



The Sunday Messenger

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Week 48 - Day 329

James Ave. church of Christ

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Welcome ... To Our Friends

May you find our congregation friendly and our worship uplifting and to the glory of God. Please stay after worship so we may meet you and do come back to worship with us again.

The JA family assembles for Worship and Study

Sunday

Bible Class 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM
Bible Study 6:00 PM

Tuesday

Morning Bible Class 10:00 AM
September – May

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Loving. Caring. Sharing.

How Much Do You Know ... About the Bible?

Matthew 10:34-42

1. Jesus said He did not come to bring peace on earth, but a _____.
2. "He who loves _____ or _____ more than Me is not worthy of Me."
3. "He who finds his _____ will _____ it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it."
4. True or False: Jesus said he who receives the apostles are receiving Him.
5. "And whoever gives one of these little _____ only a cup of cold water in the name of a _____, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

Answers to last week's questions:

Matthew 10:27-33: dark, ear; false; two; hairs, head; men, Father

Bible Wordsearch

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle # 4



ABIDAH	GAHAM
ADBEEL	HAI
AHUZZATH	HANOCH
ARAM	HAZO
ASHER	HUZ
BASHEMATH	ISRAEL
BEERSHEBA	JIDLAPH
BENONI	KEDEMAH
BETHUEL	LABAN
BILHAH	LETUSHIM
BUZ	LEVI
CALNEH	LUZ
DAN	MACHPELAH
DEBORAH	MORIAH
DINAH	NAPHTALI
EDOM	NEBAJOTH
ELAM	PARAN
ELBETHEL	PHILISTINE
ELLASAR	PILDASH
ELON	REBEKAH
EPHRATH	REUBEN
ESAU	SEIR
EUPHRATES	SHEBA
	SHECHEM

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**On the Lord's Day ...
We Worship God**

Singing ... Larry Cochran
 558 There Stands a Rock
 589 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
 742 When Upon Life's Billows
 474 Thank You, Lord

Prayer ... Jerry Stephens
 313 The Old Rugged Cross

Lord's Supper

Preside ... Rob Donaldson
Serve ... Jerry Ladd, Jr., Tony Paul

Scripture ... Stephen Richardson
 Psalms 100:1-5
 103 He Has Made Me Glad

Lesson ... Jerry Ladd, Jr.
 Getting
 948 I Am Resolved
 594 Live for Jesus

Closing Prayer ... Harvey Jones
PowerPoint ... Stephen Richardson



Scan the QR code to view the scriptures for today's lesson, or select "Events" in the *YouVersion* Bible app.

Psalms 100:1-5 NKJV A Psalm of Thanksgiving. Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! (2) Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. (3) Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. (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.

Prayer Requests

Barbara Adkins, Tammy Perry & Katie Sylvester's sister
Doris Ann Baker, Jerry's co-worker and long-time friend of Darlene
Tara Coats, health issues
Jean, Tara's great-aunt & her mom's aunt
Larry & Darlene Cochran
BJ Fruedenthal, cancer
Chitika Gooch
 Danny Gooch, Chitika's brother, cancer
Jomarsha, Chitika's granddaughter, cancer
Shantra Gooch, Chitika's daughter in law has cancer
Claytie Hall, sister to Richard and Jean
Inez Hopwood, friend of Rhoda
Daughter of Inez Hopwood, stage 4 cancer
Eric Hyatt
Velma Jennette
Danny Johns
Alan Johnson, Richard & Nancy's son
Hannah Johnson & family
Donnie Johnson, Richard & Jean's brother
Pam Johnson, Richard's sister-in-law
Richard & Nancy Johnson
Katina Jones, (husband, Jack) sister-in-law of Stephen Wilkerson, cancer
Cliff Kelly, cancer, friend of the Ladd's
Carolyn Kimble
Danny & Trish King, brother & sister-in-law of Bobby King
Amy Ladd
Jeff Ladd, Jerry Sr & Dana's cousin
Jerry & Paula Ladd; Paula, no cancer
Jim & Margaret Ladd; Margaret's family with cancer
George Lewis, friend of Harvey, internal bleeding from a fall
Anne Mae Lindsey, Ashley & Stephen's grandmother
Earline McKinney, friend of the Cochran's, breast cancer
Ruth Netterville, Richard & Jean's sister
Jeanine Nix, Rob's mom (melanoma)
James & Leda Newberry
Florence Nicks, Rhoda's sister-in-law
Geoff Odom on the passing of his wife
Tresa Overstreet
William Pedigo, Aubrey's granddad
Kensley Perez, daughter of Dana's friend, 12-year-old with health issues
Jeanna Pewitt, Nancy's sister-in-law
Earlene Reasonover, former member
Pat Richardson, liver 5-year-old

