The Sunday Messenger

November 22, 2026
Week 48 - Day 326

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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.

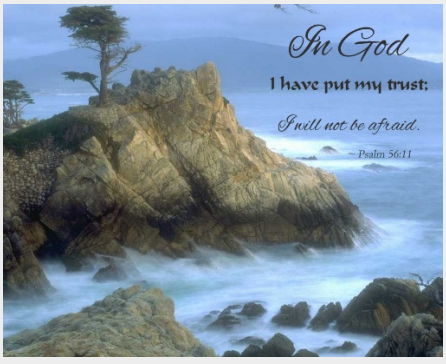
The JA family assembles for Worship and Study

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.



"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 | *Ripley, TN* | via Bulletin Digest



On the Lord's Day …

We Worship God

Welcome

Singing … Jared Cochran

2 – We Praise Thee, O God
226 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
10,000 Reasons

Prayer … Larry Cochran

18 – Faithful Love

Lord's Supper

Preside … Rob Donaldson
Serve … Tony Paul, Bobby Perry

Scripture … Psalm 56.8-11

Shout to the Lord

Lesson … Scott Huff

Understanding a Little More about Grief

781 – Thank You, Lord!

Special Collection

Closing Prayer … Harvey Jones
PowerPoint … Charlie Cochran

Psalms 56:8-11 NAS95

You have taken account of my wanderings; Put my tears in Your bottle. Are *they* not in Your book? (9) Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call; This I know, that God is for me. (10) In God, *whose* word I praise, In the LORD, *whose* word I praise, (11) In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Prayer Requests

Doris Ann Baker, friend of Darlene
***Robin Bonds**, friend of Tara*, in hospice
Nikki Boyd, friend of Tara, recovering from kidney transplant
Nate, Jordan and Dixie Cawthon
Jean Coats, Tara's mom, eye issues
Teresa Chumney Craft, Darlene's cousin, cancer
Arnold Garcon as he travels the world to take the GOOD News of Jesus.
Chitika Gooch
Chitimeka, Chitika's oldest daughter *and her husband,* cancer
Danny Gooch, Chitika's brother
George Gooch, Chitika's uncle
Jomarsha, Chitika's granddaughter
Mary, Chitika's granddaughter
Shantra Gooch, Chitika's daughter in law
Lucy Mae, Chitika's 89-year-old aunt, throat and lung cancer
Linda Harland, friend of Tara and mother of Ellie
Rhoda Huddleston
***Linda Huff**,* Scott's mom, fatigue
***Scott Huff**,* working on his dissertation
Inez Hopwood & daughter, friends of Rhoda
Velma Jennette
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
Carolyn Kimble
Carolyn's neighbor, Terry (not a Christian)
Jimmy Kimble
Liam Kimble
Danny & Trish King, brother & sister-in-law of Bobby King
Jerry Ladd, Sr.; Jim & Margaret Ladd
Anne Mae Lindsey, Ashley & Stephen's grandmother
Ruth Netterville, Richard & Jean's sister
James & Leda Newberry
Florence Nicks, Rhoda's sister-in-law
Frankie Nicks, Rhoda's bro-in-law
William & Debbie Pedigo, Aubrey's grandparents
Brandy Perry, Bobby & Tammy's daughter, stomach and throat cancer
Tammy Perry

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Jeanna Pewitt, Nancy's sister-in-law
Jean Piercy, heart issues
Maximus Pineda
***Sharmaine Pollard**,* prayers for her and her family
Stephen Richardson
***Josh Roberson**,* Darlene's nephew, was moved to Alive Hospice Nashville on Saturday.
Margaret Rushing
Wendell Talley, cancer
David Taylor, Theresa's brother
Sarah Whitaker, James' cousin in KY
Cynthia Wilkerson
Steven Wilkerson, Cynthia's brother, stage 4 bone cancer
Callie Jo Wyatt, POTS & hyper thyroid
Nat and McKenzie, friends of Scott
Our family members in and out of the church who are struggling. The emotional and physical health of our JA family.

Traveling … Scott is leaving Monday for Georgia to be with his mom for Thanksgiving. Please pray for his safe travels.

Breakfast with Santa … Dec 12 at 9:00 AM Volunteers are needed to help with breakfast, crafts and Santa's helpers. Please see ***Heather Cochran*** if you can help out.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study … ***Class will not meet this week*** for Thanksgiving and will resume on **Dec 1** and **Dec 8** before breaking for the Christmas holidays. Tuesday Bible Study will resume on **January 5, 2027.**

2026 Milestones

Birthdays	
Jasmine Mangrum	11/03
Nat Cawthon	11/18
Tony Paul	11/19
Amanda Tarantola	***11/24***
Daniel (Jarrett) Aleman	***11/26***
Jean Coats	***11/27***
Ellen Jones	***11/27***

About our JA Family

Contribution		2026 Avg
11/15/2026	$1,293	$1,024
Budget	$1,100	$1,100