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Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving will be different for most of us this year. We are still in the grips of a World-wide Pandemic. This has been quite a year so far. COVID19 has claimed the lives of some of our loved ones, others who have survived the virus still suffer the after effects. Some have lost jobs, houses and wonder how they will survive. The political scene is frightening, we wonder what is going to happen. We think, surely God would not allow our current president to gain another 4 years to further divide the American people. The racial divide is wider than ever. The United States have lost the respect of the world, hurricanes, wild fires, floods, what else could happen? Yet with all this going on we still have a lot to be thankful for. God in His infinite wisdom has a way to bring his people back to him, first He has to get our attention. Too bad it has to come to this to bring us back. Time and again we have sinned against God and when we repent and asked His forgiveness, each time He welcomes us back with open arms and restores us. God never turns from us, we turn away from Him. The Bible says in II Chronicles 7:14, **"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."** God's Word is true and He always keeps His promises.

This Thanksgiving our gathering maybe smaller but we can be thankful that we are still here to be

thankful. Let's concentrate on counting our blessings instead of dwelling on our current circumstances. Faith will carry us through this pandemic and we will be stronger than ever. We can be thankful that even if we cannot get into the church to worship, we can attend services from our homes, on the phone, TV or computer. We can be thankful that if some have lost their jobs, they have unemployment pay. We can be thankful for those who do not have unemployment, the churches, and other agencies have mobilized to provide food and shelter. The governor has put a moratorium on evictions. Those of us who have are sharing with others. Together we are stronger than anything that can happen to us. God has our back; all we have to do is believe and continue to do His work.

I will close with the words of David in Psalm 38: I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame. When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me. May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed. May they sing of the ways of the LORD, FOR the glory of the LORD is great. Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me. The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.

**MAY THE LORD CONTINUE TO KEEP US
AND BLESS US THIS THANKSGIVING
AND ALWAYS!**

The Editor



A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace: We thank you for the gift of life:

for the breath that sustains life,
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,
for the life-giving love of family and friends.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:
for the beauty of the Earth that the eye can see,
for the unfolding universe that draws us beyond our imaginings.

We thank you for the communities to which we belong:
for families, for friends,
for neighbors and for companions at work.

We thank you for the strangers who welcome us into their lives and whom we invite to be part of ours.

We thank you for our brothers and sisters of all ages, all races, all nations and all faiths.

We thank you for the multitude of ways that you call us to steward the gifts of creation and to serve others in your name.

We thank you for this day, for the companionship we share and the bountiful goodness of the bread we break together.

God of all goodness, we pray in thanks for your presence among us as we gather together, and your promise to be with us now and always. AMEN.

If we accept and acquiesce in the face of discrimination, we accept the responsibility ourselves and allow those responsible to salve their conscience by believing that they have our acceptance and concurrence. We should, therefore, protest openly everything . . . that smacks of discrimination or slander.

Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955)
"Certain Unalienable Rights," *What the Negro Wants*, edited

AFTER A WHILE



After a while you learn the subtle difference
between holding a hand and chaining a soul,
And you learn that love doesn't mean leaning
And company doesn't mean security.
And you begin to learn that kisses aren't contracts
And presents aren't promises,
And you begin to accept your defeats
With your head up and your eyes open
With the grace of a woman, not the grief of a child,

And you learn to build all your roads on today
Because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain for
plans and futures have a way of falling down in
mid-flight.

After a while you learn...that even sunshine burns if
you get too much. So, you plant your garden and
decorate your own soul, instead of waiting for
someone to bring you flowers.

And you learn that you really can endure...
That you really are strong and you really do have
worth...and you learn and learn...with every good-
bye you learn.

Author: Veronica A. Shoffstall



CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday School class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?"

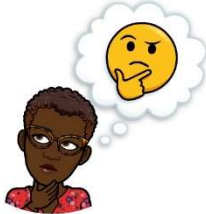
"NO!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?"

Again, the answer was "NO!"

"Well," she continued, "then how can I get to heaven?"

In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!"



WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH MY HANDS NOW?

Some years ago, I brought a guest to church with me. He seemed to really enjoy the service. I glimpsed him clapping his hands, patting his feet and sometimes singing along with the choir. But when we got in the car, he said he'd never come again because I was doing too much hugging and kissing for him. At the time, I thought his words were hilarious. To be honest, I don't know when I became so touchy-feely. I knew he valued cleanliness. He kept his home and cars clean. Showered as soon as he got in from work. And getting him to eat out was like pulling teeth. On a rare occasion, he'd pick up food from a restaurant he knew to be sanitary but he would only eat in at a place if he knew the owner and had observed staff trying to do the right thing in the kitchen.

