



The Sunday Messenger

November 16, 2025

Week 47 - Day 320

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 – June

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Loving. Caring. Sharing.

And when they had
appointed elders for
them in every church,
with prayer and fasting,
they committed them
to the Lord in whom
they believed.

Acts 14:23

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In Everything Give Thanks

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). This statement Paul wrote to the church of Thessalonica is one that should be applied to our lives daily. During the holiday season, there is an emphasis on the need for being thankful. However, if we adopt the attitude Paul commanded, we will give thanks “in every thing,” at all times, and not just during Thanksgiving.

Notice that Paul admonished to “give thanks.” This term implies that God wants His children not only to feel thankful, but also to “express” gratitude and thanksgiving. Paul taught this same principle in writing to the church at Ephesus: “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:20). It will do us all good to “give” thanks to God through prayer.

By offering prayers of thanksgiving to God, we are reminded that we are dependent on God for all things. Every “good and perfect” gift is from God (James 1:17). Without His blessings upon our lives, we would have nothing. “For in him we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28). Every breath, every meal, every ray of sunshine is from His bountiful hand.

Further, consider that Paul instructed us to give thanks “in everything.” He did not teach that we should be thankful “for” everything. Certainly, we should not be thankful “for” gang violence, child abuse, broken homes or divorce. Nevertheless, Christians can learn to be thankful “in” all circumstances. For the Christian, there is always a “bright side.” In all circumstances, there is the quiet confidence and calm assurance that comes from knowing God and being close to Him. The Father has promised that He will never leave or forsake His children (Hebrews 13:5-6). Finally, notice from the text that being thankful is “the will of God in Christ Jesus.” Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount that “doing the Father’s will” is necessary to go to heaven: “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). “Doing” the Father’s will is vital! It is only by doing His will that we can enter into the kingdom of heaven. We might think that “doing the Father’s will” involves some “great” accomplishment that would dazzle others who heard of it. But Paul taught that simply being thankful in everything is part of doing God’s will.

In view of these thoughts, we should all realize the great importance of being thankful. If we have not been “giving thanks in everything,” then a change is in order. A day should not pass without every responsible person giving thanks to God for the countless blessings He provides.

Mark Lindley | Chapman church of Christ | Ripley, TN

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

Singing ... Jared Cochran

144 – O Worship the King
102 – Great Is The Lord Almighty!
100 – Holy Ground

Prayer ... Rob Donaldson

376 – He Paid a Debt

Lord's Supper

Preside ... Harvey Jones

Serve ... Bobby King, Tony Paul

Scripture ... **Acts 14:23**

429 – Oh, To Be Like Thee

Lesson ... Scott Huff

Prayer and Fasting
Part 9 of 11 Spiritual Living

769 – May I Call You Father?

794 – Unto Thee, O Lord

Closing Prayer ... Larry Cochran

PowerPoint ... Matt Branch

Prayer Requests

Adam Anderson, Amanda's dad,

recovering from stent surgery

Amanda Anderson, breathing issues

Doris Ann Baker, friend of Darlene

Tara Coats, recovering from a fall

Teresa Chumney Craft, Darlene's cousin

Kim Currier, Amy Ladd's mom

Arnold Garcon as he travels the world to take the GOOD News of Jesus.

Chitika Gooch

Danny Gooch, Chitika's brother

George Gooch, Chitika's uncle

Jomarsha, Chitika's granddaughter

Shantra Gooch, Chitika's daughter in law

Lucy Mae, Chitika's 88-year-old aunt, throat and lung cancer

Claytie Hall, sister to Richard and Jean

Linda Harlan, Ellie's mom, Tara's friends

Rhoda Huddleston, cataract surgery

Linda Huff, Scott's mom

Inez Hopwood & daughter, friends of Rhoda

Rhoda

Alan Johnson, Richard & Nancy's son

Hannah Johnson & family

Donnie Johnson, Richard & Jean's bro.

Pam Johnson, Richard's sister-in-law

Richard & Nancy Johnson

Join JA Church of Christ in our Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Now is the time to enact what Jesus has taught us in
Matthew 25:35-40!!

Bring nonperishable goods such as canned vegetables/meat, instant mashed potatoes, cornbread, mac & cheese, sweet potatoes, etc. to

**James Avenue Church of Christ by
November 19th**
613 James Avenue Nashville, TN 37209

Matthew 25:35-40

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Katina Jones, (husband, Jack) sister-in-law of Stephen Wilkerson, cancer

Carolyn Kimble

Jimmy Kimble, Tom's son and Carolyn's grandson

Danny & Trish King, brother & sister-in-law of Bobby King

Joan King, Theresa's sister & Bobby's sister-in-law

Jerry Ladd, Sr.; Jim & Margaret Ladd

Anne Mae Lindsey, Ashley & Stephen's grandmother

Rick Lucas, health issues

Dallas Mathis, James' cousin

Ruth Netterville, Richard & Jean's sister
James & Leda Newberry

Florence Nicks, Rhoda's sister-in-law

Frankie Nicks, Rhoda's bro-in-law

Jeanine Nix, Rob's mom (melanoma)

Bonnie Parham, friend of Tara, cancer

William Pedigo, Aubrey's granddad

Tammy Perry, heart & lungs

Jeanna Pewitt, Nancy's sister-in-law

Jean Piercy, cysts on neck

Pat Richardson, liver 5-year-old

Josh Roberson, Darlene's nephew

John William (JW) Sneed, Aubrey's 6-year-old cousin

Marie Ann Sneed, James' cousin

Joey Spann

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**;

Wendell Talley, cancer

David Taylor, Theresa's brother

Peggy (husband, Mitch) Turner, Velma's

friend, who is battling cancer

Wendell Watson, friend of James

Sarah Whitaker, James' cousin in KY

Cynthia Wilkerson

Nick & Courtney Williams, Velma's granddaughter & husband, recovering from covid

Mary Wyatt and Jacob Copeland

Men's Business Meeting ... Sunday

11/30 at 4:00 PM all men are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday Morning Bible Class

Each Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM. We are reading the Gospels in Harmony.

Calendar ...

Nov – food baskets and Angel Tree

Dec 13 – Breakfast with Santa, 9-11 AM

2025 Milestones

Birthdays	
Tony Paul	11/19
Daniel Jarrett Aleman	11/26
Ellen Jones	11/27

About our JA Family

Contribution	2025 Avg	
Nov 9, 2025	\$723	\$1,100
Budget	\$1,400	\$1,400