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From Where I Sit . . .

"GRATITUDE DRAWS US NEAR"

Do you ever feel as though God is far from you? Have you ever thought about or wondered why this is so? We know sin separates us from God for we have moved away from God, James 1: 14 - 15, "[14] *But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. [15] Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.*" Sometimes God can feel far from us even when we have the sin in our lives under control. Why is God so far from us during these periods of our lives? Sometimes it happens because we have not had a thankful heart. Paul in writing to the Romans illustrates this point so well, Romans 1: 20 - 21, "[20] *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, [21] because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*" It isn't that God is far from us, it is because we have not acknowledged Him with the gratitude we should have for all the wonderful things He has done for us and continues to do for us. Notice what the Psalmist says in Psalms 100: 4 - 5, "[4] *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. [5] For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.*"

James tells us that God provides every good gift, James 1: 17, "[17] *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*" But do we take the time to acknowledge these glorious gifts? Do we take the time to glorify God By praising Him with the gratitude we have for all these truly amazing things? It is so easy to get so busy with the affairs of this life that we do not take the necessary time to show this gratitude. We really do need to slow down enough to notice, to appreciate, and to show our gratitude to our God who has truly given to us marvelous blessings.

If God seems distant to you, take a good look around you see what God has done and continues to do in your life. James put it this way in James 4: 8, "[8] *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*" We draw near to God by submitting our lives to Him, by acknowledging the good things He has provided for us, and by showing our gratitude through showing our thanks by praising Him in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. The more we acknowledge Him, the more we praise Him, and the more we show our gratitude to Him, the closer we get To Him. The best way to keep God close is to keep His commandments, John 14: 23, "[23] *Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.'*" This is one of the reasons God has commanded us to worship Him. It gives us an opportunity to focus intently upon Him one day of every week so we do not drift away from Him. May we always seek to be close to God through our ever present gratitude.

... Randy Brown



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

Vicki Shelton had a cardiac event called Takotsubo Cardiac Myopathy on Saturday, September 9th and is now home. She has an appointment with a surgeon at UAB on September 25th to see if he is able to remove the carcinoma in her lung. She will have to wait at least 4 to 6 weeks to have the surgery so her heart has time to recover. Please continue to pray that she will have no further setbacks and that the surgeon will be able to remove the tumor.

Jill Russell got her results from the MRI and they showed that the infection had not improved so she has begun a new antibiotic by IV. She will have a CT scan and she has an appointment with the surgeon next week. Please continue to keep Jill in your prayers as they work to find a treatment that will clear up the infection.

Jennifer Chandler, daughter of Tommy Bellomy and sister of Janet Necklaus, has been in the hospital in Murfreesboro, TN since last Sunday with health issues. She had a tracheotomy and is doing much better. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

Charlotte Vinson had a stroke on Tuesday, September 12th and is in the ICU at Huntsville Hospital. They were able to do a procedure that removes the blood clot. Please keep Charlotte in your prayers as she undergoes more testing and as she recovers from the stroke.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Ernie Brockway

Mary Lawrence

Rita McCormack

Bob Rice

Gary Poole

Gerald Helton

Tammy McGuire

Joe Manning

Nellie Hackworth Spring

Michael Johnson

Suzanne Baugh

Billy Baugh

Charlsi Henderson, 1114 S. College Street, Unit 7-102, Auburn, AL 36832.

Sandy Roden, uncle of Chris Epps, 1857 Valgreen Lane, Hoover, AL 35226.

Brad Sullivan, son-in-law of Ted and Libby Crona.

Jean Ferguson, 3329 Berryside Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128.

Richard Lemaster, son of Doyle and Cathy Lemaster.

Lana Jones, granddaughter of Doyle and Cathy Lemaster.

Mike Thomas, friend of many at Broad Street.

Chuck Smothers, brother-in-law of Nell Stewart, 615 Preston Ave., Albertville, AL 35950.

Clarence Potter, 3034 Dupree Dr. SW., Huntsville, AL 35801.

Jay Fullum, close friend of Ted and Libby Crona, 39 McCulloch Ave., Revena, NY 12143.

