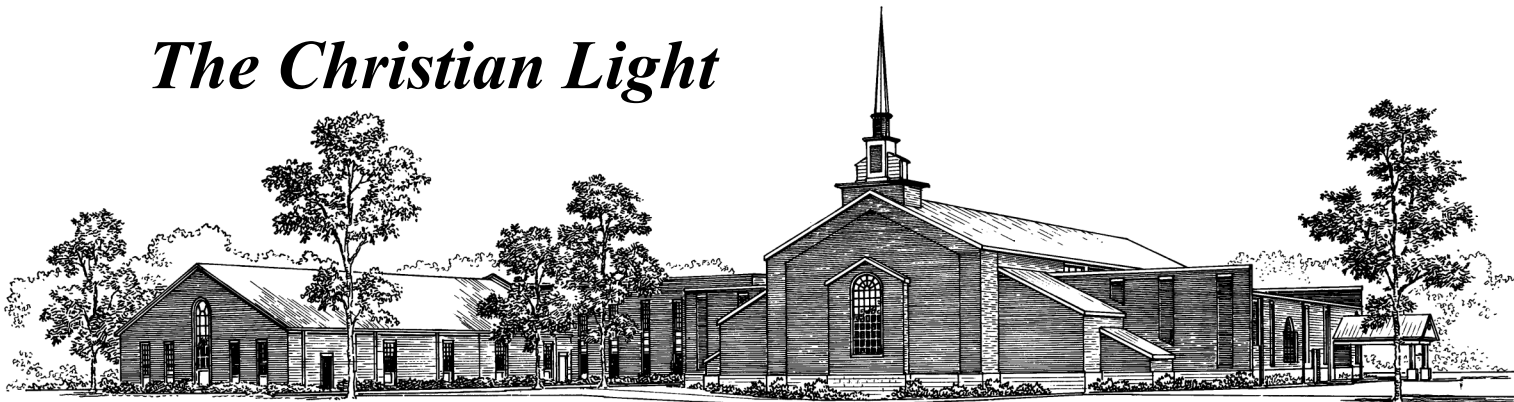


# The Christian Light



## North Jackson church of Christ, Jackson, Tennessee

### THANKLESS CHRISTIANS ARE OXYMORONS

“JUST WHO ARE YOU CALLING AN *OXYMORON!*?” Ever notice how easy it is to be thankless? ...too easy! ...scary easy! And, oh, how rotten are the fruits of showing others little or no appreciation. Being a thankless person sucks the life out of every room. Plus, being thankless is likely to metastasize. Over time, a little thanklessness here and there becomes a full-fledged malignancy of personality. Next thing we know, we are looking in the mirror at an old, overcritical, and grumpy person, wondering where did all the time go, and wishing we had been more thankful to others along the way.

If you are storing up a year’s worth of thanks to shower on everyone at the dinner table this fourth Thursday in November, then you’ve missed the point of Thanksgiving. I must confess, I’ve missed the point for far too long. Why must I wait till turkey is present to shower some gratitude upon the people I’m thankful for in my life?! (Is it just the tryptophan talking?) After all, what is the benefit to being a tight-wad when it comes to expressing my thankfulness?

If you tend to relate to this description, then what can you do about it? Here are some biblical insights to consider that may resurrect the more thankful side of you. Let’s work on these together, okay?

**1. Thanklessness is a symptom of self-centeredness.** To overcome self-centeredness, spend more time at the foot of the cross, “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame . . .” (Hebrews 12:3). If I won’t die to self, daily, then how can I ever announce with confidence, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). If I’m having a problem expressing my thanks to others, then there is good chance the former me is still alive and well instead of dead and buried. Christ-likeness will only shine forth when I’ve put that *old man* of self-sufficiency to the grave through repentance, prayer, and confession (Act 3:19; 1 John 1:5-10). These three will light the way to acquisition of a more thankful spirit.

**2. Thankfulness is a choice, not a feeling.** Love is a choice, not a feeling, and so it is with thankfulness. You and I were made in the image of the God of heaven. The capacity to show godly thankfulness was woven into our DNA. Okay, life’s not a Garden of Eden by any stretch, but so what? Do not resign yourself, Christian, to your thankless disposition. We are not becoming of Christ in a thankless state. Overcome it through Christ’s strength: choice. As Paul says, “but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me . . . forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:12, 13). Make a point to practice thankfulness like you make a point to brush your teeth twice a day. It’s conditioned behavior. True, at first, it feels like a checklist. But then, it will become our “joy set before us.” This will guide us back to the path of possessing a more thankful spirit.

It doesn’t cost anything to shower others with gratitude. So, do it freely. Every time I hold back my gracious words, I’m shortchanging the power of Christ through me. Those truly in Christ will express thanksgiving 365 days a year. For them, Thanksgiving is every day.

