

Gospel Gazette

Church of Christ, Fenwick

THANKFUL FOR FAMILY

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time. Gratitude takes center stage as we are reminded how good God has been to us. It is appropriate that we pause and say, "Thank You!"

Thanksgiving is also a time for the family to be together, for broken links of affection to be restored, for children with their children to come rushing into the house as preparations for the dinner are being completed. It is time for good smells – turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie.

Memories of the past come flooding back telling their tales of Thanksgiving past and loved ones, whom we have loved and lost for a while, all seated at their places.

We are reminded not only of the physical bounty God has blessed us with, but the joy of family (this too is God given). We are not solitary. God has set us in families.

On this Thanksgiving, I want to bless God for setting me in His family, the house of God, the church of the living God. When Peter told Jesus, "Lo, we have left our homes and followed You," Jesus replied, "Truly, I say to you, there is no man who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive manifold more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life" (Luke 18:28-30).

What a family! God is our Father. Christ is the elder brother. And hundreds of brothers and sisters to love, minister to and be ministered by. We are not alone. God has provided a family of kindred hearts. We meet and sing together, "Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." What fellowship! What joy!

Hearty greetings in the Lord! We are doing nothing less than our spiritual forefathers who gathered together and saluted one another "with a holy kiss". Happy Thanksgiving to all of the family.

By John Gipson, Little Rock, Arkansas

Via Pennington Bend church bulletin, Nashville, Tennessee

KING FOR A DAY (a little humour by Jo McNally)

I'm resting here quite regally, the feature of the table

Surrounded by potatoes that I'd taste if I were able.

My subjects, scrubbed and beaming, circle round the royal platter

They seem to be adoring me, but something is the matter.

See me basking in the candlelight, my skin so nicely tanned.

The reason for this treatment I do not understand.

While I'd love to peck that dish of corn and gobble down a berry,

I find this jolly atmosphere to be a trifle scary.

These human creatures were my friends. They filled me up with bread,

But now I have suspicions that they are cannibals instead!

(Enjoy your turkey)



October 13, 2019

Serving God & Community

A warm WELCOME to everyone!

Please pray for: Sylvia, Charlotte, Pete, Donna M., Betty, Jack, Ralph & Joyce, Garson & Elsie, Merla, Sue O, Dorothy, Ross & Bernice as they still have pain
Many who are travelling this holiday weekend
Harold & Eva as they mourn the death of Eva's nephew
Our search for an evangelist.

Mark December 8 on your calendar. Rico Benson, one of our candidates, will be coming to speak.

PASSING: Don Cole passed away during the night of October 10. At the present time, we have no details regarding his funeral.

TODAY'S LESSONS: Don is speaking this morning (Giving Thanks...Ex 23: 14-19). Glen Robins will speak tonight.

NEXT SUNDAY: Paul Moore will be delivering the message .

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: SS=29 AM=41 PM=14 Tuesday=12 Bible study=8

SERVING TODAY: Songs-Vern.; Opening Prayer-Ross; Table-Harold.; Emblems-Don , David D., Elwin; Reader-Alan; Closing Prayer-Gary; Recorder-Harold

NEXT WEEK: Songs-Chris; Opening Prayer-Harold; Table-Don; Emblems-Bruce, David D., Gary; Reader-David S.; Closing Prayer-Alan; Recorder-Chris

SIGN-UP SHEETS: Please sign - if you would like to attend a game night on Saturday , October 26 at 7:00 at Dandelion Acres .

- if you can help with trunk & treat in the parking lot on Halloween night. We decorate our cars & hand out treats from the trunk.

IRISH MISSION: A special collection will be taken on October 27. Mark your envelopes Irish Mission if you wish to contribute.

TOOHEY FAMILY: Besides sending the card you signed , we sent a \$100 gift card for dining out and a \$50 Walmart card

The Lord did not burden us with work, He blessed us with it



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