Nettie Murrah, Tracy Brumley's mother.

Pam Devenport, Scott Grant's mother, 93 Lorelei Dr., Fayetteville, OH 45118.

Viola Manning, aunt of Vicki Shelton & Arlene Allen

Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton.

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy-Reserve

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force-Reserve

Paige Chrisman, US Air Force

Nathaniel Doan, US Marine Corps

Anthony Worst, US Marine Corps

Noah Linville, US Navy Academy

Caleb Baker, US Navy

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

Cloverdale Manor	Rosewood Manor	Southern Estates
412 Cloverdale Rd. Scottsboro, 35768	1513 Co. Park Rd. Scottsboro, 35769 Jaxie Hargrave Debra Kime Dot Bean	212 E. Stewart Rd. Scottsboro, 35769

Nellie Spring 1950 Bob Jones Rd., 35769

Elsie Goodman 2010 Cunningham St., 35769

Martha Nan Baker 701 Monroe St., NW, Russellville, 35653

Nell Anderson 121 Brookridge Dr., Apt. 148, Madison, 35758

Ruth Spurgeon 8922 AL 227, Crossville, AL 35962

Mark Little County Road 245 Box 788, AL 35768

Calendar of Upcoming Events—

Sept 17 – AM Speaker: Aubrey Strickland
– Lads to Leaders Kickoff after evening services

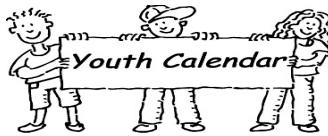
Oct 1 – TWIGS @ 1 PM in the MPR, Hosted by Betty Clayson, sign up on bulletin board

One Measure Of Our Love	Wed. Bible Study..... 151 Sunday Bible Study..... 132 Sun. A.M. Worship..... 250 Sun. Night Worship..... 132 Contribution..... \$12,997.51 Budget..... \$9,047.00
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We wish to thank all of our dear friends at Broad Street church for the prayers, cards, and well wishes. We are comforted by each act of kindness. As we each deal with health issues we ask for continued prayers.

*In Christian Love,
Clarence and Glenda Potter*



- Sept 17 - Rosewood Singing @ 1 PM, followed by roller skating at Rainsville Skate Park, let Josh know if you need a ride, church van will leave at 12:45 PM
- Lads to Leaders kickoff after PM services, bring finger foods to share
- Sept 22-24 - Youth Family Fall Retreat
- Sept 24 - Young Men's Training @ 5 PM
- Oct 8 - Area Wide Devo @ Plainview CoC
- Oct 15 - Bible Bowl @ Chase Park at 1:30 PM
- Oct 21 - Pumpkin Patch @ Tate Farms, 4 PM
- Oct 28 - Fall Festival @ 6 PM



Broad Street would like to announce that Aubrey Strickland and Abby Gibson, his fiancé, will be here on Sunday, September 17th to try out for the youth minister position. Aubrey will be our speaker for the AM service and join us for the Lad to Leaders kickoff after PM service.

All Youth and KFC families are invited to the Fall Youth Family Retreat on September 22-24 at Camp Toknowhim in Pisgah, AL. This event is for the whole family. We will have separate small group activities and lessons for the Youth and KFC kids, as well as activities together. Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Payment is due on Sunday, September, 17th (\$55 per person). Please give payment to Josh or Wendy Baird.



Roller Skating

All are invited on Sunday, September 17th for roller skating at Playzone Fun Center in Rainsville at 2:30 PM. The cost is a \$6 admission fee and \$2 skate rental fee. Parents admission is free, if they do not skate. Snacks and drinks are extra. Please let the Josh Baird know if you need a ride or help with cost of skating.

PUPPET PROGRAM - September 17, 2023

Narrator - Preston Dover

Teachers - Misti, Roger, Cynthia

Puppets - Joseph, Nina, Jacob, John Hollis, Traci, Cheyenne

The Leftovers

At the risk of appearing snobbish or ungrateful, I've got a confession to make: I don't like leftovers, i.e. cold food that is in need of being reheated. I always have the best of intentions to pull last night's meal out of the refrigerator, throw it in the microwave, nuke it, and consume it, but I fail to do so time and time again. Now, don't get me wrong. I've eaten my fair share of leftovers, but I can't honestly say that I enjoy eating leftovers. The food never seems to taste or look the same. It lacks something.

