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THANKSGIVING

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his un failing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. **Ps 107:8**

For many, Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday. Many look forward to this time of year. Many of you will count on the grandmas and moms getting together in our nation, to make their famous stuffing or mashed potatoes and gravy? Some of you will be looking forward to a spiral cut ham or candied yams. Many of you can already smell the homemade rolls coming out of the ovens across America. Many look forward to watching a cowboys, lions or bears game in the afternoon. Thanksgiving means a lot of things to people in our nation. At the end of the day Thanksgiving should ultimately be a time to reflect. A time to reflect on our blessings as a nation and a time to reflect on our blessings from God. I believe that we should not only rejoice always, but we should be thankful always. The Apostle Paul admonishes us to Give thanks always for all things to God the father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 5:20** A spirit of Thankfulness and Gratitude seems to unlock the doors of our hearts and minds to the fullness of life. It transforms what we have before us into more than enough. It changes worry into peace, restlessness into calm and the hand of Uncertainty into Gods unchanging hand. It can turn a

regular meal into a banquet, a cottage into a loving home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow. As we tell others of our gratitude and thankfulness, we must always remember that the highest thanks we can show others is not to just to utter words, but to live by them each and every day. Our sign outside says that we are to preach the gospel to others and if necessary use words. The Apostle Paul says that we loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. **1 Thess 2:8** May I also say that our spirit of thankfulness and gratitude should always come from the appreciation and thankfulness of Gods indescribable gift given to us. What is that Gift? You guessed it, his one and only son Jesus! For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16** If you are a Christian you have a lot to be thankful for. Namely for the victory that we have in Christ Jesus. Paul will ask "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Cor 15:55** Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD. **Ps 107:43**

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The **difference...**
Is **CHRIST** in me!
Colossians 1:27

We are looking for others
who will...
Become Part of the Family

COMING UP

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| Nov. 25 | Devo & Singing. No Classes!
No Ladies' Class |
| Nov. 25-27 | Office Closed |
| Nov. 29 | Fifth Sunday @ 5:00 at
9th and Columbia |
| Dec. 6 | Benevolence Pick Up
Announce men vetted and
nominated for installation
as elders
Small Groups |
| Dec. 12 | Ladies' Holiday Brunch |
| Dec. 13 | J. W. Hamby's Life Group
Care and Share |
| Dec. 15 | Cheer Baskets Delivered |
| Dec. 18 | Adult 1 Party |
| Dec. 20 | Install New elders
Small Groups |

Thanksgiving

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

The very idea of thanksgiving presupposes one to whom to give thanks. Praise God He has revealed Himself that we might know “who” to be thankful to. Additional praise is due Him because He revealed Himself so completely through the life and work and teachings of His Son, the Christ.

Christ is a Greek word for the Hebrew term Messiah, or anointed One. He is the One that God promised to send. Jesus came in fulfillment of everything written millennia before, by the prophets through the Spirit. God is not in a hurry, neither is He ever late. We have everything to be thankful for; He provides abundantly what we need physically and fantastically what we need spiritually.

What do we need spiritually? We need to enjoy a relationship with the One in whose image we are created. Outside of this image and fellowship we are forever unfulfilled. A ship without a sea to sail on, a butterfly without a summer day to sail through, whatever the analogy we were made to share in the beauty and power of our maker.

Father we give you all the thanksgiving and praise of which you are worthy. Thank you for your matchless gift and indescribably so. Jesus, we thank you and praise you for showing us the Father, and Spirit, thank You for Your abiding presence, in the name of the Christ, Amen.

-borrowed

Time line for elder selection 2009

- Nov. 8 – Begin accepting names of scripturally qualified men to serve as elders; (you may submit as many names as each individual deems appropriate)
- Nov. 22 – Last day for congregation to submit elder suggestions;
- Nov. 22- Dec. 5—Current elders to interview and qualify potential new elders with no specific number of elders that will be installed until after qualifications and interviews;
- Dec. 6 – Announce to congregation the men vetted and nominated for installation as elders;
- Dec 6/ Dec 20—Period for congregation to reveal any scriptural reason for the aforementioned men to not be installed as elders.
- Dec. 20 – Install new elders.

Search Programs for December 2009

- December 6– LET’S TALK ABOUT HEAVEN**
- December 13-WHO IS YOUR LORD?**
- December 20– WHY JESUS CAME TO US**
- December 27– FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LOVE LIFE**

**These are on channel 8 in Lubbock
Sundays at 7:30 am.**

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009**

Song Leader:	Weldon Melton
Announcements:	Rob Lindsey
First Prayer:	Otto Schacht
Closing Prayer:	Jerry Settle
Communion Scripture Reading:	Stan Branam
Sermon Scripture Reading:	Scott Clevenger
Lord's Table:	Weldon Melton
	Gary Miller
	Jason Miller
	Alan Monroe
	Tanner Monroe
	Clint Patterson
	Robert Pitts
	Herb Purdon
Evening Opening Prayer:	@ 9th & Columbia
Evening Closing Prayer:	@ 9th & Columbia
Westridge:	Mike McDonough
Prairie House:	Larry Golden
Communion To Shut-Ins	Lonnie Jones
Jail: 12/1	Herb Purdon
Sound Board:	Perry Walker
Computer:	Scott Snipes
NLB Teachers: Fri. 11-27-NO CLASSES!	
Wed. 12-1-Charles Massie & Lonnie Jones	

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Nursery Workers: Becky Watson
Kitchen: Lori Carpenter & Katie Brunson
Daily Bread: Sherry Reese & Katie Brunson

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	11/22/09
Bible Study	153
Sunday Morning	241
Sunday Evening	120
Wednesday Evening	NC
Contribution	\$7318.84

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS-NOVEMBER

Men-----Old Mexico
 Ladies-----Eclectic Tea Pot

Welcome Visitors



Donna Bevill, Plainview, Texas
 Berkley, Fort Worth, Texas
 Skyler Ellena, Plainview, Texas
 Alyssa Hood, Jacksboro, Texas
 Scott Parsley, Hale Center, Texas
 Angie Smith, Plainview, Texas
 Margie Nicole Smith, Plainview, Texas

Mission Statement

We the family of Garland Street Church of Christ,
 with the Bible as our guide and Jesus as our savior will look:
 Upward to glorify, praise and honor God;
 Outward to seek, convert and reach the lost;
 Inward to serve, equip and love one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Wednesday Fellowship Meals until January.

