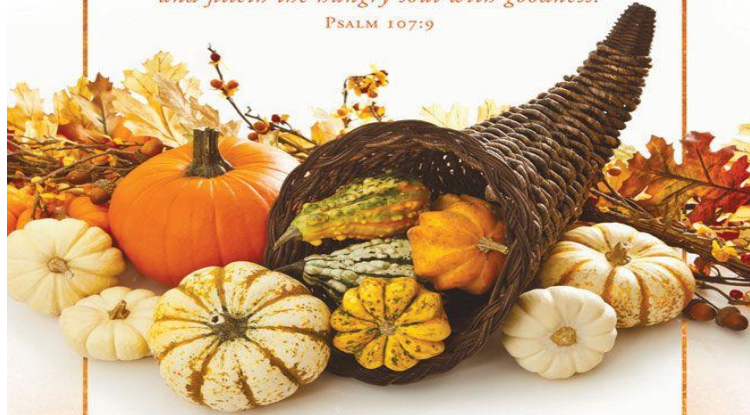


*For he satisfieth the longing soul,
and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.*
PSALM 107:9



*The harvest is in,
the feast is prepared,
and God calls to His children,*

“Come Home.”

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THANKSGIVING

This weekend, we will recognize a holiday that we call “Thanksgiving,” which is the fourth Thursday of the month of November. Congress established it was a legal holiday in 1941. It is a day where families from everywhere congregate together, where fathers watch football, mothers slave away in the hot kitchen cooking, and children run around getting into mischief. It is a day that we can stuff our faces with turkey, mashed potatoes with giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and all our favorites. It is also a favorite time of the year for many women—it is the biggest shopping weekend of the year. In reality, the one time of the year most people in our country thank God in prayer around the family table for the blessings they have received throughout the year is Thanksgiving. One of my favorite “Tom & Jerry” cartoons is the one where Tom is an Indian, Jerry is a pilgrim, and they battle around the Thanksgiving feast (it actually won an Oscar in 1941). At the end of the cartoon, all gather in prayer.

Psalm 136 is an interesting psalm that deals with the subject of thanksgiving, and more specifically, thanksgiving for the steadfast love of Jehovah. Twenty-six times in this psalm (at the end of every verse), the psalmist declares “*His mercy endureth forever.*” God is the one to whom we must be thankful, and to whom we must always express our thanks. We must be thankful to Him because He is good, because His love and mercy endures forever, because of His great power (which the psalm demonstrates throughout), and because of the great blessings that He bestows upon us.

When Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper in remembrance of the sacrifice He was about to make, He gave thanks (Matthew 26:26-27). Let us realize that our responsibility is not just in “thanks-giving,” but in “thanks-living”—doing exactly what God commands. Our spiritual blessings that flow within Christ (Ephesians 1:3) come from obedience to the will of God. Paul says in Philippians 4:6, “*Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*” Let us impress upon the world that obedience to a divine plan of redemption should come from our thanksgiving to our Creator.

--Sam Willcut

From the preacher's heart...

What a blessing to be a part of the church here at Carthage! I am so very impressed by the number of hard-working members and families that we have, but there is always room for growth and improvement. Our elders, deacons and preachers are currently planning some goals for next year to see if we can work on improving as a congregation—if you have any constructive ideas that you would like to share, feel free to speak to any one of them, or even me!

My parents, Glen and Mariann Willcut, are currently overseas in Guyana, South America. They have made yearly mission trips (with just a few exceptions) there since 1983. They are planning to return next week; please keep them in your prayers for good health, successful endeavor, and safe travels.

We recently took a group of around thirty (30) members to support our young people who were involved in a play. All of us very much enjoyed seeing Ainsley & Makenna Hassler, Noah & Emmy Vincent, and Harper Whitaker perform with their cast; they were so good! I even got to see on another occasion our very own Maizy Rutherford perform with the Cookeville Children's Theater, and she was spectacular! Congratulations to you all!

We continue to be excited about our Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes program, especially as it encourages us all—the entire congregation—to read the New Testament in the next three months. If you have not signed up yet to participate with your daily Bible reading, please do so on the sheet in the foyer on the bulletin board. Moreover, we still could use some adults to guide our young people in various categories—for more information on how you can be a great help, please see Justin Mauldin or Will Galey.