Don't get me wrong, I grew up valuing cleanliness too. It was very important to my family. I grew up eating most meals at home. Floors being mopped and waxed on a regular basis. Laundry, including bleaching and starching of certain items, being done weekly. And, there were few if any homes we accepted cooked food from. You could not steal a bite of anything I was eating or drink from a cup that was mine. We did eat fast food about once a week but we ate it in the car or at home. We, like he, were regarded as scornful or germ phobic. We always blamed my mother's mother, "Grandma Noonie", for being so particular about our food, body and clothing. But in retrospect, it was the best way to be.

Fast forward to 2020, people have to be told to wash their hands regularly and for how long (to the birthday song). Washing hands with soap was a no brainer. I remember my nephew when he was about 3 or 4, going into the bathroom and coming out too quickly for my mother. She asked, "Did you wash your hands after you went to the bathroom?" He responded, I didn't have too. She then stated, "Get in there and wash your hands!" From then on, it was a serious joke in the family.

Since the pandemic hit, people like us could easily adapt to some of the recommendations made by the healthcare professionals. Not standing too close in stores and lines was quite easy.

Wearing a mask takes some getting used to. Eating at home more, has been easy. But what happens next? What happens after everyone has been vaccinated and COVID 19 no longer appears to be a threat? Will I continue to hug and kiss or brush the shoulders of strangers, probably not? What will I do with my hands? I guess I'll have to assume the position of a good usher: left hand behind my back, right hand to the side. That might keep me from being too touchy-feely. Be Safe. Be Well.

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Places in the Old Testament

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Assyria
 Babel
 Babylon
 Bethel
 Canaan
 Eden

Edom
 Egypt
 Gilead
 Horeb
 Israel
 Jericho

Jerusalem
 Judah
 Nineveh
 Samaria
 Shechem
 Sinai
 Ur

After reading and hearing certain passages of Leviticus, young Jordan had questions and concerns but hoped God would not be angry that he had questions about His Word. He received reassurances that God, who made and knows him better than himself, does not get angry if we have questions but the following article can further encourage Jordan and may encourage you as well. Be Blessed.

Will God be angry with me if I doubt or question Him?

BIBLE QUESTION:

In the past 5-6 years, my husband and I have both had heart attacks. His has been disabling. We now have to move into a smaller home. We are both Christians and so is our son. I suffer from clinical depression. I know that God is watching over us, but there is a little part of me that doubts and wants to be in control. But I cannot. Are my thoughts and feelings normal for these situations? We have wonderful Christian support from family and friends. However, sometimes I feel that God is angry with me if I doubt or question Him. His love is very important to me. Can you help?

BIBLE ANSWER:

Your thoughts and emotions are normal. We want to be in control of our lives, and most Christians have trouble trusting the Lord for every situation. It is the rare Christian who has such great confidence in the Lord as not to worry about anything.

The Lord Loves Us

The most wonderful truth any man or woman can know is that God greatly loves him/her. God's great passion is that we will love Him and be constantly seeking Him. He wants us to be seeking to know Him and love Him. A loving relationship occurs when two people love each other so much that they want to spend time together and they want to know one another. Otherwise, there will not be a relationship. God already loves us and is pursuing a relationship with us. Yes, God the Father sent Jesus to die for us, but He wants more than just our intellectual acceptance of Jesus. He wants us to want Him, to love Him, and to want to know Him as a friend seeks to know a friend. Therefore, men and women need to seek Him – to love and know Him. That is God's great passion.

"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD . . . (NASB) Jeremiah 29:13-14

When this happens, the heart and passions of every seeking man and woman will change. Human relationships are changed, but best of all we trust Him because we realize that He really is our Friend.

Just Nothing

Is it possible that God might be angry if you continue to doubt Him? It is more likely that God will allow some difficult situations to come into your life in order to encourage you to start trusting Him. Listen to the book of James,

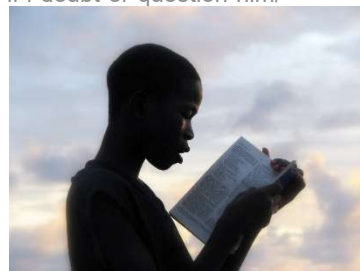
But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. (NASB) James 1:6-8

God is simply saying that the man or woman who does not trust God will be unstable. Life will become an emotional ride from highs to lows. Such a man or woman will be emotionally unstable. Such a man or woman should not expect to receive anything from God, not because God is angry but because he/she is not trusting. Why should God meet our needs if we do not care for Him, respect His love for us, and believe His promise that He will meet our needs?

