

# Teen News

Thanks to all of you for helping with the luncheon today for the widows and widowers. They will appreciate your kindness in providing the meal. Thanks also to my mom and Brandy for all their help and others who helped with the meal. This is always a highlight for the youth and the widows and widowers each year. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Blake

## SISTER TO SISTER PROGRAM

Several plans have been made for the ladies who want to be involved in this program. If you would like to plan an event, please sign the list on the bulletin board. This is open to all the ladies. If you have a suggestion, please check with the office to schedule.

## START and END Each Day

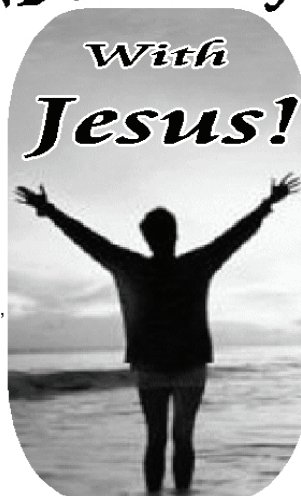
Doubts and fears arise early in the morning, and late at night.

Start each day by taking Jesus and His love with you. Bring each day to a close by remembering His faithful promise, "I Am With You Always!"

When doubts and fears do arise, He will comfort you, He will guide you, He will keep you, He will sustain you!

Even in the midst of turmoils, you are not alone.

Jesus is with you ---- ALWAYS!



So START and END Each Day With HIM!

## THE HEART OF THANKSGIVING

The real test of thankfulness is whether we can give thanks from the heart for what we do have, despite the wounds and pains of yesterday's struggles. Ours is not some fair-weather faith, but a resilient trust in the midst of pain. The Pilgrims lived close to the edge of survival. Perhaps that is why they were so thankful. How about you? Does your material bounty cause you to neglect thanks? When your clan gathers this Thanksgiving will there be a prayer of thankfulness forgotten between moist turkey and pumpkin pie? Will your children see you bow your head to give thanks, or merely ask for another helping of dressing and cranberry sauce? Children are watching, you know. And their little faith is being formed by what they see. Your family's Thanksgiving celebration is an instruction to them about thankfulness, for good or ill. Do they see you too wealthy to be thankful? Too independent to need God any more? Too bitter, perhaps? Or do they watch you truly give thanks for God's blessings on this special day? **"In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"**

**I Thess. 5:18**

### DOOR GREETERS

**Nov. 25, 2012**

**James & Sandy Singleterry**

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

**Nov. 25 2012**

**Ed Compton**

# Gospel Worker

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sun: 9:30 AM Class  
10:30 AM Worship  
6 :00 PM Evening  
Wed: 7:00 PM



In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. **Let us offer thanks EVERY DAY!**

**Thanksgiving this Thursday  
Widows and Widowers luncheon  
Today  
Midweek service this Tues. night**



**From Dan's desk:**

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day in America. We want to remind you that midweek services will be held on Tuesday night of this week instead of on Wednesday night. We have made this change so families can prepare for the company that usually comes on Thanksgiving. We will have a special Thanksgiving service in the church auditorium with a power point presentation. Please be reminded also of our Annual all church Christmas fellowship on Tuesday night, **December 4th**. A sign up list is place on the bulletin board. The event will again be catered and the cost for adults is \$8.00. The food will be delicious and you will want to be with us for this fellowship. It will be a great evening as usual. You will need to sign the list by Sunday Nov. 25th, that is a week from Today. Arrangements have to be made and the caterer needs to know how much food to prepare. Please join us for a great evening of food, fellowship and fun. Also today, the youth are hosting the Widows and Widowers luncheon in the activity building. We appreciate Blake and Brandy for organizing this effort with the youth. If you are a widow or widower, you are encouraged to stay. Our congratulations go to Dale Douglas and Deanna Chapman who were united in marriage yesterday here at the building. A money tree was presented to them. Remember the special contribution today for Hoboken Church of Christ in New Jersey that was hit hard by the recent storm. We will take a special contribution after the regular contribution today. We appreciate your helping out. Dan

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



**TO KEEP  
IN OUR PRAYERS**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IN  
YOUR PRAYERS:**

**MARK JOHNSON** will have knee surgery on Tuesday .

**GARY OLIVER** remains in the hospital in Dallas.

**SANDRA IVES** had a port implanted on Thursday in Tyler.

**JESSICA WOODEN** had gall bladder surgery on Thursday of last week.

**MELANIE HENDERSON**, niece of Bill Chandler, is taking radiation for brain cancer.

**MIKE HENDERSON**, son of Renee Whitley, has hepatitis and is undergoing treatment.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE WITH  
CONTINUING ILLNESSES: Dennis Ellison, Ed  
Furman, Maggie Larsen, LaShun Miller.**

**PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR U.S. SERVICEMEN.**

**WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS LUNCHEON**

Will take place after services this morning. The youth are hosting this event for the Widows and Widowers and we encourage this group to stay for lunch in the activity bldg.



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS  
FELLOWSHIP**

The Annual Christmas fellowship dinner will be held this year on Tuesday night, Dec. 4th. The event will be catered and you will need to sign the list in the foyer. A great menu is planned. The cost is \$8.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child (below 10 yrs.). Please sign up by next Sunday and indicate which entrée you want. You may pay Lorelee anytime between now and the 4th.

**PLAYING THE PART OF  
A FOOL**

The Lord included in His "Sermon on the Mount" a warning that causes on to ponder. He taught His followers to not call anyone a fool or he would be in danger of hell fire (Matt. 5:22). Why such a severe penalty for simply calling someone a fool? The usual definition of "fool" is "one deficient in intellect or judgment." We run into to those quite regularly! "The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Ps. 14:1). Solomon with "wisdom" gave a lengthy discourse in his Proverbs on the matter. "Fools despise wisdom" (1:7); "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth to counsel is wise" (12:15); "Folly of fools is deceit...Fools make a mock at sin" (14:8-9); "A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil, but the fool rageth, and is confident" (14:16). "A fool is soon made angry" (14:17). The lips of the foolish does not disperse knowledge (15:7); "The mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness" (15:14). Isaiah addressed this matter in his prophesies concerning the church and the behavior of New Testament Christians (725 B.C.). "And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the way faring men, though fools, shall not err therein" (Is. 35:8). The Pharisees were chastised by the Lord and called "fools" because they criticized and judged the hearts of men by what they observed outwardly (Lk. 11:37-40). The rich man, who built bigger barns to amass worldly goods but was not "rich" toward God, was called a fool by the Lord and told that his soul would be required of him the very same night (Lk. 12:20). Some were charged as being fools because they were "slow of heart to believe all that the prophets [had] spoken" (Lk. 24:25). Finally, we can conclude that the real fool is the one who denies God and resists his Word. We may feel too refined to be considered a fool, but a careful examination of our personal life may reveal more than what we would like to acknowledge about ourselves. Submit to God and His Word!