



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Family Matters

November 24, 2019

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### Lessons for Today

#### Sunday AM

Brian Mitchell  
"Affirming Religious Values"

**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

#### Sunday PM

Brian Mitchell  
"Goodness"

**Matthew 6:19-23**

### Blessings

Blessings probably aren't what you think they are. I may be way off base, but I have a sneaky suspicion that when most people think of blessings, they only think one dimensionally. Blessings are things that make us happy or satisfied or comfortable. For most people, blessings are only things that are good and/or pleasing, such as good health, good jobs, good families, good times, good church, etc. Blessings are things like having a safe trip or having a good meal or having a comfortable place to sleep. Indeed, these truly are blessings, but ....

On the other hand, it's rarely considered a blessing to have a car wreck or to lose a job or to get sick. It doesn't seem like much of a blessing to have the stock market drop or to not get a promotion. Things that happen which are not only unpleasant but that may even be harmful are rarely seen as blessings. Generally speaking, from the world's view point, blessings are defined as things or events that are good within themselves. That's why the dictionary defines "blessing" as "*a thing conducive to happiness or welfare.*"

Thankfully, God sees "blessings" much differently and enables Christians to see "blessings" through His eyes, not the eyes of the world. While the world seeks events and circumstances that bring pleasure for the moment, God sees a much broader picture. He works things out for our good in relation to eternity (**Romans 8:28**). The journey may not be pleasant at all, but the destination brings the greatest possible reward (**Hebrews 11:25-26; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18**). God knows how to turn tragedy into triumph. But even more important, He has promised to do it for each and every one of us who "*love him, and are called according to his purpose.*"

For the Christian, blessings must be seen only through the eyes of God. Knowing that God wants only what is best for us, knowing that God can turn anything Satan can do into victory for His people, and knowing that God is more concerned about creating God-like character than about providing pleasant circumstances, allows us to understand His "blessings" in a much different way. Job's faith and understanding of God made it possible for him to endure the loss of his flocks and herds, his children, and even his own health without blaming God. In fact, he "*fell to the ground in worship*" and said "*may the name of the Lord be praised*" (**Job 1:20-21**).

So, when you don't get the job you wanted, you know it is a blessing from God. When your prayers aren't answered in just the way you expected them to be, you know that God is blessing you in greater ways. When life hands you a lemon, you don't have to make lemon-aide. Just see the lemons as blessings from God and wait on Him to make whatever He wants out of those lemons. One thing's for sure – it will be a blessing!

**Joe Chesser**  
**Fruitland Church of Christ**

### Worship Times

#### Sunday

Bible Study: 9:00 am  
Worship: 10:00 am  
Evening: 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

### For the Record

Bible Class: 83  
Sunday AM: 155  
Sunday PM: 79  
Wednesday PM: 75  
Contribution: \$3551  
Budget: \$4100

### Think on This...

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**Psalms 100:4**

### Celebrating This Week...

#### Birthdays

Frankie Robins: 11.25  
Barbara Rushing: 11.25  
Macayla Meyer: 11.27  
Camden Roe: 11.27  
Janet Singleton: 11.30