CONCLUSION:

May I encourage you to trust Him? Start by admitting to Him that you have sinned by not trusting Him. Then thank Him for forgiving you and begin seeking to know and love Him as a friend. Seek for Him in the Word of God with all your heart. Meditate on what you read and ask God to help you see what the passage you are reading is about. Also ask God to give you a love for Him, and then thank Him for doing it.

neverthirsty.org/bible-qa/qa-archives/question/will-god-be-angry-with-me-if-i-doubt-or-question-him/





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Pastor Richard L. Nash	1	Bro. Clyde Monts, Jr.	12
Sis. Rosemary R. Merritt	1	Sis. Carlissa Shelton	15
Sis. Gloria Stone	4	Bro. Calvin Tucker, Jr.	16
Sis. Victoria Jones	4	Bro. C. Brandon Tucker	21
Sis. Vanessa Brown	5	Sis. Crystal Moore	23
Sis. Jaylyn Greene	6	Bro. Trevor Gregory	24
Sis. Inez Boyd	8	Sis. Janet Williams	24
Sis. Catherine Medlin	8	Bro. Timothy Rush, Jr.	27
Dea'ness Dorothy Rush	9	Sis. Edna May	28
Sis. Karen Freeman	11	Sis. Deborah Forte	29
Bro. Tyrell Smith	11	Sis. Mary Walton	29

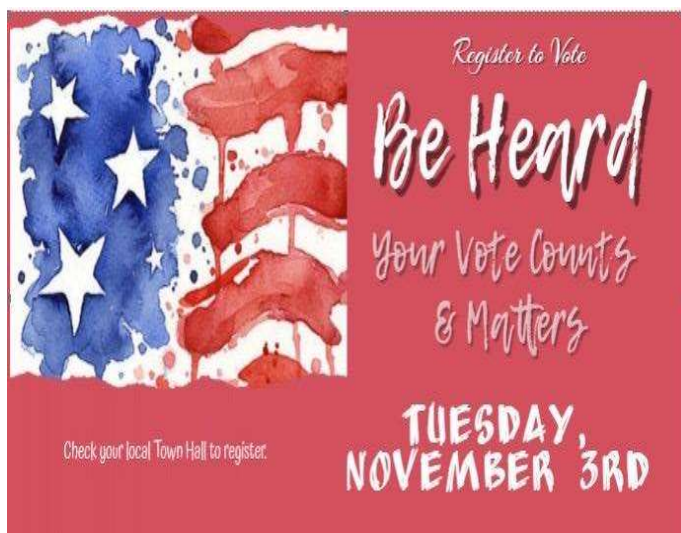
NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



"For this reason a man
will leave his father & mother
and be united to his wife,
and the two will become
one flesh." Ephesians 5:31

Celebrants	Date	Years
Bro. Eugene & Sis. Veronica Robinson	19	32

"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" Matthew 19:6



the following bereaved families:

The family of Sis. Sharion Thomas

who departed this life on September

30, 2020. She was the daughter of **Sis. Lillian Webb**; mother of Acquia, Toinette and William; sister of **Kymerly Woodard and Karen Pinckney**; and grandmother too many who are part of this Church family. Sharion was a Weaver High School graduate and worked for the Department of Transportation for 38 years. She was a woman of God and devoted to her friends, family and church. Sharion was extremely dedicated to every ministry she was involved. She will be missed. Her services were October 14th.



The Wood Family in the passing of their cousin, Betty (Kelly) Herron, 67, of Florida who departed this life September 25, 2020. Betty was a member of Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist and had been employed in the travel industry for more than 20 years. Her services were October 3rd.



