

TO SERVE TODAY:	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Keith Peevyhouse	Mark Wright
Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Dale Ballentine
Preside Lord's Supper	David Brasher	
Scripture Reading	Noah Brasher	Monte Morris
Closing Prayer	David Bryant	Dylan Holt
NEXT WEEK:		
Opening Prayer	Dale Ballentine	Freeman Mahan
Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Dale Ballentine
Preside Lord's Supper	David Brasher	
Scripture Reading	Josh Brasher	David Bryant
Closing Prayer	John Henry Long	Nick Bryant



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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**SUNDAY:**            Bible Class    9:00 AM  
                             Worship      10:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
                             (Meet-Eat-Meet each second Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:**    Bible Study    6:30 PM  
                             (Fellowship & devo each fourth Wednesday)

## Be Thankful

When the calendar turns to this time of year, we are often inundated with messages about gratitude. The national holiday that comes on the fourth Thursday of November is very special – if we will treat it as such – because it provides a reminder of a very Biblical principle.

Sometimes Christians are reminded that thanksgiving is a disposition we are to have constantly, but we are also often reminded that God commands us to be people who express gratitude. More than just a matter of "good living," we are directly commanded to be grateful people. It would be hard to find a command in the Bible that contains fewer words than the one found at the end of Colossians 3:15. In many English translations (and in the original Greek), it contains just two words, as Paul wrote, "Be thankful."

But the apostle Paul did not just command others to be grateful; it was part of his life. Specifically, it was part of his prayer life. Near the end of Philippians, he encouraged, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (emphasis added, 4:6). So, again, Paul clearly commands us to be people who express thanksgiving to God.

However, Paul did not just give that command. He also lived it out in his prayer life. In fact, that is found near the beginning of this very same letter, where Paul opens his heart to this beloved congregation by writing, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy" (1:3-4). Paul was thankful for this congregation and expressed it "in every prayer" in which he thought of them.

Paul's example is a wonderful reminder to us. Sometimes, just knowing that something is commanded may not be a motivation to us. We know that, if God commands it, that should motivate us sufficiently, but we also know that, sadly, it often does not. However, when we see someone live out a godly principle that they are telling others to do, we have a tendency to desire to follow that example. Paul did not just command people to be thankful; he was thankful and expressed that gratitude regularly.

So, yes, we should be grateful because we are commanded to be. But it is also of great help to us to see that gratitude lived out. The question we each need to answer is if others see it lived out in us. Do they hear us express gratitude to them and to other people? Do they know that, when we pray, we are expressing thanks to God for so many wonderful blessings that He has given to us?

This week is a national reminder of the need for that gratitude. For followers of Jesus, though, it should be the way we live our lives – especially our prayer lives – each and every day.

"Be thankful."

~Adam Faughn, minister Central church of Christ, Paducah (edited)

#### MEMORY VERSE – Philippians 4:6:

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God... (NKJ)*

## Remember in Prayer ...

- **Rita** continues to improve.
- **JoAnn Moore** has been falling again.
- **Amy Barger Doyle** did not receive a good report. She and her family are relocating to this area while she seeks and undergoes treatment.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Steve; John Henry; Patricia Coleman Mr. Wayne; Phillip Welch; Jimmy Hamilton (David's cousin - cancer); Carolyn Lovelace (Dale Aden's sister)....

## News and Notes...

- **We welcome our visitors;** we are indeed honored to have you with us. We ask that you complete a visitor card and leave it in the pew or the collection plate, and please allow us the opportunity to get acquainted with you following services.
- **Devo this Wednesday evening: Freeman (no fellowship meal)**