John William (JW) Sneed, Aubrey's 5-year-old cousin
Marie Ann Sneed, James' cousin
Jared Stuffle, back issues
Area Anna Swett, Rhoda's granddaughter
Katie Sylvester, room 527B Trevecca Center for Rehabilitation & Healing, 329 Murfreesboro Rd 37210 (615) 839-7629 and son, **BJ Sylvester**
David Taylor, Theresa's brother
Peggy (husband, Mitch) Turner, Velma's friend, who is battling cancer
Adrianna Walton, Paula's friend
Sarah Whitaker, James' cousin in KY
Cynthia Wilkerson
Jimmy Wilson, Josh Wilson's brother & Lilly's uncle
Pauline Woodroof, 100-year young cousin of James, Bethany Nursing Home
Rayleigh Woolbright & 3-year-old daughter, Addie
Mary Wyatt & Jacob Copeland

Tuesday Morning Bible Class
 No class this week. Come next week to study God's Word with your family as we read *1 Peter* each Tuesday @ 10 AM.
Breakfast With Santa ... Dec 14 @ 9AM

2024 Milestones

Birthdays	
Amy Ladd	11/09
Tony Paul	11/19
Daniel Aleman	11/26
Ellen Jones	11/27
Anniversaries	
Jerry & Paula Ladd Sr.	11/21

About our JA Family

Contribution	2024 Avg	
Nov 17	\$1,666	\$1,249
Budget - revised	\$1,400	\$1,400
Building fund		\$8,775

Building Fund – a little paint and new floors really makes a difference in the feel and appearance of the Lord's house. Thanks to **Tony** for his work on the improvements. **Sunday Jan 5** will be a special contribution to help cover the cost, if you want to help. Of course, you can contribute before then, especially if you need a 2024 tax deduction. 😊

Where Did Thanksgiving Come from?

The present-day American practice of Thanksgiving descended from the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621, 399 years ago. It is a unique holiday because it doesn't commemorate a special event such as a battle or a birthday. It is simply a day set aside to tell God thanks for his many gifts.

Many people misunderstand what motivated the pilgrims of Plymouth to declare their thanksgiving feast. The Pilgrim Fathers were not celebrating their abundant harvest, they were celebrating the God who gave them that harvest.

They were not taking that time to thank the Native Americans nor were they thanking their other friends. It was a day to thank God for all who helped them!

And that is the first American Thanksgiving. It was more than being grateful for all our stuff, such as our abundance of food, the presence of our family or our enjoyment of football games. The spirit of thanksgiving that we need to recover is that of the pilgrims who were grateful that God had blessed them.

The Bible tells us that every good and perfect gift is from God (James 1:17).

Larry Fitzgerald
Woodlawn church of Christ
Abilene, TX

Give Thanks For All Things

Always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father (Ephesians 5:20)

This year November 28 will be a day of festivities as people throughout this nation celebrate "Thanksgiving Day." Among the things done on this day will be those moments in which individuals will pause for a moment, reflect on days gone by and speak about the things they are thankful for. This is a wonderful day that we should enjoy to the fullest but in the midst of the celebration, as a child of God, "Thanksgiving" is not just a special day in November of each year. Being thankful and expressing our thanks for the many ways in which our lives have been and are each day blessed should be a part of our life every day of the year.

Being thankful is a very vital part of the life of a child of God. I hear Paul as he tells the church in Thessalonica, In everything give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:18) and to the Colossians he says, Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which you were called in one body; and be thankful (Colossians 3:15).

On the physical side we should begin each day thanking God for our life, praising him for his love and goodness so bountifully bestowed on us (James 1:17). Our hearts should be filled with thanksgiving to our God for faithful, God fearing spouses, thankful for children who love us and are faithful to God, thankful for loving families and friends that help and encourage us. Yes. Thankful for all the material blessings we enjoy each day of our life. As I think about this, the thought comes to mind that we should be giving thanks daily to the Father for our life. I don't know about you but I am thankful for every minute of life I have and I am thankful for every minute that is yet to come, the Lord willing. Be thankful my friends and every day tell God you love him, praise and thank him for your life. Thanksgiving should not be just a once a year part of our life, it should, yea must be, an everyday part of the life of a faithful child of God!

Then there are the spiritual blessings that should fill our hearts with thankfulness; the love of God (John 3:16, 1 John 3:1-3; the love of Christ (Rom. 5:8, Heb. 5:8-9); the church (Matt. 16:13-19, Acts 2); redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of sin (Col. 1:12-14); hope as an anchor of our soul (Heb. 6:18-19); assurance that in Christ we are safe (Rom. 8:28, 31-39, 1 Cor. 15:55-57, 1 John 5:11-13). O how we should be giving thanks daily to the Father for the awesome privilege of being able to go before the throne of grace and there receive mercy and find help in times of need (Heb. 4:16). When we go before that throne with hearts of thanksgiving, we can lay it all at the feet of the Lord knowing we will receive a peace that surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:4-6). This is one of those exceedingly precious promises from God that has the power to turn the darkest night into a morning of joy. Be thankful to God and express your thankfulness to him through the words and deeds you engage in everyday of your life! -- Charles Hicks, Gallatin TN