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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Mercer Avenue at Five Points
 Harold J. Bond, minister

9:30 a.m., Sunday school. Nursery, kindergarten, and primary departments will meet in the annex, 313 Mercer. All other classes will meet in the church.
 10:30 a.m., morning worship. The pastor will speak upon the "Thanksgiving - More Than A Day." The chancel choir will sing "Thanks Be Unto God" under the direction of Mrs. Clint Reed.
 4:30 p.m., the junior youth fellowship will meet.
 5:30 p.m., junior and senior youth fellowship will meet.
 Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Westminster youth choir will practice; 7:30 p.m., the chancel choir will practice.
 Thursday, annual Thanksgiving service at the Church of God, 9 a.m. Rev. William Feller will be the speaker.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cor. 11th & Monroe Sts.
 Richard C. Ladwig, Pastor

Divine Worship services at 8 and 10:30 a. m.
 Sunday School and Bible classes meet at 9:15 a. m.
 The pastor's sermon will be: "For and From" Col. 1:9-14.
 Similar Thanksgiving services will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 and on Thursday morning at 9:00 a. m.
 Three Mid-Week advent vesper services will be conducted in special preparation for Christmas, beginning with Wednesday, Nov. 30th, at 7 p.m. Holy Communion will also be celebrated in this service.
 The Pastors Adult Instruction class will begin on Monday, November 28th at 8 p.m.
 The Parent-Teacher league will have an Open House and classroom demonstration Sunday, Nov. 20th at 7 p.m.
 Zions Cub pack meets on Nov. 28th at 7:30 in the Parish Hall.
 Tuesday, Nov. 22, the Every Member Visitation committee will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m.
 Next Sunday Holy Communion will be celebrated in both services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

221 South Fourth Street

9:15 a. m. Sunday School Hour. Mr. Lafe Grimm, ass't. supt. We have a graded school with a class for every age.
 10:30 a. m. Morning Worship service. Rev. Robert Hammond, a former pastor, will be bringing the morning message. The anthem will be "Praises to the Giver," by the choir. Mr. C. Allen Lehman is choir director. Mrs. Eugene Lehman is church organist.
 6:30 p. m. Baptist Youth Fellowship. There will be a film entitled "Teenage Crusade." This is a film in which all the young people will be interested. The adults are also invited to come and see this film.
 7:30 p. m. Evening Gospel Hour. Rev. Robert Hammond will again be bringing the message. Everyone is invited to this service.
 Church Calendar
 Tuesday - Baptist Youth Fellowship Association meeting at Bluffton. Cars will leave the church at 6:45 p.m.
 Wednesday - 7:00 p. m. Midweek Hour of Prayer. Mr. James Strickler, Jr. will be in charge of the meeting.
 8:00 p.m. Church choir rehearsal.
 The services of our church are open to the public. You are invited to visit our friendly church.

FIRST CHRISTIAN

Charles M. Hill, minister
 Church Phone 3-3321
 Prayer Phone 3-6158

Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:30 a.m.
 C.Y.F. 6 p.m.
 Evening Fellowship 7:30 p.m.
 The Young People during Junior Church Hour will see the film "Assignment Children." This deals with an account of Danny Kaye's world tour on behalf of the U.N. Children's Fund, under UNICEF. As the children collected the money for this during the Halloween season they should find this very interesting.
 The planning of the Christmas program is underway and all ages are urged to have their children present each Sunday as we prepare for this special day remembering the birth of Christ.
THOUGHT FOR TODAY
 "Blessed Are They..."
 Matt. 5: 1-10

What would it take to make you happy? Money? Worldly pleasures? Idleness? People have not been too successful trying to find happiness in the conventional ways. We have been seeking it out there; it can only be found in here. You can't force it. A little fellow in the animal tent at the circus was afraid. His mother kept slapping and shaking him, saying "enjoy yourself, I brought you here to enjoy yourself."

The word "Blessed" can be translated "happy" but it is more. It is happiness with a religious content. It is the opening theme of the greatest sermon by the greatest preacher. Now you are in for a surprise. "Blessed are they..." but the things which follow are not what you would expect—the poor in spirit, mourners, the meek. Those are almost the opposite of what most people today would list.