--josh

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#### Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 A.M.  
Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M./6:00 P.M.  
Sunday Hispanic Bible Study.....9:00 A.M.  
Sunday Hispanic Worship.....10:00 A.M.  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Hispanic Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.  
Tuesday Ladies’ & Men’s Classes.....10:00 A.M.  
(September – May)

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## YOUTH NEWS AND NOTES

### 1 Corinthians 2 & 3

1. Paul said he did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with what two things?
2. Paul was with the church in Corinth in what two ways, according to verse 3?
3. The natural person does not accept what? Verse 14
4. What three body parts are referenced in verse 9?
5. Paul states in verse 7 that “we impart \_\_\_\_\_ and hidden \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”
6. What spirit did Paul receive according to verse 12?
7. We are to have what kind of mind, as said in verse 16?
8. Who comprehends the thoughts of God? verse 11
9. In verse 2 of chapter 2, Paul decided to know nothing among them except what two things?
10. Paul fed them with what? 3:2 Instead of what?
11. He said that they weren't ready because they were what?
12. There was infighting amongst them. In verse 4, who were the groups claiming to follow?
13. According to 3:6, Paul did what? What did Apollos do, and what is God's role?
14. 3:8 “...and each will receive his wages according to” what?
15. Paul compares himself to what as he laid a foundation? 3:10
16. What tests the quality of work each one has done? 3:13
17. What six things does Paul reference pertaining to building on the foundation in 3:12?
18. Where does God's temple dwell?
19. The wisdom of the world is what with God?
20. Along with Paul and Apollos, what additional name is mentioned at the end of chapter 3?

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

November 19: Middle School Devotional

Following p.m. worship

At the home of **Adam & Tavia Carlucci**

**PB & J: Grades K-2** YOUTH **Tweens: Grades 3-5**  
**Junior High: Grades 6-8** **High School: Grades 9-12**

### 🎵 PRIMETIMERS

The Primetimers will attend the annual Thanksgiving at the Clifton church of Christ on Friday, November 17. The bus will leave North Jackson at 4:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the singing will follow. We invite you to join us. Those planning to attend are asked to sign the list on the foyer bulletin board by Wednesday, November 15.

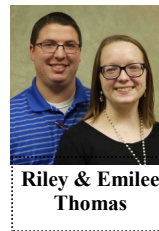
## SYMPATHY

We offer our love and heartfelt sympathy to **Perry, Tammy, Blake, and Chelsey Talbott** in the death of Perry's father, Clyde Talbott, on Saturday, November 11. The funeral was held Tuesday, November 14, in Henderson, Tennessee.

### CARD MINISTRY

We will not print card ministry recipients in the bulletin again until January. We will be sending holiday cards to all our shut-ins. Details will be provided in a later publication.

### NEW MEMBERS



We welcome **Riley & Emilee Thomas** to the family of God that meets at North Jackson. They live at 204 Lancaster Drive in Medina, TN (38355). Riley's cell number (731) 608-3263, and his email address is [rnthomas15@yahoo.com](mailto:rnthomas15@yahoo.com). Emilee's cell number is (731) 608-8882, and her email address is [eathomas03@yahoo.com](mailto:eathomas03@yahoo.com). Riley and Emilee will be in Group 5. If you have not already done so, please give them a warm North Jackson welcome at your earliest convenience.

### DEVOTIONAL

November 19: Regency Retirement Village @ 1:00 p.m.

### LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES

Meeting Sunday afternoon, November 19

Debate @ 4:00

Songs of Praise (girls) @ 5:00

Oral Bible Reading (boys) @ 5:15

Oral Bible Reading (girls) @ 5:15

### SENIOR SINGLES

North Jackson's Senior Singles will eat lunch at the Outback Steakhouse following morning worship on Sunday, November 19.

### TWEENS

The Tweens will have a devotional on Sunday afternoon, November 19. **Britt & Shelley Little** will host the Tweens for the devotional. All who plan to participate are asked to meet at North Jackson at 3:00 p.m.

### MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

The Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Class will eat breakfast in the fellowship hall at 9:00 on Tuesday morning, November 21. Class will follow at 10:00 a.m.

