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**435-** Sunday Morning

**NC-**Life Group

250- Sunday Classes

NC- Wednesday Evening

77- Sunday Evening

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## The One who Returned Sermon Notes – Dec. 1, 2019

What lessons can be learned from the leper who returned to thank Jesus?

•	We should give thanks because		
our	is great.		

•	God's	 _ is greate
than o	ur	

- We should express thanks to whom it is .
- We should give thanks when others
   God's grace.

### **ELDER TO CONTACT**

Elder to contact in December with prayer requests: **Rodney Pless** 479-871-7702

### **REGULAR WEEKLY MINISTRIES**

Life Group - Sundays at various homes and times
Granddad's Devo - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in R5
Ladies Bible Class - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Rm FC 4
The Christian and Grief - Febuary 2 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm R5
Single & Parenting Class - Sundays at 9:00 am in G13
DC4K - New Session February 2020

DivorceCare - Sundays at 4:00 pm in R1

Financial Peace - New Session February 2020

Celebrate Recovery - Thursdays at 6:30 pm (Meal at 6:00 pm)

# Grow. Reach. Glorify.

# Robinson Avenue this week

Welcome to Worship

**DECEMBER 1, 2019** 

WELCOME

COME, NOW IS
THE TIME TO WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

BLESSED ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING

BURDENS ARE LIFTED AT CALVARY

CALVARY

#### COMMUNION

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

DISMISS CHILDREN

BY FAITH

SERMON

JUST AS I AM

MAKE A
JOYFUL NOISE

PRAYER

## Leftovers again?

## God deserves the "first fruits" of all that we have

It's been three days since Thanksgiving. How many of us are still eating leftovers? I typically enjoy Thanksgiving leftovers... for a day or two. There comes a point where we don't want the same ole same ole.

Even for those among us who enjoy leftovers we would never think to serve leftovers to a guest. Could you imagine hosting a dinner party and pulling out all of the Tupperware containers from your refrigerator? A slice of meatloaf here, a bowl of soup there, maybe some of last weeks' fried chicken.

Leftovers aren't what we serve when we want to honor someone. We want to give something more – we want to give our best. In Old Testament times God's people would offer the firstfruits of their harvest and the best of their flocks. This serves as an example to us that we should offer to God our very best.

I'm sure many of us have come here today a little weary from a flurry of Thanksgiving activity – and we know that the month ahead will only get busier. It might be tempting to offer to God only what little spare energy we have left. But let's remember the might and majesty of the God we serve.

Let's approach his throne today with our best attitude, our best intentions, and our best sacrifice of praise. Let's sing with spirit, pray with passion, and give with generosity.

If you plan to go home today and have leftovers for lunch – that's just fine. But for the next couple of hours let's offer God our very best – He is deserving!

-Keith Kilmer

The Bible in a Year

## **Daily Reading Schedule (Chronological Order)**

Monday 2: 1 Cor. 12-14

Tuesday 3: 1 Cor. 15-16

Wednesday 4: 2 Cor. 1-4

Thursday 5: 2 Cor. 5-9

Friday 6: 2 Cor. 10-13

Saturday 7 Romans 1-3 Acts 20:1-3

Sunday 8: Romans 4-7



Adult Education

#### **Adult Bible Classes**

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: The Character of Christ

**Singing Class:** Trent Arnold, In the gym

Wednesday Night Adult Classes:

**FUEL:** "Unlocking Revelation," Keith Kilmer

**WPW Sessions:** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (by Linda Smith) taught by Savanna McCain, Alice O'Neil, Sandy Ware, Bridgette Tomlinson, and others.

**Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study:** "Fulfillment of Christ in Judges" taught by Charity Mohorn, Stacey Smith.

**Tuesday Granddads' Devo**: 10:00 a.m. Open discussion, coffee and donuts.

### **Forever Friends**

Forever Friends will meet December 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Room for the Christmas party and activity. For additional information, contact Lewan Hufhines, 445-2753.

Family

### **Birth Announcement**

Austin & Chelsea Click welcomed Capri Madilyn on Nov 24 at 12:15 pm. 6 lbs. 5 oz. 18 inches. Beautiful, healthy baby.

### **Kids Church**

There will be no kids' church this morning. It will resume next Sunday, December 8.

Military Ministry

## **Care Packages For Troops**

We continue to mail packages to our deployed troops. We have just passed the ten year mark for this ministry having sent 480 packages in this time. Four soldiers are currently receiving packages from us. We enjoy sending to any deployed soldier whether family, neighbor, or someone you just met at the store. Give your soldier's address to the church office or Cathy Hudson and we will get a package to him/her. We also need to know the length of time your soldier will be at this address.

