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THEME FOR 2019: "COMMUNITY"

"NOR WERE THEY THANKFUL"

by Josh Manning

Since we looked at the subject of fear in our October bulletin articles, I believe it would be a positive follow up to spend our time thinking about thanksgiving and gratitude in our November bulletin articles. For our first article, what I want to consider is that the characteristic of thankfulness and the presence of gratitude within the heart is a natural by-product of faith. Or, to phrase that differently, one of the ways biblical faith is evidently expressed by the Christian is by being thankful to God.

In the opening blurb about the book of Romans in my Holman, New King James Version Bible, the editors wrote this statement: "Romans, Paul's greatest work, is placed first among his thirteen epistles in the New Testament...Paul records the most systematic presentation of doctrine in the Bible." While we can argue about whether or not these editors' opinions are 100% correct, what I do want to highlight is how they acknowledge the highly doctrinal and heavily theological nature and quality of the book of Romans. And here is the reason why I want to highlight this: following Paul's salutation (Romans 1:1-7) and introductory remarks to the Roman brethren (Romans 1:8-17), the remaining bulk of chapter 1 deals with what happens when the world rejects the Divine Revelation of God (Romans 1:18-32). For our purposes, consider what Paul states in Romans 1:21, "*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.*" The sinful world that Paul described in dark and dismal terms as needing the gospel of Jesus Christ was partially characterized as a world that was no longer thankful.

Romans is known for being a heavily theological book. It is a book of Christian doctrine. And in the opening words of the book, Paul teaches us the importance of being thankful to God. This means (at the very least) that Christian gratitude and thanksgiving are also important matters of theology and doctrine.

The foundation of thanksgiving is the belief in the One to Whom the gratitude is due. (Hebrews 11:6) "*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*" From the knowledge that faith brings, and upon which it is created, we understand two key ideas: first, that faith includes the *incomplete* knowledge of the surpassing greatness of God, His existence and character; second, faith includes an *incomplete* understanding of the ways that this good God provides for our lives. I've italicized the word "incomplete" two times because I can know many wonderful truths about God based on how He has revealed Himself, but I can never expect to know everything about God. Also, I can know and perceive a great many ways that God has, is, and will provide for me; however, I cannot possibly know all the ways God blesses and upholds His creation. This incomplete knowledge of God and His gracious ways does not prevent me from being thankful. On the contrary! When I come to the place of faith that causes me to realize how little I truly know about God—simply because of His Eternal vastness—I should be more motivated to praise Him and thank Him! Biblical faith always gives reasons for gratitude.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday AM Bible Study-9:30am
 Worship-10:30am
 Sunday PM Worship-6:00pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Study-7:00pm

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Charter-Channel 195
 Sunday @ 9:00am

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HEAR THE GOSPEL ON CABLE TV AND SATELLITE EACH SUNDAY

Charter / Spectrum Cable:

6:00am In Search of the Lord's Way- Channel 15
 6:30am Fabric of Family- Channel 16
 7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way- Channel 13
 7:30am Preaching the Gospel- Channel 13
 8:00am Good News Today- Channel 13

WBBJ-TV/CBS-Charter Channel 708

7:00am A Bible Answer

Dish TV & Direct TV-Channel 30:

7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way
 7:30am Preaching the Gospel
 8:00am Good News Today

STATE OF THE YOUTH

IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES

by Ethan Schulte

We often speak of the importance of having proper priorities and it seems as though most people would agree with that sentiment. Where we differ is usually on what those priorities ought to be, and how to properly carry them out. In any discussion of this topic, it is important to identify our true priorities. There is a less-than-honest approach that many people will take as they try to do this, and that is to simply think about what is important to them and write those down. This may adequately reveal our ideal priorities, but it is not a sufficient method for realizing our true priorities. The more honest approach is to print out our bank statements and our schedules from the past few months and examine the trends and patterns of our *spending*, both of our time and our money. These patterns will reveal our current practical priorities. Next week we will consider how to manage our ideal priorities against our actual priorities we put into practice, but right now we ought to consider what those ideal priorities should be from a biblical perspective.

As we often do when we talk of priorities, we must start with Matthew 6:33, *“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”* I believe this verse is both a priority itself and a foundation for all other priorities. The context reveals that our seeking of God ought to be a higher priority than seeking food and drink. If we know we need daily, recurrent supplements of food and drink for basic survival, we are being reminded here that we need God even more desperately. God will see to our physical needs, but we must make daily, recurrent progress towards Him our top priority.

Being the top priority means that this principle serves as the foundation for each and every one of the priorities that follow it, for seeking God is not merely one aspect of a complex life, it is the lens through which we view all aspects of life. If the proper treatment of our families is next on the list, we must consider how to seek God, and encourage each of our family members to seek God, in the family environment. If the proper execution of our job is on the list, we must consider how to seek God and properly influence others in the workplace. If good stewardship of our finances is on the list, we must

discern how we can best seek and glorify God with our monetary capabilities.

Being the top priority, being the lens through which we view all of life also means it is the standard by which we evaluate all of our other priorities. If our hobbies are a priority, we must consider whether or not we can legitimately seek and glorify God properly through those activities. If sports, movies, concerts, or any other form of entertainment are a priority, we must ask ourselves if the spending of our time and money on these things is consistent with our top priority of serving and seeking God. The encouragement for today is simply to be honest; be honest with ourselves as we evaluate our true priorities and their consistency with our ideal priorities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent Meeting: Today, November 3rd, from 5:00 PM—6:00 PM Parents, guardians, and any adults who bring children ages from 3rd-12th graders are encouraged to join us as we discuss upcoming events and address certain issues facing our youth. Refreshments will be provided!

Service Project: Saturday, November 16th from 4:00 PM—9:00 PM. 7th-12th grades.

BLAST!: SATURDAY, November 23rd from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM. 3rd-6th Grade.

Youth Devotionals- Every Fourth Sunday

3rd-6th grade after A.M. Service

7th-12th grade after P.M. Service

Guys Bring Drinks, Girls Bring Desserts.

November 24th

3rd-6th Grade Hosts needed

7th-12th Grade @ home of Debi & Olivia Bowen

ENGAGE: 1st—3rd Sunday of the month, after AM service

1st Sunday: Potluck meal in MPR before singing

2nd Sunday: Go out to eat before singing

3rd Sunday: Lunch on your own, meet at the building (1:45 PM) to go to the singing then to Ethan & Alyssa Schulte’s home.

CYC: Gatlinburg, February 28th-March 1st. Cost of trip will be \$65.00 plus \$50.00 cash for meals (plus any spending money)

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| GREETER | OUR ATTITUDE |
| <p>November 3 Nancy Pilkenton Alayna Russell</p> <p>November 10 Jennifer Scarbrough Luke Schieffer</p> | <p>Sunday AM Bible Study.....222 Sunday AM Worship.....274 Sunday PM Worship.....178 Wednesday PM Bible Study.....217 This week's contribution.....\$7857 Weekly Budget.....\$8690</p> |

FOOD PANTRY

Canned Ham, Canned Spam, Pop Tarts

BOYS TO PICK-UP CARDS

Sunday, November 3rd: James Wilson, Clint Wynn
Wednesday November 6th: Logan Davidson, Dominic Figurelli

FUTURE WORSHIP LEADERS

If unable to serve, please contact Phillip Brown @ 336-1497.
Participants in the A.M. service are asked to please meet in the library following the second bell.

