

Thanks-living



by Dawn Reed
E. Ky. Columnist

My daughter's been getting grief at work for decorating early. She put up a tiny Christmas tree and hung some garland a couple of weeks ago . . . before Thanksgiving-an abomination to some of her coworkers. When criticized for her pre-decoration, she told them, "My Momma always says, 'It's Thanks-living instead of Thanks-giving,' and that we should be thankful EVERY day!" (I was so proud. I hadn't thought she was even listening!)

Decades ago, my then-pastor, Steve Rice, preached a "Thanks-living" sermon that got my attention. (We were

good friends so I teased him with "Happy Thanks-living!" for weeks after!)

Though I joked about it back then, it stuck with me. And you know what? He was right! As believers in and followers of Christ, we should not just focus on what God does one Thursday in November. We should be thankful EVERY SINGLE DAY! So it really IS Thanks-living!

Many Americans keep their holidays compartmentalized. Halloween is observed in October, Thanksgiving in November. Then five minutes after the turkey is eaten, the Christmas season officially begins.

Many are horrified when we begin the Christmas celebrating early. My son has said the Pilgrims are almost forgotten. I tell him I totally DON'T agree. Without the Pilgrims and their courageous journey we wouldn't even BE here! I picture the Pilgrim mothers often as they faced daily difficulties and fought for their very lives. Just the voyage with children is hard to imagine! They are my heroes and definitely an inspiration!

But there is One who inspires me more . . . He changed my life and I hope I never get over it! For His birthday, I like to get things ready early.

I love so much of what His day brings. I love the magic of the whole season! People are kinder, more concerned for others, even strangers smile and greet each other with wishes of holiday joy. Red and green are my favorite colors!

How would you rate yourself with being thankful? Are you a complainer about what you DON'T have or do you see your blessings each day?

Think about it . . . and don't be afraid to tell someone Happy Thanks-living! (They'll be confused at first, but then you can explain.)

Happy Thanks-living to you and yours!

Church News

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Saturday, December 7th - 7:30am-1pm

Basement Sale at St. Elizabeth

There will be a basement Sale at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 322 5th Street in Ravenna, on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There will be lots of good clothes, Christmas clothes and other holiday items sheets, glassware, books, toys and so much more. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, December 7th at 5pm

Christmas on Glory Street Concert

Come, join us for a night of fun, food, and fellowship on Saturday night, December 7th as The Calvary Heirs present their annual "Christmas on Glory Street" benefit concert at Calvary Baptist Church.

6:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted for the supper and a Love Offering will be taken during the concert.

This year ALL proceeds from this event will go to Calvary's FUSION Youth Group to help send teens to Church Camp this summer.

Preceding the concert, a Chili Supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The Chili Supper begins at 5:00 p.m. The Concert begins at

Calvary Baptist is located at 21 Glory Street in West Irvine, Kentucky.

Saturday, December 14th - 11am-1pm

Kids' Gifts for their Caregivers

South Irvine Baptist Church, 1215 South Irvine Road, will be hosting KidShop on Saturday, December 14, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. where "Kids will love to give gifts!"

home and put under their tree. There will also be an ornament station.

There will be soups and sandwiches for everyone, and everyone is invited to come and participate.

KidShop is where you can take kids to pick out a gift for their caregivers. Volunteers will help them wrap their choices to take

You can come anytime between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. EVERYTHING IS FREE!

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COLOSSIANS 1:15-16

The **Son** is the **image** of the invisible **God**, the **firstborn** over all creation. **For** in him all **things** were **created**: things in **heaven** and on **earth**, visible and **invisible**, whether **thrones** or **powers** or **rulers** or authorities; **all** things have **been** created **through** him and for **him**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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It looked old and worn and held together with many stitches. It didn't look like much of a doll but Missy loved it more than anything in her world. It was stuffed with dry beans. Each day she would play with it and every night she would sleep with it. It brought her pleasure and comfort.

One day while her brother was building a model airplane, she accidentally bumped into it and knocked it to the floor. Looking at the bits and pieces that were scattered before him, he shouted angrily, "Look what you did! You just wait Missy - I'll get even with you!"

The next day Missy and her Mom went shopping. As soon as they left, he found her doll, took it outside and buried in his

mother's rose garden. Smiling to himself he said, "She'll never find that old doll now!"

When Missy returned home and could not find her doll she burst into tears and ran to her room. When asked, Darren denied knowing anything about the doll, claiming, "She just left it some place. It'll turn up." And it did.