With the holidays rapidly coming upon us, we are gearing up for some benevolent activities. If you know of someone who would benefit from a holiday card/gift basket, or would like to help with this wonderful program, please see Patty Piper as soon as possible. This is a wonderful work of the congregation that we do each year at this time.

Congratulations to Jay Klamm for their SCMS team finishing second place in the DeKalb Best of the West Tournament recently!

Congratulations to Scarlett Hicks for her involvement with the UTrust club in a Food Drive at FRS! Congratulations to Aubrey & Scarlett Hicks for their 3rd place varsity finish and their 2nd place JV finish with their FRS basketball tournament! Good luck to Rick Spivey and the SCHS basketball team, as he is serving as their Assistant Coach this year! We have several wonderful athletes among our youth, as well as several talented adults assisting them throughout the congregation!

We are looking forward to Riley Hendrix being with us this coming Lord's Day; he will be speaking in the second worship service. At Carthage, we are blessed to be able to have a small part in his ministry in south Florida! Please plan to be here to encourage him!

This week is Thanksgiving, and many of our members might be traveling. We pray for your safety in travels so that you return to us soon. I love you all, and may God bless every one of you. *-Sam Willcut*

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Continue to keep Hale & Elaine Wright in your prayers as they are going through a difficult time right now. Dimple Hicks remains in Smith County Health & Rehabilitation, though she hopes to be home soon. Kenneth Kidd is recovering from recent knee replacement surgery. Faye Maberry is now at home after having a defibrillator installed last week. Several of our youth have been sick over the last few weeks. Please pray that this break from school for Thanksgiving allows them all to heal and return to regular activities quickly.

CONGREGATION EVENTS: There will be a **Ladies' Holiday Fellowship** on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00PM in the annex. A meal will be provided. Please bring a wrapped holiday ornament or decoration for exchange (\$10 or less). **Christmas Cards** for shut-ins are available in the foyer. Our **Winter Series** will begin next Wednesday, December 4. Please make every effort to attend and support the men of our congregation as they prepare this series of lessons from the SEIBS 2024 Lectureship Book. Please continue to support our **Lads2Leaders** program by reading through the New Testament. Please see Justin Mauldin or Will Galey for any information on how to assist with this program.