#### Anniversaries

Mike & Leigh Ann Green: 11.30

## Serving This Week

**Announcements:** Joe Kight

**Greeters:** David & Inger Selvig

**Ushers:** Randy Seabaugh/Troy Bryan

**PowerPoint:** Luke Selvig

**Lead Singing:** Greg Dowdy (AM)

**Head Lord's Table:** Tony Boyd

**Scripture:** Shawn Myers

**Prayers:**

**AM:** Gary Ridenour/Doug Lester

**PM:** Charlie Kluesner/Gary Miller

**Tuesday Singing:** Dylan Seabaugh

**Tuesday Devo:** Randy Seabaugh

**Tuesday Prayer:** Nick Brown

**Elder Chair:** Randy Seabaugh

**Communion to Shut-Ins:** Randy Seabaugh

## Daily Bible Reading

**November 24:** Romans 13-16

**November 25:** 1 Corinthians 1-4

**November 26:** 1 Corinthians 5-8

**November 27:** 1 Corinthians 9-12

**November 28:** 1 Corinthians 13-16

**November 29:** 2 Corinthians 1-3

**November 30:** 2 Corinthians 4-6

## Continuing Prayer Needs

Linda Adkins	Dorothy Loyd
Eunice Anderson	Mike Mills
June Black	Brian Mitchell
Jacob Blagg	Jerry Mitchell
Ruby Bradd	Gary & Jane Mungle
Thelma Brown	Carolyn Neese
Lisa Bryan	Vivian Petty
Donna Cox	Jim Pickett
Maxine Davis	Eevee Pugh
Bill Dillman	Kevin Pugh
John Dobbins	Patricia Risenhoover
Ray & Marilyn Duffey	Barbara Rushing
Paul Ensor	Lena Schwedain
Kelly & Trudy Garland	Helen Seabaugh
Kenny & Sharon Giesler	Jim & Susan Seabaugh
Wayne Graham	Steve Simmons
Cody Hazel	Sarah Singleton
Juanita Hedge	Kim Spraggs
Terry Henson	Gelena Stoffregen
David Isabel	Molly Thomas
Al Jackson	Susan Tomsu
Brad Jackson	Carolyn Trentham
Betty Jones	Mike Turnbow
Tina Jones	Justin Walker
Gerald Lawson	Sylvia Ward

## Youth Corner

- **December 1: Monthly Youth Devo** after evening services. Potluck dinner.
- **IGNITE Youth Rally** on **January 18-19, 2020**. Our theme is "IGNITE Your Vision in 2020" with **Patrick Adam** as our keynote speaker.

## Remember in Your Prayers

- **Dale Gilliland** is continuing his chemo and radiation and is not feeling very well.
- **Steve Simmons** is still in the hospital dealing with issues related to his diverticulitis.
- **Mike Turnbow** was set to have hernia repair surgery on Thursday.
- **Kelly Garland** is continuing to have tests and monitoring his health issues.
- **Trudy Garland** had a biopsy on Thursday and expects results this week.
- **Peyton Watson** will have ligament reconstruction on her knee on Wednesday in Montgomery, Alabama, but plans to return home for a few weeks of recovery and physical therapy before returning to Faulkner next semester.
- **Lacey Smith**, wife to Kellie McClellan's cousin, had a difficult beginning to the week, but is showing good improvement. Her address is posted on the family board.
- **Brad Jackson**, Betty Jones's nephew, is making good improvement and has been sitting up and walking a bit this week.

## Sympathy

- We offer our sympathy to Francis & Diana Ivanovich as Francis's father, **Peter Ivanovich** lost his battle with leukemia last week. There will be a memorial service in Chicago on November 30.

## Rejoice

- We have a new sister in Christ! **Ruthie Allen**, daughter of Ben & Carolyn Allen was baptized on Wednesday evening. The Allen family recently moved to Cape and has been worshipping with us for a few months. Please take time to meet Ruthie and the rest of the family and be an encouragement to them! Their address is posted on the family board.

## News & Notes

- **REMINDER: Mid-week Bible Study will be on Tuesday Night this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**
- Please bring your cards for the **Gift Card Shower** for **Alissa (Gilliland) Young** by this **Sunday, November 24**. Alissa and her husband, Leon live in California and are expecting their first child (Dale and Lesa's first grandchild!!) at the end of November. There is a container outside Joy Kaye's office.
- We will be hosting an **Area Wide Singing** on **Sunday, December 1** at 2pm. Make plans to join area brethren in an afternoon of praise.
- There will be a baby shower for **Lindsey Luebbers** next **Sunday, December 1** at **3pm** in the fellowship room. Lindsey and Jacob are expecting a baby girl and are registered at Target and Amazon.
- Our December potluck will be on **Sunday, December 8** after morning services. Bring a dish or two and plan to stay for the meal where we will honor grandparents. Team #2 (Crowden, Seabaugh, Singleton) will set up and clean up.
- All ladies (and girls!) are invited to this year's **Sock Exchange** on **Monday, December 9** at **6pm** in the fellowship room. Bundle up a fun pair of socks filled with a goodie or treat and also bring your favorite fingerfood to share.