

Survey Says...

Survey says “How can I grow closer to God by using my talents?”

How did you answer this question? Do you feel like you are using the talents God has given you to glorify Him? What talents do you have? Let's take a look and see what the word of God says regarding your talent.

Every person has a talent. How do I know this? In the parable of the talents located in Matthew 25:14-30 none went away empty. In like manner, in the church there is work to be done by every member (1 Cor. 12:12-27). See Ephesians 4:7-16 also.

All of us don't have the same talents. Some have more ability than others. God distributes the talents “to every man according to his several ability.” (Matt. 25:15).

How do we grow closer to God by using our talents?

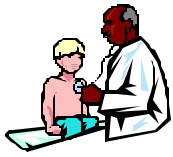
1. Go to work using your talents (Ja. 1:25)
2. Don't bury your talent. You can't grow closer to God by representing yourself as the majority who bury the talent they have.
3. Believe that you can do all things through Christ (Phil. 4:13)
4. Remember that every talent is vital to the church and the cause of Christ.

At the judgment where will you stand? Will it be with the one talent person who went and buried his talent or will you stand with those who have used their talents in every way to help them grow spiritually and help someone else go to heaven?

If you're not using your talents to serve God please start. Find a place where you can serve God with the talents He gives you. Ask one of the elders if they can help find a place where you can use your talent. We would love to help you with this matter!

Next week we will conclude this study of the **Survey says** with this question “How can I grow closer to God through prayer?”

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Continue to remember in prayer:
Marguerite Charles,
Margaret Kratz, Lyn Anderson,
Crawford & Martha Keith, Mariam
Majors, Steve Harrah, Mary Reese,
Buddy Martin, Bill Paul, Bert
Spetzler, Betty Jenkins, Justin Hankin, Libby
Pyott, Larry Dixon.

Glen Hartman is home recovering from surgery and return trip to hospital.

Martha Anderson, Eddy Gilpin's aunt, is recovering from her surgery.

Kay Poindexter, friend of Shree Lowe, will have a double mastectomy on Dec. 8. Also remember Shree's friends, Donna Sowers, Becky Young, and Cheryl Campbell.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Gene Benefield—11/24
Glenn Gabbard—11/25
Jessica White—11/26
Greg Edwards—11/27



NOVEMBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Markers & Crayons for the kids. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



Recent Responses: Ivy Bush

Thanksgiving

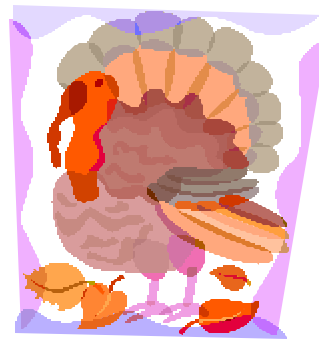
More Than A Day

As Thanksgiving Day rolls around,
It brings up some facts, quite profound.

We may think that we're poor,
Feel like bums, insecure,
But in truth, our riches astound.

We have friends and family we love;
We have guidance from heaven above.
We have so much more
Than they sell in a store,
We're wealthy, when push comes to
shove.

So add up your blessings, I say;
Make Thanksgiving last more than a day.
Enjoy what you've got;
Realize it's a lot,
And you'll make all your cares go away.



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For Your Information



Teens

November Dates

Nov. 30—Young Men conduct Evening Services

Bible Bowl Questions are available!! Mark your calendars now for March 7. We will also be having the Bidy Bible Bowl for the kids ages 5-8.

Bi-Monthly Bible Bowl Study Sessions will be held in the large classroom at 5:00 on the following Sundays: November 23; December 7 & 21; January 4 & 18; February 8 & 22. Mock Bible Bowl will be held on Feb 14 at 9 AM. Breakfast will be provided. See Jim or Charlotte Harrington for details.

INTERNET SAFETY CLASSES

Internet Safety Classes will be taught here at the building on December 2 at 7:00 PM. Details are available in this issue of House to House and there is a sign up sheet on the board.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The November LNO will be here at West Side on Monday, November 24, at 6:30. Gloria White, Sandra Wood and Evelyn White are hosting.

December LNO, hosted by Jo Ann, Melissa & Lisa will be on Monday, December 8, at 6:30 at Jo Ann Edwards home. Bring a gift wrapped ornament for the gift exchange and your appetite. If you've never been ask around—It's lots of fun and food!

POTTER CHILDRENS HOME

The commodity drive is going on for Potters. WS is responsible for sugar free strawberry/banana Jello. A box is available in the foyer. They will be picking up the jello and gleaner cans during the first week in December.