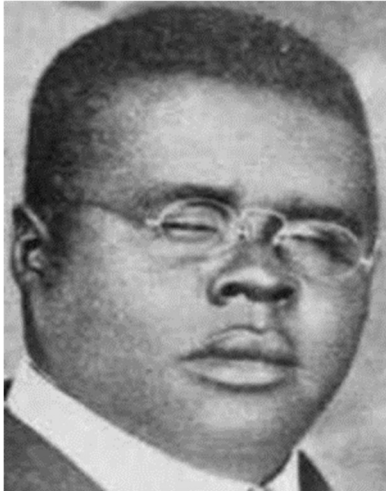
The family of former member, Georgia C. "Gigi" Thomas, who died October 11, 2020 at home in Talladega, Alabama. In Connecticut, Georgia was a beautician, a trade she practiced and/or taught for 43 years. She was also a very faithful member of Mt. Calvary, serving on various fundraising committees and organizations. Her service was October 17th in Alabama.



The family of Derrick and Sharice Gaddy in the passing of his mother, Susie (Silmon) Gaddy, **104**, who passed away peacefully of natural causes at home in Connecticut on October 20, 2020. She is described as a beloved Mother, Nana, Grandma, Aunt, Cousin and Friend whose encouragement had great impact on the many lives she touched. Her services were October 27th at St Justin-St. Michael Parish. Derrick and Sharice now reside in Virginia.

*From our happy home and circle,
God has taken ones we love;
Borne away from sin and sorrow
to a better home above.*

HERITAGE CORNER



BLIND LEMON JEFFERSON

Lemon Henry 'Blind Lemon' Jefferson was an American singer, musician, and songwriter. He sang blues and gospel songs. He is known as the 'Father of the Texas Blues.' He was a famous blues

singer in the 1920s. He died on **December 19, 1929**, at the age of thirty-six.

Lemon Henry 'Blind Lemon' Jefferson was born in **September 24, 1893**, in Texas in the United States of America. He was born blind. He was born to Alex and Clarissa Jefferson. Henry was brought up alongside seven siblings. His parents were sharecroppers.

Blind Lemon Jefferson began playing the guitar as a teenager. He performed in parties and picnics where he was welcomed to do so. He later started playing in East Texas towns in front of barbershops.

He also played on street corners. In 1910, he traveled to perform a lot in Dallas where he met blues musician Lead Belly with whom he started performing.

In the 1920s, he started making money from playing music to support his family. This is just an assumption that is being made because the status of his marital status has not been found and there is no evidence of him having had children.

Blind Lemon Jefferson became a successful guitarist and solo male vocalist in the commercial world in the 1920s. In 1925, he traveled to Chicago, Illinois where he recorded his first ever track. Some of the songs he recorded were gospel songs such as 'I Want to Be Like Jesus in My Heart' and 'All I Want is That Pure Religion.'

The songs he recorded were released under the name, **Deacon L. J. Bates**. In 1926, he recorded for the second time but now under his name. Songs he released under his name include 'Booster Blues' and 'Dry Southern Blues' which went on to become hits.

He later released the songs 'Long Lonesome Blues' and 'Got the Blues' which sold in large numbers. Between 1926 and 1939, it is recorded that about one hundred tracks of his were released.

Henry later signed a contract with **Paramount Records** who made and recorded his songs with the excellent quality than earlier. The money he earned during that time enabled him to buy a car and hire chauffeurs. Henry was readily marketable because of his unique sound.

Blind Lemon Jefferson had an impressive vocal range that gave a twist to the gospel and blues songs that he was singing. In 1927, he moved to Okeh Records where he recorded the songs 'Black Snake Moan' and 'Matchbox Blues.' In the same year, he recorded his hit song 'See That My Grave is Kept Clean' with Paramount Records. He also recorded the spiritual songs 'He Arose from the Dead' and 'Where Shall I Be.'

Blind Lemon Jefferson passed away on **December 19, 1929**, of acute myocarditis in Chicago. His remains were buried at Wortham Negro Cemetery. In 1997, a granite headstone was erected on his grave with the inscription 'Lord; it's one kind favor I'll ask of you, see that my grave is kept clean.' In 2007, the name of the cemetery where he was buried was changed to **Blind Lemon Memorial Cemetery**. His grave site is regularly kept clean by a Wortham Cemetery Committee.

Full Article:

<https://www.sunsigns.org/famousbirthdays/d/profile/blind-lemon-jefferson/>



HEALTH NEWS

HOW TO REMOVE STAINS AND SANITIZE

Removing Stains Safely: Everyone needs to remove a stain at one time or another. When you're cleaning up one -- especially if you're dealing with bodily fluids like blood, urine, vomit, or poop -- you need to make sure you do it in a safe, sanitary way. There are general tips to follow, as well as techniques for certain stains.