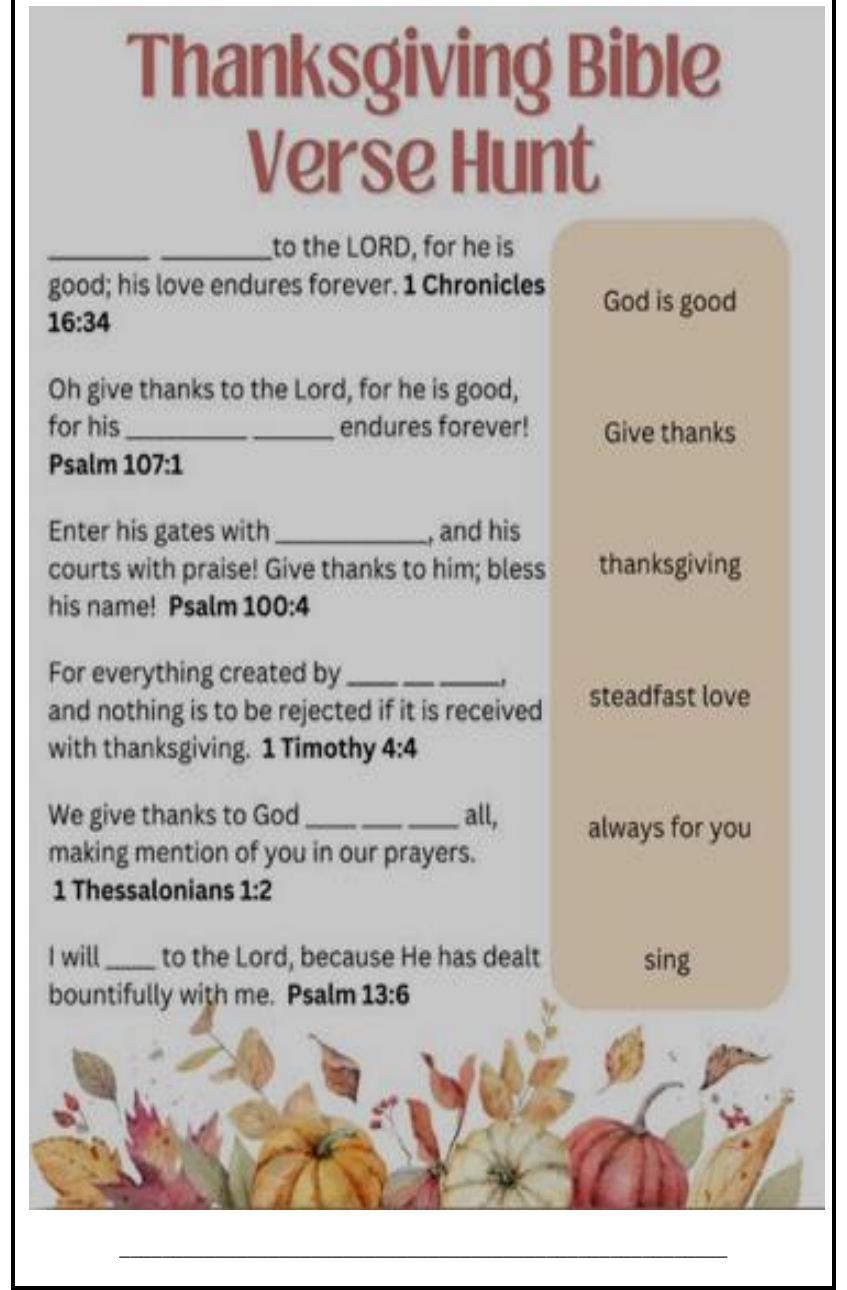
Continue to pray for the following: Joe Taylor (cancer); Leslie Ford; Greyson Flynt; Carol Taylor; Dimple Hicks; Hale Wright; Louise Eldridge; Barbara Silcox; Barbara Jenkins; Brenda Copeland; Faye Maberry; Bobby King; Jerry Martin (cancer); Sherrie Lawrence; Kenneth Kidd; Tim & Lisa Brashears; Mary Ann Herd; Brenda Boyd; Linda & Blythe Myers; Mikel and Janice Hicks; Josephine Fitts; Brenda Fitts; Jerry & Mary Phillips; Hudson Anderson; Tom & Sherry Culver; Sharon Halliburton; Patricia Brooks; Dayton Jamison; Ruby Anderson; Todd Smith; John Jones; and Brenda Forrest. **Please let Kristi know if there is anyone that needs to be added or removed from this list.**

NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS: Lonetta Bains (Pavilion – Lebanon); Pat Paysinger (Shut-in); Bobby King (Quality – Lebanon); Dimple Hicks (local-rehab).

MILITARY: Korrey King – USMC (Grandson of Bobby & Lola King); Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Benjamin Gentry (USMC).

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNNIVERSARIES: Mary Phillips (1); Mary Pat Grim, Steve Bray (5); Katie Bennett (18); Jeffrey Maberry (19); Andy Rutherford, Elaine Wright (23); Amy Apple (29). Jerry & Cheryl Hicks (12/11/1981); Will & Makenzi Galey (12/12/2020); Eddie & Kaylan Linder (12/15/2001); Nick & Pam Morris (12/16/2000); Brian & Peggy Denton (12/21/1991); Mike & Laura Piper (12/27/1988).

EVENTS CALENDAR: SCHR Devo: First Sundays of Feb, May, Aug, and Nov. **Youth Night** will be hosted here at Carthage on January 12, 2025. More details to follow as the date gets closer.



Thanksgiving Bible Verse Hunt

_____ to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34	God is good
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his _____ endures forever! Psalms 107:1	Give thanks
Enter his gates with _____, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! Psalms 100:4	thanksgiving
For everything created by _____, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving. 1 Timothy 4:4	steadfast love
We give thanks to God _____ all, making mention of you in our prayers. 1 Thessalonians 1:2	always for you
I will _____ to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me. Psalms 13:6	sing