

Thanksgiving Leftovers

What do you do after the turkey is unstuffed and you are stuffed? What do you do after the parades and bowl games have ended and your guests have left for home? The internet is filled with inventive recipes for dealing with the remains of your Thanksgiving meal, from Turkey Pumpkin Chili to Cranberry Turnovers to Sweet Potato Waffles. In the wake of our annual Thanksgiving holiday the question of what to do with those leftovers should be the least of our concerns. Come Monday morning we will enter a world that is convinced that they have sufficiently paid all obligations to be thankful until Thursday, November 28, 2019.

But we know that God commands us to be thankful every day. The apostle Paul wrote: "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). This year, as we look back on the Thanksgiving holiday, what should be the real Thanksgiving Leftovers? Here are a few suggestions:

1. Thank God for our family and friends. Don't take them for granted but rather cultivate those precious relationships year round
2. Thank God for His abundant blessings. The very fact that there are Thanksgiving leftovers proves that we are truly blessed.
3. Thank God for His church. This is our spiritual family. We ought to take advantage of these precious relationships of people who care.
4. Thank God for His Son. He gave everything so that you can enjoy all blessings through Him.
5. Thank God for the Bible. It gives us wisdom and direction for how to live a life that pleases Him.
6. Thank God for today and, should it come, tomorrow.

—David Bragg, bulletinGOLD, 11/18

Courage

It is 2:00 a.m., and I cannot sleep. We were notified yesterday, late in the day, that a dear ole friend has terminal cancer and is not expected to live another six months or so. There are so many of whom I can think who are facing the closure of physical life. We understand this is part of living, to die.

I have always prayed that when I face death that I will be strong, have courage to the end. I have also prayed that death would overtake me at 2:00 a.m. or so when I am asleep. Yet, as I consider this, will I have courage to overcome my fears? I think so; maybe I am talking about what I call the human factor. As humans, we are so weak; fears of the unknown haunt us. We wish it were not so, but alas it is. We admit its truth.

As a Christian, I believe with all my being an afterlife will be far better than this earthly life. The comforting words of the apostle John ring true. “These things have I written unto you, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, even unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God” (1 John 5:13). The apostle Paul also gave us frail humans courage concerning our pondering the human factor with all our fears. “And if Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins... If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable... O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?” (1 Corinthians 15:17, 19 and 55). We struggle with our fears, yet deep within our being, courage is present.

“Life without the courage for death is slavery” (Seneca 5 B.C.-65 A.D.). So, it is with God-given courage that we press on. “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong” (1 Corinthians 16:13).

—Donald R. Fox, gospelgazette.com, 11/18

November 25, 2018

Singing

We sing “psalms, hymns and spiritual songs” to worship God and to teach and admonish one another (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). Many efforts have been made to define the three terms in ways that distinguish among them, but no definitions have found wide acceptance.

It is recognized, however, that “psalms, hymns and spiritual songs” as a group are distinguished from drinking songs, love ballads, war songs, comic ditties, etc. The sentiment and the words of the songs accomplish the purposes for which we are directed to sing them: praising God and teaching and admonishing one another. Tempo and harmony are important, but the words are more so.

Singing can accomplish both teaching and admonishing. Organs, pianos, keyboards, guitars and drum sets accomplish neither.

—Cecil May, Jr., gospelgazette.com, 11/17

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

November 25, 2018

Co-Coordinator.....George Clay
Announcements.....Dallas Eddie
Scriptures Reading.....Austin Clay
Song Leader.....Steve Anderson
Opening Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
Serve: Mitchell Brooks, Ethan Leonard
Justin Draper, Roger Draper,
Closing Prayer.....Glen Reece

Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece

Greeters: Please be here to greet 20 minutes before services.

Count Offering.....Dallas Eddie
.....Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon—
PM Sermon— Fourth Sunday Singing

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements.....Dallas Eddie
Song Leader.....Steve Anderson
Scripture Reading..Isa. 12:5.....Austin Clay
Opening Prayer.....Mitchell Brooks
Lord's Supper.....Jacky Carver, Sr.
.....Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer.....Roger Draper

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement.....Dallas Eddie
Song Leader.....Brian Smith
First Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.
Opening Prayer.....Roger Draper
Invitation(11/28).....Brian Smith
Closing Prayer.....Kaleb Bush

Prepare Communion for NOVEMBER

Linda Hackett

MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD

NURSING HOME:

Opal Agee-Kindred

THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,
 Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,
 Ramelle Cole, Linda Phillips, Rita Lankford, Carolyn Hill, Joyce Williams (Athens, TN)

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

11/18/18

Wednesday.....	42
Worship Sunday AM.....	89
Bible Study Sunday AM.....	78
Daily Bible Readers.....	32
Worship Sunday PM(11/11).....	53

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 2nd- Men's business meeting
Dec. 2nd- Preacher's Open House

Pantry Item: Canned Fruit

READING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

01 John 2-4	11 Acts 13-17	21 I Cor. 3-5
02 John 5-7	12 Acts 18-20	22 I Cor. 6-8
03 John 8-10	13 Acts 21-23	23 I Cor. 9-11
04 John 11-15	14 Acts 24-26	24 I Cor. 12-14
05 John 16-18	15 Acts 27-28	25 I Cor. 15-16
06 John 19-21	Rom. 1	II Cor. 1-2
07 Acts 1-3	16 Rom. 2-4	26 II Cor. 3-6
08 Acts 4-6	17 Rom. 5-7	27 II Cor. 7-9
09 Acts 7-9	18 Rom. 8-12	28 II Cor.
10 Acts 10-12	19 Rom.13-15	10-12
	20 Rom. 16;	29 II Cor. 13;
	I Cor. 1-2	Gal. 1-2
		30 Gal. 3-5