With respect to your Christian walk, do you realize that God is not interested in your leftovers? In fact, Jesus says that we are to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33, emphasis added). Among other things, this means that God should come first in every aspect of our lives. Indeed, we should NOT give God our leftover love (Matt. 22:37-38), time (Eph. 5:18), thoughts (Phil. 4:8), service (Gal. 5:13-14), or money (Prov. 3:9; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8-9). In the mind of God, such leftovers lack something.

Being content with giving God the leftovers reveals something about the person who has this attitude. John said, "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:9, emphasis added). God loved us all so much in the midst of our sin that He took the initiative by sending His Son into the world to die in our place (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8). God gave us His very best; in return, He expects the same. Indeed, contentment in giving God the leftovers exposes an ungrateful, selfish attitude.

Leftovers are fine when it comes to nourishing our physical bodies. At times, leftovers are unavoidable, even necessary. However, with respect to God and our spirituality, a life of leftovers is unacceptable, especially when we take into account the example of His Son (cf. Phil. 2:5-11).

Jacob Evans
Pulaski Street church of Christ
Lawrenceburg, TN



The elders met with James and Nancy Long, Kim Brown's parents, and indicted their desire to place membership at Broad Street. We welcome James and Nancy to Broad Street. Their address is 1608 Winn Road, Scottsboro, AL.

The elders also met with Linda Loveless and she indicted her desire to place membership at Broad Street. We welcome Linda to Broad Street. Her address is 1126 Co. Rd. 771, Ider, AL 35981.

ELDERS

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DEACONS

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David Dover	Joel Gardner	Nick Ledbetter
Joe Manning	Roger Myers	Nelson Page
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WORSHIP..... Sunday 9:55 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.
BIBLE STUDY..... Sunday 9:00 A.M.
and Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
LADIES BIBLE CLASS..... Tuesday 10:00 A.M.

Those to Serve...

SUNDAY, September 17, 2023

Announcements: Trey Russell

Song Leader: Preston Dover

Prayer: C.B. Laney

Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Rabon McCormack

1W- David Crawford	1E- Vince Laney
2W- C.B. Laney	2E- Ryan Dunaway
3W- Grady Gattis	3E- D.L. Little
4W- Will Shelton	4E- Nelson Page
5W- Tyler Shelton	5E- Ernie Brockway

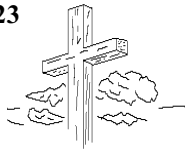
6- Tripp Ledbetter

7W- Kaden Price 7E- Major Ledbetter

Speaker: Aubrey Strickland

Closing Prayer: Jerel Hunt

Ushers: Tripp Ledbetter & Major Ledbetter



P.M. SERVICE:

Song Leader: Mark Price

Scripture: Roger Myers

Prayer: John A. Porch

Speaker: Randy Brown

Lord's Supper: Grady Gattis & Nelson Page

Closing Prayer: Ernie Brockway

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: September 20, 2023

Scripture: Chuck Davis

Song Leader: Patton Russell

Prayer: Jerel Hunt

CONTACT ELDER: Brad Wilhelm

OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH:

Josh Baird

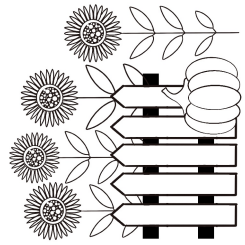
If you are unable to serve, please call:

Dave Precise 256-599-6668

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First Class
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*The Word of God (the Bible) never changes.
If you go to worship to hear something other
than His Word,
You have gone for the wrong reason.
If you hear something other,
You are at the wrong place.*

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What is Love?

It is silence when your words would hurt,
Patience when your neighbor is curt,
Deafness when the scandal flows,
Thoughtfulness for another's woes,
Promptness when stern duty calls, and,
Courage when misfortune falls.

- Bulletin Digest