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# PASTOR

## - For Thoughtful Reading -

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS - A speaker addressing a church group at their Thankseiving meeting used as his theme, "Blessed are those who give without remembering and receive without forgetting.

How often we are inclined to dwell upon the things we do to help others and perhaps feel we are not appreciated as we should be! A better prac-tice is to count the blessings that come our way and be thankful for them. Most of us have many things we take for granted and neglect to be thankful for. Among these are life and work, home and family, friends and neighbors who show kindness to us. Are we really thankful for freedom to worship God and

to do so in the way we choose?

In a world where we see so much suffering and want, we can show our thankfulness by helping others who are in need. It has been said that a kind word or deed is the sign of a grateful heart. — The Upper

FIRST THANKSGIVING - The first American Thanksgiving Day, proclaimed by Governor William Bradford in the autumn of 1621 was suggested partly by the Old Testament "feast of the harvest" or "the feast of ingathering at the year's end" (Exodus 1422) "the feast of ingathering at the year's end" (Exodus 34:22), and partly by the Pilgrims' own desire to thank God for His blessings. The historic "Pilgrims' Thanksgiving Prayer" is as follows: "Let them therefore praise the Lord, because He is good, and His mercies endure forever. Yea, let them which have been redeemed of the Lord show how He hath delivered them from the hand of the oppressour. When they wandered in the deserte wilderness out of the way, and found no citie to dwell in, both hungrie and thirstie, their sowle was overwhelmed in them. Let them confess before the Lord His loving kindnes and His wonderful! works before the sons of men." Whatour Pilgrim fathers considered abundance and blessing would seem to their descendants today as hardly ing would seem to their descendants today as hardly more than poverty and hardship, and we may be inclined to smile at their crude spelling, but we cannot do better than to follow their example in thanking "God from whom all blessings flow." — Christian

### —The Lighter Side of Life—

COMPANY FARE - The new minister was a bachelor, and when he helped himself to the biscuits for the third time he looked across the table at the hostess' small daughter. She was staring at him with round eyes.

"I don't often rave such a good supper as this, my dear," he told her.
"We don't either," said the little girl. "I'm glad

you came." - The Lookout.

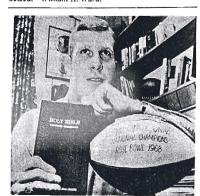
DOGGONE - Customer: "I inserted an advertisement for my lost dog in the paper here Has anything been heard of it? I offered a reward." Office Boy: "Sorry, all the editors and reporters

are out looking for the dog." - Cheer.

DEPRIVATION - "My, but your family is sure old-fashioned," the little girl exclaimed to the friend she was visiting. "I see you are still using hand-operated toothbrushes." — Watchman-Examiner.

## -Post Script -

Some knees bend only under the load of a heavy heart; some eyes are opened only after the head is bowed.—William A. Ward.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Of all my narrow escapes, last Sunday night WAS THE NARROWEST. Being the defendant in a trial where the judge, jury and attention of DEAwas the Narrowest. Being the defendant in a trial where the judge, jury and attorneys are DEA CONS is about as safe as crossing the Atlantic in a Dixie cup. To say the least, it was one of the most unusual Anniversary Receptions I've ever seen.

At least it got those DEACONS to attend Church

In all honesty I have to say that being the part of MacArthur Blvd. Baptist Church is the happiest blessing of my ministry. It is something thank God for continually. And the more I go to other churches for revivals and so forth, the more thank ful I am for MBBC.

Speaking for myself and my family, THANK YOU for the reception and for the privilege of being your PASTOR.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO Jani OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO Jamie Poor and Dennis Jarvis in the death of their father last week. In the past few weeks several of our members have walked with loved ones through the valley of the shadow of death. These are times that must inevitably come to all of us. Again and again I've seen confirmation of God's promise to comfort and strengthen in special hours of crisis. I've preacht and strengthen in special hours of crisis. I've preach ed funerals of both lost and saved, and what a differ ence! Each funeral deepens my conviction that only Jesus Christ can satisfy the deepest needs of the

Have you noticed the new location or our RARY? It has been moved to the Worship Cento-make-it more convenient for you to check out books. We appreciate the hard work that MARION THE LIBRARIAN and her cohorts are doing. I hope you'll take advantage of the Church Library.