Also the wish list for Christmas gifts are located on the board. See your team leader or Mike Durham (youth) for details.

EDP MEETING

December EDP Meeting will be on Sunday, December 7 at 4 PM.

EDUCATION BANQUET

The Education Appreciation Banquet will be on Saturday, February 21, at 5:45. This is for all teachers, resource worker, helpers and their spouses or special friends. Reserve this evening for food and lots of Christian fellowship!

TRAVEL

Everyone be safe this week if you are traveling!!

WOW

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.

Next WOW meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9, at 10:30.



Upcoming Events:

The Teams will combine and have a New Year's Eve Celebration here at the building on Wednesday, December 31, after services. Make plans now to attend and details will be coming!

MILITARY

In Iraq:



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Being Thankful to God

November 2008

Announcements	Fred Altizer
Song Leader (AM)	Paul Mays
Opening Prayer (AM)	
11/2	Richard Simms
11/9	Danny Guard
11/16	Barry White
11/23	Jeremy White
11/30	Bobby Martin
Preside at Communion	Charlie Gwaltney
Serve Table	Roger Mays Herb Baker Bob Garby AC Janney
Closing Prayer	
11/2	Ethan Rogers
11/9	Tom Richardson
11/16	Greg Edwards
11/23	Adam House
11/30	Gene Benefield
Song Leader (PM)	Adam House
Opening Prayer (PM)	
11/2	Don Pettit
11/9	Charlie Maness
11/16	Glenn Gabbard
11/23	Jim Bush
11/30	Mark Brooks
Scripture Reader	Jack Cook
Closing Prayer (PM)	
11/2	Josh Whitlow
11/9	Jim Harrington
11/16	Jerry Anderson
11/23	Jeff Durham
11/30	Tom Rogers
Serve Table (PM)	Bradford Durham Ethan Rogers
Song Leader (Wed)	Jason Oldham
Prayer (Wed)	
11/5	Glenn Hartman
11/12	Jim Cook
11/19	Garrett Durham
11/26	Charlie Maness
Open/Close Bldg	Lyn Shrader
Greeters	Ed & Jean Argabright Jerry & Kay Anderson
Nursery Attend	Lori Cook Judy Durham
Ushers	Squeaky Valentine John Black
Handouts	Garrett Durham Ryan Simms Richard Simms Cameron Brown
Alternates	Lyn Shrader
Prepare communion	Wanda Martin Dorothy Mays
Cards & Pencils	Sydney Durham Khaila Mickens
Last weeks attendance 11/16&19/08	
Bible Class—169	Worship Service—176
Sunday Eve.—131	Wednesday Eve.—147
Contribution—\$8753	

This time of year is always exciting. The weather is changing, the time has changed and the holiday season is upon us. Plans begin to unfold for getting together with family and friends. Holiday music can be heard on the radio, decorations are going up, and everyone steps a little livelier. Thoughts of Thanksgiving naturally take the Christian to the word of God for consideration.

The 100th Psalm is familiar to us and contains six emphatic statements. It concludes with a reason to be thankful to God. Notice each of these statements and then the reason.

“**Make** a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands” (vs. 1). The Lord desires our worship of Him and, of course, details for us how that worship is to be conducted. He is worthy of our worship and praise.

“**Serve** the Lord with gladness” (vs. 2a). God does not want to be served from a heart of constraint, but from a heart of joy and desire (cf. II Cor. 9:7).

“**Come** before his presence with singing” (vs. 2b). The emphasis again is upon man’s praise of God. He didn’t have to give us the ability to sing, but He did. He rejoices and delights in our praising Him in song (cf. I Cor. 14:15; Heb. 2:12).

“**Know** ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture” (vs. 3). This statement is often read as if it were a question. However, it is an emphatic statement instructing us to know assuredly that He is God. He is our Creator and Sustainer. We belong to Him.

“**Enter** into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise” (vs. 4a). It is an awe-inspiring thing to know that we enter before His throne in our worship of Him. Such thoughts should inspire us to greater worship and more thankfulness.

“**Be thankful** unto him, and bless his name” (Vs. 4b). Again, the emphasis is upon being thankful. Ingratitude is abhorred by God (cf. Rom. 1:21).

Verse 5 provides the reason for all these commands. “For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” In a succinct way the Lord reveals His greatest attributes to man. Without His goodness, mercy and truth, we would be helpless, hopeless and hapless. Indeed, give thanks unto the Lord!

Happy Thanksgiving!

-Eddy