Wednesday, November 25 we will have singing and devotional. No Classes.

No Ladies' Bible Class Wednesday, November 25.

The office will be closed November 25-27.

Fifth Sunday Fellowship will be Sunday, November 29. We will meet at 9th and Columbia at 5:00 p.m followed by a sandwich supper.

Benevolence Pick Up will be Sunday, December 6. Men will be at the exit door following morning worship to take your donations.

Batteries in the hearing units are rechargeable. Please let us take care of them for you.

Ladies Holiday Brunch will be Saturday, December 12 from 9:30 to 11:00 in the home of Coleen Bryant, 3500 Quincy. If you need directions contact her.

We have a new sister and brother in Christ. Lisa Hallcey and Enrico Lillio were baptized at the Hale County Jail November 12.

Cheer Baskets will be delivered December 15. Please make plans to help deliver some of the baskets.

Adult 1 will have a Holiday Party Friday, December 18. More information to follow.

You may pick up children's names from the office to purchase gifts for them. Gifts need to be returned to the office by Wednesday, December 16.

There is a box in the foyer if you would like to donate items for the bags for the victims of domestic violence. There is a list of items on the bulletin board by the office.

A new directory will be printed the first of December. Please turn any changes into the office by Sunday, November 29.

December Birthday's

HALLIE WELLS	12/01
MARK TRUE	12/03
BOBBY GRIFFIN	12/05
LORI WELLS	12/08
STEVE STOKES	12/09
WELDON MELTON	12/11
MIKE ALLISON	12/11
DAVID CRISWELL	12/13
ELLIANNA GARCIA	12/13
JOHN MCGAVOCK	12/13
FRANCES GRIFFIN	12/13
REX REDIES	12/13
SHONDA ROSS	12/14
JERRY SETTLE	12/14
LINDA HODGES	12/14
MACKENZIE MOREMAN	12/14
STEVEN LEYENDECKER	12/14
BARBARA WHEELER	12/16
KINSLEY MONROE	12/16
DANA JOY	12/17
DERYL CLEVINGER	12/18
MARCUS RAY	12/18
EMMA BERTELSON	12/19
DEE BLEVINS	12/20
DEBBIE HEARN	12/21
LUPE CORRALES	12/21
SHELLEY GAMMAGE	12/21
J.D. JAMES	12/23
NANCY LEYENDECKER	12/24
CORNELIA MCDONOUGH	12/24
VADA MAST	12/24
CHARLES MASSIE	12/26
SCOTT SNIPES	12/27
COLE WYATT	12/29
ROBERT BARNES	12/31
KENNETH HOOPER	12/31

In Our Prayers

Ellen May, Cindy Valentine, Betty Criswell, Dorothy Bradley, Jimmy Sooter, Louise McDaniel, Chris Grant, Sydney King, Mike Deso, Whitney Smith, Ben & Betty Foster, Martha Pitts, Margarita Castaneda, Doris Hearn, Porshea Ellis, Charles Ryser, Mack Ledbetter, Bobby Jones, Estelle South, Jim South, Morris Driver, Pearl Wood, Averil Dorsett, Caden Joy, Dr. Randy Lee, Roberta Turner, Bobby Griffin, Tony Cook, Harlan Dizmang, Dorothy Mitchell, Tommy Sherman, Wayne Kennedy, Irene Wilson, Mark McCormick, Lisa Haynes, Jack Compton, Janie Lopez, The Alexander Family, Ann Lyles, Charlie Mickey, Dale Mickey, Bob Barnett, Dorothy Bradley, Judy Chambliss, Janis Horton, Dub Mercer, Tweet Moore, Cleo Crutchfield, Opal Yarborough, Linda Wilson, Jim Adams, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Billie Goree, Barbara Garwood, Trent Campbell, Taylor Olson, Our Soldiers

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Ray Sooter's brother, **Jimmy Sooter** was taken to the hospital Sunday. He has taken a turn for the worse.

Dorothy Bradley is the Heart Hospital in Lubbock. She is doing better and was supposed to be released some time Tuesday.

Ellen May went home Friday following her surgery last Tuesday.

June Wells' daughter, **Cathy Cummings** went home Monday following her back surgery Monday, November 16.

Jody Hyde's daughter, **Cindy Valentine** will be having further tests to see if the lump is malignant.

Betty Foster is out of the hospital and at Prairie House. Please keep her and Ben in your prayers.

Lena Margaret Block is back home at Christian Manor.

Julia Chambliss is still in Lubbock Covenant Hospital.

Kelly Newman former elder at 9th and Columbia passed Wednesday, November 18. His graveside services were Friday at Plainview Memorial Park.

ELDERS: Neil Billingsley Deryl Clevenger Rob Lindsey
Weldon Melton Steve Stokes

DEACONS: Mike Allison Jimmy Barnes
Neal Becker Bobby Byrd
Scott Clevenger Gary Miller
Grady Simmons Mark True
Brent Wells

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday: Bible Study 9:30 a.m. and Worship 10:30 a. m. and 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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