By the way, if you have any suitable books you'd like to donate to our library, they will be more than welcome.

THIS NEXT WEEK IS THANKSGIVING and the schedule for Wednesday night will be the same as usual. If you're not planning to be away for the holidays, I hope you'll be in church Wednesday night. There's no better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than by worshipping God who has given us so much for which to be thankful.

Ronald Dunn

#### CALLING ALL SOLOISTS

Mr. Badry invites you to sing for him! Please come to the choir rehearsal room Tuesday, November 25 between 6:00 and 8:00 P.M. — this will only take a few minutes of your time. He wants to hear YOU.

Jimell is in revival this week at the Village Bap-ATTENDANCE: tist Church in Oklahoma City. He will return for our Sunday evening service.



(Letter)

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## As See It

MERICANISM . - FOR ADULTS ONLY?

Many of today's youth have gone undisciplined tring their formative years and now resent any attempt at discipline by anybody . . .

· · · · "spockism" suggests that a child not disciplined. This method might be called "hands-(no pun intended) technique . . .

.There is a direct relationship between the ge of demonstrating and marching youth and the

.The uncontolled, undisciplined life is so apparent in the "peaceful" marchers. These youth have litthe respect for the laws, for law enforcement, for our enment, and even our president . . .

Lack of discipline in the home is even evident in our church structure. Most parents aren't ware that some of our youth have little respect for their teachers and leaders . . .

. .Many youth (and adults) no longer respect or revere the office of president of the United States. Although I did not vote for President Nixon he is my president and I will support him.

. . When peaceful marchers burn their draft card and the American flag and fly the Viet Cong or any other flag they should be disciplined by society. This borders on treason. (betrayal of one's country to an enemy — Webster) . . .

. .Parents, discipline does not create a barrier between you and your child; it draws you closer together. . .

. . . The uncontolled and undisciplined child is a menace first to his parents, then to his neighbors, next to schools, and eventually to society. If parents don't dicipline their children — then society will.

Schoeppey

## VITAL STATISTICS

Sunday School — 706

Training Union - 238

OFFERING:

Budget - \$3,467.88



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We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing, He chastens and hastens His will to make known The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing, Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

#### -What Others Say

THE BEGINNING of thanksgiving as a festival was an open acknowledgment that God was the true Giver of life's common gifts. — Young,

THANKFULNESS must become more than just a good thing to do. Our thanksgiving must grow out of an inner compulsion. — Bill Gibson.

THERE IS a grace of giving and there is a grace

of receiving, and the two of them must be learned together. — Ralph Sockman. THANKSGIVING should remind us to be grateful

for life and our heritage as God's children. -

THANKSGIVING DAY can be either a national holiday or a spiritual experience. And if we so desire, it can be both. — C. Emanuel Carlson.

OUR THANKSGIVING comes out of the experience of the Pilgrims' second winter when, because of the harvest, the 51 survivors met to praise God. Wesley P. Ford.

IN THE END gratitude, like a sense of humor, depends much upon a sense of proportion. - The Living Church.

THANKFULNESS for the obviously good things of life comes easy. But can we be thankful when the will of God for our lives leads toward sorrow, lonliness, disappointment? - John Phillips.

#### — A Little Bit of Wit —

Always put off until tomororw what you are going to make a mess of today.-The Christian

## National Bible Week

Special Scriptures Suggested Starting Thanksgiving Day

## Student Suspended For Prayer

California Case Draws Fire Youth's Rights Are Upheld

## Pray Now, Pay Later Plan Credit Card Pledge System

In Church Starts Slowly

These and other interesting stories inside your church's newspaper!