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| SUNDAY A.M. | NOVEMBER 3 | NOVEMBER 10 |
| Announcements | Michael Williams | Michael Williams |
| Song Leader | Adam Currence | Daniel Williams |
| Opening Prayer | Lance Winders | Rick Moody |
| Scripture Reading | Bill DeWees | Micah Sutton |
| Closing Prayer | Michael Williams | Steve Delaney |
| Lord's Supper | | |
| Presiding | Billy Hensley | David Belisle |
| East Side | Zach Golson Brian Foster Donald Drinkard Charles Clark | Stan Wilson John McDavid Patrick Peale Charlie Morton |
| West Side | Aaron Hutson Eddie Lane Ron Brown | Daniel Belisle Jason Scarbrough Blake Morton |
| Nursery | Charlie Neal | Fred Grosbeier |
| Balcony | Hayden Figurelli Jeff Figurelli Jacob Cuthbertson | Silas Winders Rudy Peoples Craig Brown |
| Alternates | Lavelle Davidson Bob Comer Bobby Barton | Max Henry Barry Simmons Bob Perry |
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| Lord's Supper | Steve Durham | Eddie Lane |
| Closing Prayer | Edwin Carrington | Jerry Olive |
| WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 6 | NOVEMBER 13 |
| Song Leader | Bob Perry | Troy Buttrey |
| Invitation | Jerry Scarbrough | Ethan Schulte |
| Closing Prayer | Dan Patterson | Jim Russell |

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| KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS | | | | | | | | |
| Nellie Smith: (Brad Smith's grandmother) requests prayers after a hospital stay. | | | | | | | | |
| CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS | | | | | | | | |
| Peggye Elkins Buddy Goad Pansy Henry Charlotte Loines Edwin McCarty Carolyn McNutt Joe & Sue Orawczyk Frank & Ruth Parker Jack Valentine Rhonda Whitehead Jimmy Wynn Connie Hyer Nick Phifer | | | | | | | | |
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| Edwin McCarty C/O Rayburn & Rebecca Thomason 501 Franklin Drive Paris, TN 38242 | | | | | | | | |
| NEW MEMBER John Eldridge 1004 Curtis Street Paris, TN 38242 (731) 227-9294 | | | | | | | | |
| BIRTHDAYS | | | | | | | | |
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FIA Team 4: Please turn in last week's assignments.

FIA Team 1: will meet today after the PM Service in the multipurpose room. Pizza will be served. Bring salads, finger foods, or desserts.

Morningside Singing: Today @ 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday Singing Night: November 6th in the Auditorium. Classes will be held for the third grade and under.

Donuts & Diaper Shower: November 16th, for Camden Taylor, son of Brandon & Ashley Taylor at the home of Tandy Scearce from 9:30 AM -11 AM (Huggies preferred)

HCHS Basketball Game: Concession stand workers needed, Monday, January 13, 2020. Sign-up now on the Family Committee Board. See Jon Davidson with questions.

ELDER'S CORNER

REMINDER: The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, the elders would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 6: Wednesday Singing Night
November 7: TNT 9th-12th Grade @ 6:00 PM
November 10: HC Healthcare Singing @ 2:00 p.m.
ENGAGE
November 14: TNT 9th-12th Grade @ 6:00 PM
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November 17: Eiffel Garden Singing @ 2:00 p.m.
ENGAGE
U.T. Martin Christian Student Center to conduct PM Service
November 21: TNT 9th-12th Grade @ 6:00 PM
November 23: BLAST! 3-6th Grade 9:00 AM - 2:00PM
November 24: Youth Devotionals 3rd-6th Grade 7th-12th grade @ Debra & Olivia Bowen's home
Deacons Meeting after PM Service
November 28-29: Office Closed Thanksgiving
December 1: Morningside Singing @ 2:00 p.m.
ENGAGE
December 5: TNT 9th-12th Grade @ 6:00 PM
December 7: Ice Skating / Shopping

NOVEMBER

Usher: Adam Killion/Troy Buttery

Check-Off: Jon Davidson (Phillip Brown)

Benevolence: Brian Foster/Bobby Comer

Communion: Philip Davidson

Audio/Visual: Jason Smith

East Door: Levi Dodd