The Beatitudes are the character qualities Jesus wanted in his followers. They indicate the kind of people Jesus could use in establishing and building the Kingdom of God on earth. Jesus could work with those who know their need, the sympathetic, the gentle, those eager for right, the merciful, the pure, peacemakers, the persecuted.

MISSIONARY CHURCH

Tenth and Dayton Streets
 Gerald I. Gerig, pastor

9 a.m.—Sunday School Hour. Our "Vote For Sunday School" campaign was a real success. We averaged 252 for the past six weeks which was two over our goal. Your entire family is welcome at our church.
 10 a.m.—Morning Worship Hour. Rev. Clayton Steiner, our District Superintendent, will be speaking.
 6:30 p.m.—Pre-service prayer. Teen-age MYF.
 7 p.m.—Closing service of our Missionary convention. Rev. Jake Schierling, missionary to Africa, will be speaking.
 8 p.m.—Choir rehearsal.
 Monday
 6:45 p.m.—The church board members and their wives will have their annual dinner at the parsonage as guests of the pastor and his wife.
 Wednesday
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer and Praise. We are averaging 102 so far in 1960. This service is planned to help the entire family.
 Thursday
 9 a.m.—Thursday morning will be our Union Thanksgiving service at the Church of God. Rev. William Feller will be speaking.
 Friday
 7:30 p.m.—Friendship Circle at Mrs. Donald Sprunger's home.
 Saturday
 7 p.m.—Men's Prayer meeting. We have much for which we should be thankful. Our indifference to spiritual things may cost us these blessings!



ZION Evangelical and Reformed (United Church of Christ)

Third and Jackson Streets
 William C. Feller, pastor

Church school, 9 a.m. Laure Meyer, assistant superintendent, will be in charge. Classes for all ages, from the nursery through adulthood, await all the members of your family. Come and join a class.
 Divine worship, 10 a.m. Sermon by the pastor: "Of Thine Own." This will be Christian enlistment Sunday, when all members of the church will be given the opportunity of declaring their intentions of financial support of the church for 1961. The senior choir will sing, "Praise Ye the Father" by Gounod. All members of the church are urged to be present. Visitors are always welcome.

Youth fellowship at 5 p.m. Devotions by Janet Kiess and supper in charge of Jerry Jones and Steve Pickford. The film, "Albert Schweitzer" will be shown. Any adults who wish to see the film are invited to come at 5:30.
 Chi Rho class meeting in the church social room at 7:15 p.m. There will be no choir rehearsals and no catechetical classes next week.

Union Thanksgiving service on Thursday morning at 9 a.m. in the Church of God, Cleveland street, sponsored by the Associated Churches of Decatur. Come and worship with us.

FIRST METHODIST

West Monroe at Fifth Street
 F. Hazen Sparks, minister

Our Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Don Boroff, presiding. Classes are provided for each member of the family with supervised nursery and kindergarten classes for pre-school children and a lullaby room for infants. You will find a welcome for your entire family when you come and bring them to our church school.
 10:20 a.m., divine worship. Rev. Sparks will preach this Sunday on the topic: "Harvest Time." The choir under the direction of Don Gerig will sing: "It Is A Good Thing To Give Thanks," by McCormick. Mrs. Edgar Gerber has chosen the following organ selections for this Sunday morning: "Now Thank We All Our God" by Ashford; "Prayer," by Demorest; and "Marche Religieuse" by MacDonald.
 Sunday, 5:30 p.m., the senior M. Y. F. will meet with Tom Maddox leading the devotions and Helen Walters presenting the program. Kathleen Smith and Pamela Lister will take care of the recreation. The Colliers are Guides of the Way.
 The Intermediate Youth Fellowship will also meet at 5:30 o'clock with their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sparks, Miss Dixie Smith and Paul Sparks.
 Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., the Bible study and prayer hour will be held in the chapel. The senior choir will rehearse in the sanctuary at the same hour.
 Thursday morning at 9 a.m., the annual Union Thanksgiving service will be held at the Church of God.

