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This Thursday, we probably will all sit down to not just a meal, but a feast. Food is plentiful and the choices are abundant. We have leftovers until we are tired of them. Most of us have probably never felt true hunger. We are usually made uncomfortable from the opposite—overeating.



Thanksgiving was made an official holiday by Congress in 1941. For us, thanksgiving must be an attitude that we continually have, not just a day where parades, football, and turkey dinners dominate and we start the holiday season.

The Lord has bountifully poured out His blessings upon us. We have all we need and well beyond.

—Marty Edwards❖

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. —I Thessalonians 5:18

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High —Psalms 50:14

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The Friday after Thanksgiving is traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year. Many businesses' success for the entire year pivot on the last few weeks of the year and some totally depend on the receipts received on the day following Thanksgiving.

I saw a news report which showed many shoppers who actually came to one shopping center hours before the stores opened. They stood outside and endured the cold weather in order that they might be in the first group of shoppers to enter. They were willing to expose themselves to discomfort for hours just to be able to enter a store and purchase material goods.

So many will inconvenience themselves for secular activities, but when it comes to the worship services there is often little or no interest when everything is made as convenient as possible. The building is warm (or cool if necessary) and dry. Services usually begin late enough in the day for everyone to conveniently be there, yet many choose to come late or not at all. The seats are often padded to make sitting as comfortable as possible. We worship in luxury compared to so many who have gone before us.

A couple of years ago I saw a football game being played in Colorado. During the game there was a very heavy, wet snow falling. There was a large crowd there. I could not help but think that if a worship service had been occurring in the stadium during the snow, probably not nearly the same number of people would have been there.

Not only are the physical elements of our worshiping comfortable, there are intangible blessings as well. We live in a time and place where we can freely worship. Since my childhood, I have heard men pray and offer thanks that we can worship without fear from persecution and molestation. Many have had to fear for their lives if they obeyed the Lord. We have never known that fear.

We can worship as often and as long as we desire. We do not have to ask permission from nor do we have to answer to our government. How many people of days gone by would love to have this one blessing? How many people in the future might look back and desire what we now so often take for granted? *Continued on next page. . .*



—Hallie Davidson is in the Hart County Health Care Center in Horse Cave. Continue to remember **Jean Coffee, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry**

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Our freedom to worship is a wonderful blessing, but many are squandering it. Each worship service missed is one forever lost— it can never be regained. Let us attend worship services each opportunity we have. The Lord expects that from us. The inspired writer said in Hebrews 10:25, *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”*

—Marty Edwards❖

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The owner of a little retail clothing shop was interviewing a somewhat nervous teenage boy who was applying for his very first real job. The employer asked him a very important question.

“If I hire you to work here in my store, will I be able to count on you to be honest and truthful?”

“Sir,” the young man replied, “You can count on me to be honest and truthful whether you hire me or not.”

Isn't this the attitude that we all should have— to be truthful and honest in all situations? All our business dealings and daily activities must be completely above reproach and entirely honest. There is no such thing as a “little white lie.” Any lie, if unforgiven, will cause one to lose his or her soul.

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| Sunday, November 15, 2009 | | |
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| Classes | 11 | Matthew 8:23-34 |
| Preaching | 22 | Luke 2:52 |
| Contribution | \$307.00 | |
| Evening | 7 | Ezekiel 7:1-27 |
| Wednesday, November 18, 2009 | | |
| Classes | 17 | Exodus 40:1-38 |

Bible Quiz

What was over the tabernacle by day, and then by night?

Last Week's Answer— His hair (Ezekiel 5:1)

—During the week of Thanksgiving, our mid-week services will be on Tuesday evening, November 24. Some will be traveling on Wednesday for the holiday.

—At least for the duration of standard time, we will be having our Sunday evening services at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday evening services will remain at 6:00 p.m.

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)