



HAPPY HEARTS HERALD

Giving Thanks

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"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"

I Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV).

We are approaching what we commonly refer to as the Thanksgiving season. In 1789 George Washington made this proclamation: "Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits . . . Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November...that we may all unite in rendering unto Him our humble thanks for His kind care and protection of this country." In keeping with the spirit of this declaration, it is certainly fitting that we should observe this day as a special time of thanksgiving.

However, for the believer in Christ, every day should be a day of thanksgiving. The Apostle Paul emphasizes this in the passage cited above. As children of God we can always find reasons for thanksgiving. Paul is not saying that we should be thankful for everything that happens in our lives. He is encouraging us to rejoice in the Lord no matter what our situation. We all experience trials, heartaches, and problems. God does not expect us to be thankful for these. He does expect us to keep our focus upon Him so that we can have joy even in the midst of trials and times of temptation. Christ is to be our source, our strength, and our song. He can empower us even in the most difficult circumstances. II Cor. 12: 9 declares, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Jesus said in Matt. 28:20 "Lo, I am with you always." Also, Heb. 13:5-6a says, "Be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we may boldly say: 'The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'" (NKJV).

On a personal note, as Christians we should be in prayer for our country. I am especially concerned about the upcoming election. We, as Christians, should pray and be active in the process by voting. It is our privilege and our duty to vote for the person who best represents our Christian beliefs. Sometimes it is difficult to determine who is best qualified; however, I believe it is our duty to look at what each candidate and party adheres to and choose the candidate who believes in the sanctity of life and Biblical marriage, etc.

Bro. Charles

Happy Thanksgiving Day!!

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.
For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Happy Hearts Humor

An older woman walks into a shoe store and tries on a pair of shoes. "How do they feel?" asks the salesclerk. "Well, they feel a bit tight," replies the lady. The assistant promptly bends down and has a look at the shoes and the woman's feet. "Try pulling out the tongue," offers the clerk. "Nath, theyth sthill feelth a bith tighth," the lady replies.



An elderly woman was swerving all over the road and driving very badly, so she got pulled over by a cop. The cop walked up to her window and asked, "Miss, why are you driving so recklessly?" The lady said, "I'm sorry sir, but wherever I go, there's always a tree in front of me and I can't seem to get away from it!" The cop looked at her and said, "Ma'am, that's your air freshener!"



HAPPY HEARTS HAPPENINGS

**NO SENIOR
BREAKFAST
IN NOVEMBER
(Happy Thanksgiving!)**

**SENIOR LADIES'
PRAYER/BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS
@ 9:00 AM
in Steadfasters SS room**

**NO GAME NIGHT
IN
NOVEMBER
AND DECEMBER**

**WALL HIGHWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
6597 WALL TRIANA HIGHWAY
MADISON, AL 35757**



"If you are grateful for everything, then whatever you have is enough." J. Baadgaard

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever." Psalm 107:1 (NLT)*