General Tips: No matter what you're cleaning, before you start, make sure there's no one around who could accidentally touch the dirty material. When dealing with the stain, wear disposable gloves. You might want to change into comfortable cleaning clothes too. Always clean toward the stain and work inward so that you don't spread the mess around. Remember to never mix chlorine bleach with ammonia, since the combination creates toxic gases. Breathing them in can cause serious health issues.

Blood on Clothes: If you get blood on your clothes, rinse them under cold running water right away. While you do that, rub some liquid detergent or a bar of soap on the stain, then let the water run over it and repeat. After that, soak the clothing in cool water for 30 minutes. If that doesn't do the trick, put a tiny bit of hydrogen peroxide on the stain for a couple of minutes, then rinse.

Blood on Carpet: If blood gets in your carpet or rug, mix a teaspoon of mild detergent with half a pint of cold water. Then put a tiny bit of the solution on the stain and blot it with cloth or paper towel. Repeat the process until the stain is gone.

Vomit or Feces: First, wipe it up with paper towels. If it's on carpet or upholstery, use kitty litter or baking soda to soak up any liquid. Next, use soapy water to clean anywhere the vomit or diarrhea touched. If it's on clothes, you can machine-wash them with detergent and hot water. Use the longest cycle with the most heat. Lastly, disinfect the area around the stain with a mix of a cup of regular bleach and a gallon of water.

Mildew: It's important to take care of mildew stains quickly, since mold can rot or weaken material. If your stain is on clothing, wash them with soap and water, rinse, and then dry them in the sun. If there's still a stain, put a mix of lemon juice and salt on it, and dry it outside. If the mildew is on carpet or a rug, vacuum the area to suck up some of the mold. If there's still a stain, sponge the area with soap and a clean, damp towel.

Wine on Clothes: If wine stains your clothes, soak them in a mix of half a teaspoon of liquid dishwashing soap, one tablespoon of white vinegar, and a quart of lukewarm water for 15 minutes.

After that, dip the clothes in rubbing alcohol. Lightly rub from the center to the outer edges of the stain. Then soak for 30 more minutes in a quart of warm water with a tablespoon of a cleaning product with enzymes.

Wine on Carpet: If wine gets in your carpet, mix a teaspoon of mild, bleach-free detergent with a cup of lukewarm water. Blot the stain with a cloth or sponge. Then, mix 1/3 cup of white vinegar with 2/3 cup of water and blot the stain again. To finish, hit the affected again with the first mixture, then blot the area once more with clean water.

Chocolate: To get it off clothing, use a pretreatment laundry stain remover. Wait 1 minute and then rub it with a heavy-duty liquid detergent before machine washing, as normal. If the stain is in carpet, blot it with a paper towel. Then mix a tablespoon of household ammonia and half a cup of water. Use a spray bottle to put it on the stain, and then blot the area again. Next, add a tiny bit of detergent to the stain and rub it in. Keep adding detergent and blotting to clear the stain until it's gone. Once it is, rinse the area with water and blot it once more.

Wax: To get wax out of clothing, start by adding a pretreatment laundry stain remover to the spot. Wait a minute and rub the area with heavy-duty liquid detergent before cleaning the clothing in the washer. If the stain is still there, soak the clothes in a chlorine bleach that's safe for fabric.

Coffee or Tea on Clothes: Start by soaking them in a mix of half a teaspoon of liquid dishwashing soap, a tablespoon of white vinegar, and a quart of warm water for 15 minutes. Sponge the area with rubbing alcohol. Then soak the clothes again for 30 minutes in a quart of warm water with a tablespoon of a cleaner that has enzymes in it.

Sweat on Clothing: We've all seen those annoying armpit stains on our clothing at one time or another. To get rid of them, either soak or sponge the stain in cold water, then treat it with a cleaner with enzymes in it in warm water for about 30 minutes. After that, spray the stain with a solution of a quart of warm water, a tablespoon of ammonia, and half a teaspoon of liquid soap. Next, put laundry detergent or soap directly on the stain and rub it in. Finish by washing the clothing in the hottest water possible, then let it air dry.

After You're Done: Make sure you throw away any paper towels and other waste. You can put the dirty towels you used to clean the stain in another bag to wash later. Regardless of what kind of stain you're cleaning, always wash your hands with warm water and soap after you've finished (even if you wore disposable gloves).

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A Prayer of Gratitude

Let us therefore proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings—let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals—and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world.

On that day let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice, and understanding among all men and nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist.

— John F. Kennedy, Thanksgiving Day, 1963

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