve the burdens on our hearts, God already knows what it is you need. However, God desires that each of us, as His creation, respect and honor His power and see our need for Him in our lives.

When was the last time you thought about all the sins you have committed in your life? When was the last time you "flew off the handle" at someone who hurt you or committed a wrong-doing against you? With our quick tempers and short sightedness we too often forget to show the grace, mercy, love, patience and forgiveness that God demonstrates towards us, to those who have in some way hurt us. Don't you appreciate that the Lord is more patient, merciful, forgiving and gracious towards us than we are to others, or others are to us? When was the last time you prayed and thanked the Lord for not "lashing out" at you when you sinned against Him? This may not seem important but it is. Although the Lord is a loving and merciful God who wishes for all to be saved, He is also a God who will punish those who do not obey Him. He has the power to punish us in any way, at any time, yet He withholds His anger and is patient with us by allowing us the chance to repent and be restored. Sometimes we each like to hear a simple "thank you" when we help another person or do a good deed, what makes you think God would not appreciate hearing you thank Him?

God has made it possible for you to be saved and has prepared a place for all of those who come to obey Him in heaven. Without the sacrificing of His Son, Jesus, your salvation would not possible because as we are corrupt we needed a perfect and holy sacrifice made on our behalf. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

You do not have to wait until Thanksgiving Day to thank the Lord. Pray and thank Him today and everyday for all that He has blessed you with. Take advantage of the opportunity and plan He offers to you. Each day is another blessing from the Lord. Tomorrow is never guaranteed so prepare your soul today for eternity and obey the Lord's command.

-Jordon Smith