CHURCH OF GOD

Huston Bever, Jr., pastor
 628 Cleveland Street

8:30 a.m.—"The Christian Brotherhood Hour" over WKJG.
 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. World Service "Thanksgiving Offering" will be taken this Sunday.
 10:40 a.m.—Sunday School. We invite each one to attend their class this morning.
 7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.
 Monday
 7:30 p.m.—The Board of Trustees will meet.
 Wednesday
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer service. Junior High Fellowship.
 Thursday
 9 a.m. — Thanksgiving Union Services will be held in our church. Rev. William Feller will be the speaker.
 Friday and Saturday
 Youth convention at Indianapolis.
 Thankfulness for God's mercies is a sure guarantee against indifference and selfishness.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN

Ninth and Madison Streets
 J. O. Penrod, minister

Stewardship Sunday will be observed tomorrow. A big day is being planned which will include the dedication of visitors in the morning worship and the visit in to every home during the afternoon to tell the story of the church.

Sunday church school will begin at 9 a.m. under the leadership of Sepsus Jackson, superintendent. Morning worship will be held at 10 a.m. The pastor's message will be "Man's Thanks and God's Grace." The youth choir under the direction of Walter Henkel will sing "Thanksgiving Prayer." Miss Karen Barkley will be soloist. Laymen's talks will be given by John Kelley and Elmer Winterberg, Jr. Organ numbers selected by Harold Mumma are "Prae-ludium Festum" by Gulltment, "Blessed Jesus" by Faure, and "Westminster Chimes Postlude" by Ellis.

The visitors and captains will eat their noon meal at the church and make calls in all of the church homes during the afternoon. Their first report meeting will be Sunday evening at 5 p.m.

The Junior-Hi "Y-Hour" meeting will be at 6 p.m. The lesson will be given by Kenay Folk and the outreach commission. Bethany youth will be guests.

The Senior-Hi "Y-Hour" meeting will be at 6 p.m. The lesson will be given by the citizenship commission. Bethany youth will be guests.

The boys and girls fellowship meeting will be Sunday evening at 7 p.m.
 The Sunday evening worship service will be held in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Pictures will be shown of our church activities during the past six months. Youth leading the devotions will be Cheryl Bollenbacher and Dick Travel. Kay and David Wynn will sing a duet. Bethany youth will be guests.

There will be fellowship and recreation hour beginning at 8 p.m. for the Trinity and Bethany youth. Refreshments will be served.

Boy Scout troop will meet on Monday evening at 8:30 p.m.

The Social Action committee will meet on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The Senior-Hi youth will meet at 5 o'clock on Tuesday evening for a carry-in supper and to prepare the Thanksgiving boxes.

The Kum Dubble class will hold a Thanksgiving supper on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock.

Athletic program at Lincoln will be Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

The seventh grade catechetical class will meet Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The sixth grade catechetical class will meet Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Mid-week worship for youth and adults will be Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Youth and junior choir rehearsal will be Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Boys and girls fellowship will be Wednesday at 7 p.m.

II visitor's report meeting will be Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Chancel choir rehearsal will be Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The community Thanksgiving service will be Thanksgiving morning at the Church of God at 9 a.m.

Skating party will be held on Friday evening, 7 to 10 o'clock, at the Happy Hours rink.

Christian Companions class meeting will be Saturday evening.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

North Seventh at Marshall
 C. E. Lykins, pastor

"Showers of Blessing" from WGL at 8:45 a.m.
 Unified service this Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. Following classes the pastor will speak from the subject, "The Thankful family."
 A gift Bible will be presented to the largest family who will come and sit together during the service. In case of a tie, the Bible will be given away the following Sunday to the tying family who brings the most new people to the service.
 Young peoples' meeting at 6:45 a.m. Tom Suman will be the leader.
 Evangelism at 7:30 p.m. Sermon by the pastor.
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 Prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.
 A welcome to all.



"Thanksgiving is the most Christian of holidays," says Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, "because its only meaning is a religious one, namely, that the fruits of the good earth come to us from God who made the world and gives harvest to those who plow and plant and harrow." Thanksgiving is a holiday that commemorates no hero, and celebrates no battlefield. No lobby is behind it—no group or sect or party. It doesn't even fall on the same date twice. Yet Christmas cannot dim it nor the Fourth of July steal its glory. Christians should celebrate the Thanksgiving festival by sharing and by worship of God, the giver of all good things.