Mom was cutting some roses for the dinner table and discovered an arm from the doll sticking out of the dirt. She asked her son, "Did you do this?" Looking at the doll he said, "Yes, Mom, but I should have known better."

It's that way with our sins. We try to cover them - but along comes God and uncovers them. "Our iniquities, the secrets of our heart and its sins, (which we would like to hide even from ourselves) are made known to You and us through Your holiness and the work of Your Spirit."

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1. Is the book of Bethlehem in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Who prophesied, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son"? John the Baptist, Zechariah, Isaiah, Andrew

3. Which "Caesar" ordered the world to be taxed, causing Mary to travel to Bethlehem while expect-

ing the baby Jesus? Julius, Tiberius, Claudius, Augustus

4. In which month of the Virgin Mary's pregnancy did the angel Gabriel visit to inform she would give birth? 1st, 3rd, 6th, 9th

5. From Luke 2:34, who prophesied to Mary that this Christ child is set for the fall and rising again of many? Melchior, Simeon, Cyrenius, Felix

6. What is the city of David called? Nazareth, Dothan, Beersheba, Bethlehem

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Repentance, What Does It Mean?

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As we begin this article, I hope that all of you enjoyed a Happy Thanksgiving Day. I believe that Thanksgiving should be always a state of mind in regards to the blessings our Lord gives us each day that we live. Just living in America is a blessing; so, we should always be thankful unto God for it. And, to add, we should always pray for American and its leaders. 1 Timothy 2:2 instructs us to do just that.

Now, to our thought for today. Repentance, what does the Bible say? To fully understand this English word, we have to go to the source of its meaning; so, we appeal to the Greek history to give us the fuller meaning. Actually, there are two words that the text that suggest this basic meaning. The Greek word is pronounced "metanoia" that is used in Acts 2:38 and in Romans 2:4 and connotes "a change of mind" with regard to sin which is always primarily intellectual in nature. But, then, the second word, "metamilita" connotes a change of soul, thus a Godly sorrow that leads to a turning away from sin. Thus, so repentance involves both a change of mind about sin and a change of heart, attitude toward sin. In Acts 5:31, God is said to be the author of repentance. So, through preaching of the Gospel that the conscience of a man shows himself to be a sinner. So, in this state he finds himself in open rebellion against God. Now, in his sinful nature, man cannot repent. However, through the work of the Holy Spirit working with the preaching of the truth, men can see themselves for what they are, a sinner living in rebellion before God. So, in Matthew 3:2-8, Jesus asserted this repentance is necessary to salvation, Matthew 4:17, and through the preaching of the Pentecost by the Apostles (Acts 2:38). So, before that faith can operate upon the heart to salvation, the completed truth must be both proclaimed and heard and obeyed (Romans 10:17).

Then in 2 Corinthians 7:10, the Bible says, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

But sadly, many today can and have heard the truth of the Gospel and became aware of their condition but have turned away and walked onward in this world to their eternal destruction.

There is a song in some song books that is entitled, "Did you Repent, Fully Repent?" Only the person and the Lord knows of one's repentance is certain. But, notice that there are two aspects of repentance. First, the act of repentance involves sorrow for both the fact of sin and the acts of sin in the life of the sinner. The act of sin and resolution is precipitated in the decisive conviction to obey what is written. Then, a true action of salvation leads one to show within his lifestyle that his whole nature is changed so that he becomes one that is identified as one that has not received the grace of God in vain; thereby he lives in the state of abhorrence of sin with a continual renunciation of it.

Secondly, there are many who claim salvation by grace when they never have surrendered their every situation to the complete words of Jesus. This is clearly shown by any who miss the proper day of the Lord's church (the Lord's Day). Substituting it for a Saturday evening singing jam so that they may misuse the Lord's day for the fried chicken at Grandma's house on Sunday. Then, many who claim membership in the Lord's church, take a Sunday vacation on his day, thinking that the Lord doesn't mind being absent once in a while. Then, they may fail in undergirding the work of the church by failing to meet on the Lord's day (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). And, if they miss they never make up this contribution for the day they absented themselves. This is enough of this at this time.

I have been called, along with a lot of other things, a hard preacher, but I assure you that my words will not amount to anything liken to what the Lord will say to the unrepentant sinner, the slacking, disobedient church member or anyone who will not fully comply with the will of the Lord.

So, if you are one of God's faithful elect, we thank you for it. But, if you are not, then I will continue to preach and pray for your obedience.

Call or visit with us. The Lord is coming.
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