Family

## **Annual Meeting of the Members**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Members of Robinson Avenue Church of Christ and its Board of Trustees to be held in room B2 at 1506 W. Robinson Avenue, December 15, after morning worship.

# Youth Ministry Caleb Says...

Dec. 1 – Din Din and Devo tonight at Robinson Avenue

Dec. 13 – Christmas Party Extraveganza

Good morning Robinson Avenue! I am happy to be here with you today. I want to say Welcome to any visitors we may have in town for Thanksgiving and I hope you have safe travels home.

Bridgette and I were in Nicaragua last weekend for her sister's wedding. She has been a missionary with Mission para Cristo in Jinotega, Nicaragua for several years and is now married to a young man named Kevin Lopez.

Our time in Nicaragua was incredibly fun! We got to spend time with Bridgette's family which is always nice and we were able to enjoy some good food and take in the sights. We were able to see a Nicaraguan wedding, which included an entire worship service after the ceremony, and we partied with the new couple.

However, my favorite part was simply getting to interact with the people that call Jinotega home. Many of them have lived in the city their whole lives and now work with the Mission. Some spoke English fluently which made our conversations much smoother while others couldn't speak it at all. On the other hand, some of my family from the U.S. were able to hack our way through Spanish which made talking to the people who couldn't speak English very entertaining while some of us never quite figured out how to say hello or thank you. There were also cultural differences that had to be overcome and there were also ways that our cultures were practically indistinguishable.

As we were saying good-bye on Friday night to a man named Ricardo who had been our driver and translator for the week, my mother-in-law said something very powerful that instantly was stuck in my head. She gave him a big hug and said, "God's family sure is big, isn't it?" Ricardo smiled and agreed.

I love going on trips like this. They always remind me that God's family is a global one. While there are obvious challenges such as language and culture to building international relationships with our brothers and sisters, we are all part of one big family. I am not sure about you, but I am very encouraged by that idea.

## **Family Time**

**SUNDAY** 

9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Worship WEDNESDAY

7:00 рм Bible Study

#### Family

## **Illness and Recovery**

**Marlene Jackson** is now at home and recovering, but is going to have the valve in her heart replaced on December 4. **Beth Clem** is doing better and is back at Shiloh.

Family

### **Heart to Heart**

The Annual Christmas party for the Heart Moms and Heart Sisters will be Monday, Dec 2 at 6:30 pm in the Green Fellowship Room. Please RSVP to your Heart Mom today if you have not yet responded.

Orientation Meeting

## **Leadership Training for Christ**

Please remember that the 3rd to 6th grade Leadership Training for Christ kids need to meet in the old fellowship room at 6:45 in order to leave by 7:00 pm for their scheduled visitations. They will return by 8:00 pm to meet their parents. The visitations will be on Dec. 4, 11, and 18.

Family

## **Special Song Service**

We will have a special song service on December 18 to get ready for our Praise and Harmony Workshop that will be held on January 4. We will continue learning some of the songs for that day. Please plan to join us for a night of singing and worship. Please note that the Praise and Harmony/learning new song nights are for EVERYONE – not just those who are participating in the Praise and Harmony recording.

Family

## **Dates to Remember**

Dec. 4 – Regularly scheduled Bible classes

Dec. 11 – Regularly scheduled Bible classes

Dec. 18 – Praise and Harmony/ learning new songs (all adult classes in auditorium)

Dec. 26 (THURS) – Christmas mid-week service (all in auditorium)

Jan. 1- NO MID-WEEK ASSEMBLY (Praise and Harmony) recording taking place in building)

#### Our

# **Prayer List**

Names will be printed on this list for up to 4 weeks at a time unless further updates are received in the office.

## Family/Friends

Arvin Allen, father of Jimmy Allen
Liz Bernecker, the sister of Ben and Tom Kilpatrick
Rhonda Evans, the daughter of Peggy
Sue Gibson
Brooklyn Haney,
granddaughter-in-law of

Helen Gillmore **AC Mallory**, a former member

**Elizabeth Norris**, the sister-in-law of Helen Gillmore

**Dwyane Shepherd**, the son of Peggy Sue Gibson **Ryan Thurber**, grandson of Connie Thurber

## Those

## Shut In Cecil Cook

Dee Dearman
Cleo Drevs
Hazel Fletcher
Glenda Garrison
Donna Gaston
Dan Hash
Don McClane
James Price
Roberta Simpson
Verna Tackett
Elsie White
Dorothy Yeager

#### Continue to

## Remember

Danny Allen
Mary Allen
Lucy Allen
Beth Clem
Lee Pense
Scott Phillips
Speedy Williams
Melba Watts
Linda Wray

## Those

# **Battling Cancer**

Mary Allen Charlean Howell Peggy Huckeba Freida Hughes Ajeanna Kernes Robert Kernes Seth Mohorn Salina Wilson