WHY NOT ACCEPT THE INVITATION AND COME TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY?

BETHANY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN
 Benj. G. Thomas, minister

On this Sunday the people are bringing canned and preserved foods and staple commodities for the making of Thanksgiving Baskets which will be taken to those in need.

9 a.m. — Sunday School. Leo Seltentright as superintendent. Extended session for nursery, kindergarten and primary departments.
 10 a.m.—Divine Worship. Mrs. Gerold Lobsiger will play, "Hymn Preludes" Keck, "Prayer of Thanksgiving" an old Dutch Melody and "The March of the Pilgrims."

The Anthem by the choir, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem" is by Maunder.

The sermon, "What Shall I render to the Lord for All His Goodness to me?"

The Junior High and Senior High youth are to visit with the Trinity church tonight. Meet at Bethany church at 5:45 p.m. and we shall go as a group.
 The Kum Join Us class is having its meeting at the church at 5 p.m. with a supper.

Wednesday
 6:30 p.m.—Junior choir.
 7:15 p.m.—Adult choir.

7 p.m.—Bible study and prayer. Read John 6:35-71 for our study. Remember the Lord your God and make your Thanksgiving a day of spiritual significance.

Thursday
 9 a.m. — Union Thanksgiving service in the Church of God. The Rev. William Feller is the speaker.

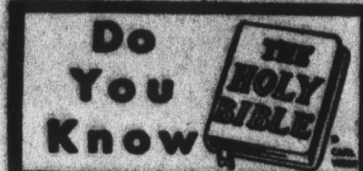
Saturday
 9 & 10 a.m.—Catechism classes will meet.

A HAPPY HOME

Parents would do well to remind their children that Thanksgiving should be a time for them to say "thank you" personally or in letters to the many people who have shown them kindness and understanding through the year, to teachers, relatives who are in distant places, to neighbors, tradespeople, friends. So many of our blessings are soon forgotten, and Thanksgiving should be a time for remembering and showing gratitude toward all those who make life richer, happier, more meaningful and give us the sympathetic understanding, the affection, the kindness without which life would be difficult, drab and lonely.

DO YOU KNOW ANSWERED

1. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."—II Cor. 9:15.
2. An old form of the past tense of the verb "think".
3. I Thessalonians 5:18.
4. "... triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the saviour of his knowledge by us in every place."
5. "... the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."



1. What did the apostle Paul mention as a cause for Thanksgiving?
2. From what is the word "thank" derived?
3. Where is found the passage in the Bible, "In every thing give thanks"?
4. Can you complete the sentence beginning, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to..."?
5. Can you complete the sentence beginning, "Thanks be to God which giveth us..."?



Thanksgiving lies at the point where we see in all good the gifts of God. That is where Thanksgiving flows over the soul. All that we see is full of blessing and meaning. The world is made for the soul as well as the body. Sounds flow over into music and song, colors flow over into rainbows, landscapes and sunsets, earth flows over into blossoms and trees, skies flow over into light, sun, moon and stars, and all flow over into the human soul with divine meaning and moral elevation and as a result, the spirit of Thanksgiving, an event with God at the center. The mystical aspect of life is closer to reality than we sometimes are willing to acknowledge, and in its acceptance, we shall find the deeper meanings of life.



Just in case you wonder what you have to be thankful for, think of the little boy condemned at an early age to wear glasses. In an essay entitled, "What I Am Thankful For," he wrote that he was thankful for the glasses since they kept other boys from fighting with him, and the little girls from kissing him!



Thankfulness is a completion of character without which we miss life's central melody. The hardest sin to excuse is ingratitude, and it comes from thoughtlessness. A thinking people is a thankful people. Many personal woes would be eliminated if more time were spent on thinking of our blessings and expressing gratitude to God and to the many who contribute to our happiness.

The most Christ-like life is one which is always keyed to the note of praise and thanksgiving.

Recall that heart-warming story of a deaf old saint. When asked, "Grandpa, why do you keep going to church when you can't hear a word that is said?" he replied, "What would the neighbors think if they saw me sitting on the front porch rocking on a Sunday morning? I keep on going, even if I don't hear, because I want people to know whose side I'm on."

Think and thank on Thanksgiving.

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