

THOSE WHO SERVE
NOVEMBER 27, 2016
SUNDAY MORNING
SCRIPTURE READING

Daric Green
Luke 8:16-18

SONG LEADER

Wes Ives

OPENING PRAYER

Bobbie Swenson

COMMUNION

Aaron Green

Mike Anderson

Lew Click

Buzz Fry

PICK UP CARDS

Jaxson Boisjolie

Merrick Warren

CLOSING PRAYER

Joe Cushing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aaron Green

SUNDAY EVENING
SCRIPTURE READING

Hunter Keith

Matthew 5:11-12

SONG LEADER

Jeremy Davis

OPENING PRAYER

Warner Endsley

CLOSING PRAYER

Daniel Warren

WEDNESDAY

November 23rd

SONG LEADER: Ryan Ellis

CLOSING PRAYER: Asa Keith

November 30th

SONG LEADER: Wes Ives

CLOSING PRAYER: Jeremy Davis

**SCHEDULE OF
SERVICES**

SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASSES: 9:00 A.M.

MORNING ASSEMBLY: 9:50 A.M.

EVENING ASSEMBLY: 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE CLASSES: 7:00 P.M.

MISSIONS

Jesùs Amaya

Torreón, Mexico

Sunset International

Ukraine

Foster's Home for Children

Stephenville, Texas

Cherokee Home for Children

Cherokee, Texas

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Sunday Bible Class 98

Morning Assembly 156

Evening Assembly 75

Wednesday Bible Class 91

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Trey Gannon
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Needing Our Prayers...

Ronnie Bell did well with his surgery.

Shirley Fry is having some tests done. She may be having surgery soon on her esophagus. Please keep the family of **Kathy Smith** in your prayers. One of her nieces passed away last week. **Remember those dealing with cancer, chemo and/or radiation: Roberta Chisolm** (lymphoma), **Sandra Burns** (Robin Anderson's mother), **Bobbie Easterwood** (Autumn Anderson's grandmother), **Lendy Henry** (close friend of Brad and Shirley in Mineral Wells), **Barbara Holland** (Cheryl Newberry's mother), **Debbie Michels** (Ronnie Bell's sister), **Peggy Spraggins, Dwayne Edwards**. Remember expectant mothers: **Ashley Gill, Mallory Thomas**.

If you have any prayer requests, announcements or updates, please give them to Brad Fry in writing or email at texasfry@gmail.com.

News & Notes...

There will be a baby shower for Mallory Thomas on December 4th. She is registered at Buy, Buy Baby and Walmart. The baby is a boy.

Our sympathy to Randy & Lily Duren and family. Randy's grandfather, James Holliday passed away last week.

There is a sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for Communion Preparation for 2017. Please sign up for a slot. If you have any questions, see JJ Barton.

Dear Tolar Church of Christ family, Aaron and I want to thank you for all the phone calls, texts, cards, food and prayers said for me as I went through my back surgery and continue my recovery. My recovery will be a long process of several months, but knowing we have so many praying for me makes it so much easier to endure. This church is so special to both of us. May God bless each of you.

Love,
Elaine & Aaron

Dear Tolar Church of Christ,
Thank you for your recent gift of \$600. Please be assured that your contribution is being used according to the highest standards of stewardship and for the ministry area of your specification.

Gratefully,
Truitt Adair, President
Sunset International Bible Institute

The LCU Chorus will be with us Saturday, December 10th. They will sing at 7 pm.

We will have our 5th Wednesday singing on the 30th. Everyone meets in the auditorium.

In Everything Give Thanks

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Surely when Paul wrote these words he was exaggerating, right? There are some situations and circumstances where we can't possibly find anything to give thanks for, aren't there? Consider these words by the great 18th century preacher and scholar Matthew Henry, entered in his diary after he was robbed, "Let me be thankful first because I was never robbed before; second, although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because, although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, *because it was I who was robbed, and not someone else.*"

I think in Henry's words, especially in that last part, we can see the secret to being thankful in everything: it is to be less focused on ourselves and what happens to us and more focused on others and what happens to them. Paul said it like this, *"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others"* (Philippians 2:3,4). In Romans 12:15 he wrote, *"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."*

Believers, who, in everything give thanks, see opportunities for serving others instead of focusing on their own problems. They have an "others" focus. They may not have two nickels to rub together but they've got a kind word to those who need to hear it. These folks are able to go to bed at night, with thanksgiving in their hearts, because God has blessed them with people to serve.

Brad Fry