

"PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER" - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Vernicia Matthews** is recovering in Charleston after surgery to remove tumors. Her pain appears to have been relieved, but she has lost control of some facial muscles. Pray that this is temporary and that no further surgery will be required. Much family was with her as she is beloved of all.
- **Ron Banks** is up after surgery to deaden a nerve in his back that was giving him constant pain. But it does not appear to be very effective. Pray for his relief.
- Remember **Margie DeYoung** as she recovers from a fall and hurt ankle.
- **Also, Chris Kelleher** has started chemo and radiation treatment for brain cancer.
- **Betty Mathis** is doing well and would greatly appreciate your cards, and visits.
- **Sue Island** is home recovering from pneumonia.
- **Kenneth and Eddie Sheppard** are recovering at home from lung problems.
- **Marilyn Brooks** was able to make the assembly Sunday morning with her mother and brother who are visiting, but she is still in much pain.
- Remember **Jean Baker** as she mourns the passing of her husband.
- And remember the **Stoyk** family as they cope with much adversity.
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." - 1 Timothy 2:8

"AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY" - Acts 2:42

- We are all encouraged by the faithful attendance of our brother **Lamar Reeves**, sister **Jean Boyd** and brother **Tommy White**. Our thanks to those who are able to give them rides to the assembly.
- **College age Bible study Thursday at 8 pm.**
- **Transportation** needed for sisters **Betty Mathis**, **Jean Boyd** and **Marilyn Brooks**.
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

11/22 Campbels' Chunky Chicken Noodle Soup 11/15 Chef Boyardee Lasange

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." - Philippians 1:6

Let Your Light Shine in 2009!

THANK GOD

How do you thank someone for doing something for you? Hopefully you do; no one likes those who are ungrateful. But how do we sincerely thank someone? You might shake their hand, or give them a kiss as you tell them so, or you might write them a note. But the best way is to show them you're thankful for what you've received, by using what they've given you. "Thanks for those slippers, I wear them all the time!" Thank a cook by eating their food with gusto. Thank someone who's given you a break by taking advantage of it. Actions speak louder than words.

God hasn't left us hanging in regards to this either. In **1 Peter 1:3** God said He would give us "**all things that pertain unto life and godliness**". He has done so. And He has given us a way we can show Him we are thankful for the precious gift of hope, peace and life He has given us through His Son:

"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." - **1 Peter 4:8-10**

The gifts (manifold grace) we have received God wants us to use by giving them to others. As good stewards He doesn't want us to lock up and guard what we've received, instead He wants us to minister (give) the same to others. He tells us this is what He wants: "**freely ye have received, freely give**" - **Matthew 10:8**

God gave us His word, to keep us from sin, so we might live and be with Him. Are we thankful for that? Well then show Him—study it, use it! Tell others. This little snippet of scripture tells us **what** we should do (walk, even as He walked) and a good reason **why** (he is the propitiation).

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." - **1 John 2:1-6**

God has called out to us through the Gospel whereby we can be the children of God. Are we thankful for this? If so, we'll be showing him by using and growing in those spiritual qualities he wants of us: Charity, meekness, obedience, mercy, zeal, justice, long-suffering, purity, etc.

This is what He has provided the church for, and he's given us the yardstick against which we'll all be measured. Thank God by using what He has given to grow to that complete man God wants us to be. The rest will follow.

**"unto a perfect man,
unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:" - Ephesians 4:13**

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina