

EDDIE’S EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving means different things to different people. For some, it’s a couple of days off from work. For others, a time to be with family. And for a few, an excuse to eat a lot. And then you have those who would say, all the above.

Also, during this time may we not forget about our spiritual blessings. We sing the song on occasion, “Count Your Blessings” and this song should remind us of all the man and wonderful blessings God has provided for us (James 1:17).

The book of Colossians is full of scripture telling us to count our blessings. In chapter one Paul is thankful for the faith and love of the Colossian brethren and then tells them in verse 12 to give thanks. In chapter two he says that their lives should be overflowing with thanksgiving. In chapter three he tells them three times to be thankful. And in chapter four verse two, he tells them to “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

May we remember that our thankfulness isn’t something that we show once a year, but it is to be a lifestyle of gratitude. We indeed have much to be thankful for.

Be sure to give our visitors a warm welcome. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Happy Thanksgiving. Eddie

OUR RECORD	
Sunday Bible Study	98
Sunday Morning Worship	133
Sunday Evening Worship	67
Wednesday Night Bible Study	70
Contribution	\$5604

Prayer list:
PHILLIP BENNETT is home from the hospital.
ALLIE RHUDY remains in critical condition but showing some improvement.
PATRICIA WALKER is home recovering from foot surgery.
TONI HOUK is home recovering from a kidney stone procedure.
BLINDA HOUK will be having back surgery Dec. 2 in Columbus.
DICK DEAPEN will be having knee surgery Dec. 2.
MARTHA MCREYNOLDS, Tammy Bardon’s mother, is recovering pneumonia and other ailments at Generations.

Remember our shut-ins in your prayers: Robbie Collins, Lola M. Edwards, Jean McGee, Cynthia Morton, Don Rushing, Larry Rushing, Norma Stanford.

The Vernon congregation extends its sympathy to Josh Lucas in the death of his stepfather, Robert Guyton.

PRAYERS
A.M. Kurt Hankins
P.M. Burt Hankins
SONG LEADERS
A.M. – Jason Burks
P.M. – Glen Bardon
WED – Malik Walker
Announcements – John Windle
Lord’s Supper & Contribution – Mark Thomas, Nathan Murphy, Jeremey Denton, O.Z. Rhudy
Ladies to prepare Lord’s Supper: Sherry Randolph
Security –11-30, Jerry Merchant, Alvin Foster
12-3 – Andy Robertson, John P. Robertson

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:
Nov. 30 – Bible bowl practice at 4:00.

Dec. 5 – Christmas Open House at DHR from 10:00 -2:00. Everyone invited. See bulletin board for details.

Dec. 7 – Bible Bowl at Millport.

If you took a name for the “Adopt a Grandparent” at Generations, your gift needs to be there by Dec. 5.

There will be no bulletin for the next couple of weeks. Hope you miss it.

I have been seeing ads recently for “Black Friday.” This used to be the day after Thanksgiving when retailers lure customers with all kinds of special incentives. Now “Black Friday” comes earlier and lasts longer. People line up to get the special “door buster” savings. They will flock to stores and spend large amounts of money just to take part in the euphoria of “Black Friday.”

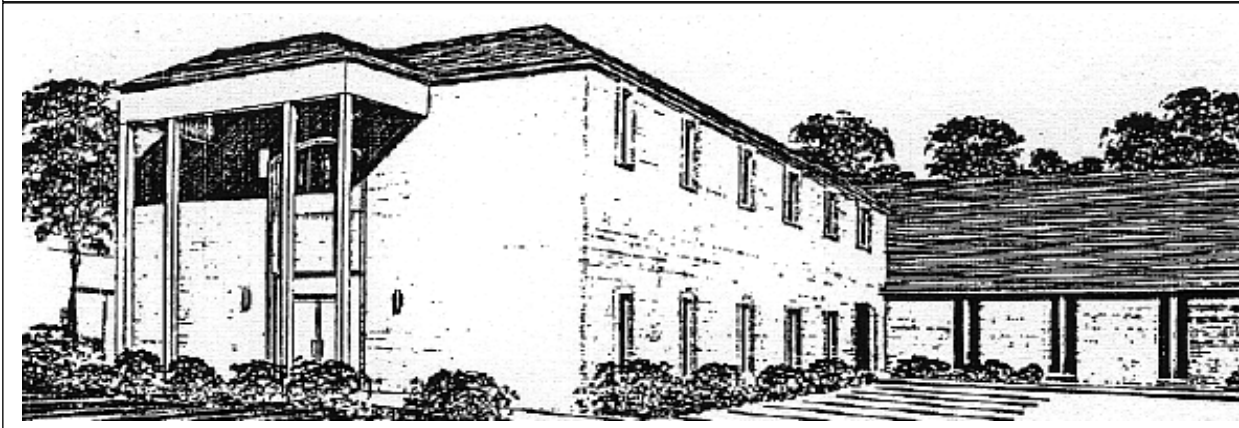
A long time ago there was a “Black Friday” that was even more significant. In Mark’s gospel account we read: “Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour” (Mk. 15:33). For three hours, the earth was dark. This was a dark day because Jesus was being crucified. We know it was Friday because Mark adds “Now when evening had come because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath” (Mk. 15:42). Since the Sabbath fell on Saturday, we know this dark day was on a Friday.

What made this “Black Friday” so special? It was special because of the price that was paid. Jesus paid the price for the sins of all mankind. Peter described it this way: “Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sin, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed” (1 Pet. 2:24). There was another special purchase made on this day. Paul told the elders at Ephesus about this purchase. He said, “Shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28). Our salvation and the church of our Lord are worth more than all of Solomon’s riches.

It was special too, because of the people who were there. The crowd of people who wanted Him crucified was there (Mk. 15:13). Simon the Cyrenian was there (Mk. 15:21). The soldiers who led Him away to the cross were standing there mocking Him (Mk. 15:16). The chief priests were mocking Him also (Mk. 15:31). The reason Jesus died was for those that were there and for those who were not there. Jesus stated in Luke 23:34, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” He was willing to forgive them while they were crucifying Him.

What does that “Black Friday” mean to you?

VERNON INFORMER



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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wednesday
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

“The churches of Christ salute you . . .” Romans 16:16