## OUR SICK

**JACKSON GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Sandra Bailey, room 658

**ST. THOMAS HOSPITAL MID-TOWN (Nashville, TN):** Tony Woods, room 6307

**MAPLEWOOD HEALTH CARE:** Velma Churchwell, rehab room 406-A

**NORTHBROOKE HEALTH CARE:** Helen Hurst, room 10-B

**TN STATE VETERANS HOME (Humboldt, TN):** Connie McKee, (rehab) room E-26

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** Calvin Bailey (undergoing tests); Susan Clayton; Shirley Cordle; Doris Davis (outpatient procedure Tuesday, 11/14); Vivian Dickerson; Ron Hickman; Elise Humphrey; Dorothy Johnson; Polly Neal (rehab in skilled care @ Bells Retirement Village); Virginia Rice; Drew Rush; John Sawyer; Mary Johnson (shattered shoulder), mother of Mary Beth Browning; Joannie Foglyano, sister of Chuck Clayton; Sharon Kea, sister-in-law of Christy Cook; Timmy Gilmore, nephew of Gladys Gowan; Terry Harris, brother of James Harris; Peggy Gary, sister of Sheila Harris; Rodney Mullins, brother of Carol Holland; Ruby Williams (hospice care), sister of Frances Jones; Lisa Danner, mother of Haley Russell; Robbie Kirby (fractured wrist); Shawana Wade, niece of Mary Tole; Sue Duke, mother of Michele Verell; Bennie Clark (undergoing tests), brother of Michele Verell; Kay Wyatt, mother of Scott Wyatt; our shut-ins; those dealing with cancer & other serious illnesses

### ICU SNACKS

hard candy/bite sized candy bars  
(individually wrapped pieces, please)

### PANTRY NEEDS

canned sweet potatoes/instant potato packages

thank you

Brothers and Sisters at North Jackson, Group 4, and Josh Cook,  
Your prayers and thoughts were heard. Thank you for all the calls, texts, visits, food and love that you have shown Martin and myself. We are fortunate to be among Christian brothers and sisters. This has been a hard year for us, but you have always been there.

In Christian love,  
Martin & Janice Redfearn

Dear Church Family,

There is no way to express our thanks for the flowers, cards, and expressions of love for us during the death of our loved one.

The family of Horace Matlock  
(son-in-law of Joe & Karen Pickler)

## RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, November 12 2017

Bible Study.....	466
A.M. Worship.....	674
P.M. Worship.....	442
Wednesday P.M., November 8.....	458

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

NOVEMBER 22

There will be a special Wednesday evening song service, singing praises to the Lord, on November 22. There will be no classes. Everyone will meet and remain in the auditorium.

*I will praise you, Lord,  
with all my heart;  
I will tell of all the  
marvelous things you  
have done. I will be  
filled with joy because  
of You. I will sing  
praises to Your name,  
O Most High.  
Psalm 9:1-2*

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

North Jackson's church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Clarita McKee - Cell number: (731) 431-0313

## CORRECTION

We apologize for inadvertently misspelling the name of Lance & Ashley Norris' daughter in a previous publication. The correct spelling of her name is Catherine Jayne.

## QUOTES

- "Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face." — Ronald Reagan
- "A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education." — Theodore Roosevelt
- "To what greater inspiration and counsel can we turn than to the imperishable truth to be found in this treasure house, the Bible?" — Queen Elizabeth II
- "The Bible is worth all the other books which have ever been printed." — Patrick Henry

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### Those Privileged To Serve

*The elders request that those leading in worship and those ushering, please wear a coat and tie. Your understanding and cooperation are deeply appreciated.*

#### Sunday, November 19, 2017 10:00 A.M.

Greeting & Announcements ..... **John McCadams**  
Song Leader..... **Ray Poston**  
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Gary Martin**  
Lord's Table..... **(H) Lee Barton, Steve Greenway**  
**(S) Adam Beam, Ronnie Haley, Larry Jones**  
**Jim Roberts, Brian Vaughn, Scott Wyatt**

*Men serving the Lord's Supper are asked to meet outside the training room immediately following the auditorium Bible class.*

Closing Prayer ..... **Jeff Baker**  
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)  
Alternates: **Scott Chandler, Lee Johnson, Kevin Kee, Gary Lentz**

Nursery Attendants ..... **Ashley Norris, Cindy Robertson**  
**Martha Sheffield, Cindi Swaim**  
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

#### Sunday, November 19, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Greeting & Announcements ..... **Adam Minton**  
Song Leader..... **Ray Poston**  
Scripture Reading/First Prayer..... **Jared Jackson**  
Lord's Table ..... **(H) Gene Chaffin, Donnie Matthews**

*Please use one of the following translations: King James, New King James, American Standard, or New American Standard.*

Closing Prayer ..... **Scott Dahlstrom**  
(If unable to serve in worship, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)  
Nursery Attendants ..... **Heather Morris, Haley Russell**  
(If unable to serve in the nursery, call **Tavia Carlucci, (615) 491-4211.**)

#### Wednesday, November 22, 2017 7:00 P.M.

Greeting & Announcements ..... **Josh Cook**  
Song Leader ..... **Adam Carlucci**  
Closing Prayer ..... **Alan Highers**  
Collect Cards..... **John Brown, George Cherry**  
(If unable to serve, call **Al Earls (731) 343-5848.**)

#### Ushers For November

**Gary Anderson, Jon Anderson, John Borner, Mark Hopper**  
**Balcony Communion: Kenneth Lilly, Josh Tinsley**

(If unable to serve, call **John Brown, 803-2823** or **George Cherry, 616-2955.**)

**Bus Driver for November: Jeff Whitt (731) 618-2655**

**Communion Preparation/Open & Close Building For November: Group 4**

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