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WEEKLY LINE-UP

Sunday

9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship Service

Wednesday

6:00 Hula Practice
7:00 Worship Practice

Thursday

6:30 Bible Study

Friday

5:30 Feed the Homeless
(1st Friday / monthly)

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***We are a growing church in a growing community.
Come grow with us as we share the Son on Maui!***

"J" FOR JESUS

Because of the recent hurricane that swept through Belize (formerly British Honduras), Honduras, and various other Central American countries, Teen Missions' base in Belize was devastated. Trees were uprooted, fences and gardens are gone, and one or two roofs need repair. Consequently, since all our summer teams are now gone, we Bible/Ministry/Works students have received the opportunity to travel to Belize and restore the base there.

This will be the second-year students' (seniors) first time to do disaster relief, and we will be working alongside the new first-year students for two weeks before Thanksgiving vacation. We will not be studying or running boot camps during this time as we did in Honduras, but we may be able to do some additional evangelism in the surrounding community. Please pray that we will be able to fully complete the base there and raise funds as needed. Thank you for all your time and support.

~ Joy Flabetich

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GOOD NEWS MESSENGER

"Go into all the world, and give the Good News to everyone." (Mark 16:15)

November

2	Feed the Homeless	5:30
4	Communion Council Meeting	10:00 11:00
11	Worship VETERANS DAY	10:00
18	Worship Thanksgiving Potluck	10:00 11:00
22	THANKSGIVING DAY	
25	Worship	10:00

Happy Birthday!!

11-01 Jon Rich
11-02 Cathy Mickelson
11-03 Debbie Armstrong
11-05 Ashley Yamada
11-06 Marcus Delatorre
11-08 Eunice Bates
11-08 Caprice Witt
11-11 Joy Flabetich
11-14 Ed Morgan
11-15 Bandon Saunders
11-19 Louise Simpson
11-26 Colleen Crawford
11-28 Helen Tennison
11-29 Ken Kruger
11-30 Thelma Carlos

Happy Anniversary!!

11-17 Lee & June Canterbury
11-23 Ron & Doris Mock
11-25 Jim & Clara Likes

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WHERE TO BE THANKFUL

Rev. Glenn Armstrong, D.D.
October 19, 2007

Usually when I think about being thankful it has to do with *what* I should be thankful about. Actually, that is what being thankful is all about. Things, people, events, situations, family, friends, health, finances, freedom, redemption, forgiveness, etc., are some of the things connected with the Thanksgiving season.

However, when I take a longer look, the very action of being thankful has to start some place within me. It has to start with the head, move to the heart, reflect in my habit and develop in my home. Unless this process takes place, thanksgiving can be little more than greed and self-centeredness. It is not really thanksgiving at all! Happiness that is just about "me" and "mine" may be good, but not really gratitude.

This is the happiness of the Pharisee which Jesus condemned with vengeance! The Pharisee was praying a prayer that publicly expressed his "spiritual" thankfulness that he

was not like the "lesser" people. Jesus condemned him for his personal pride.

I. THANKSGIVING IN MY HEAD, Romans 1:21

"...when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were they thankful; but became vain in their imaginations..."

Thanksgiving must have some academic base. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Roman believers reminding them that God was anything but pleased with a generation of people who knew God, but did not glorify (ascribe honor to God), neither were they thankful. To be sure, Paul is making reference to the people who only knew God because of His creation, order, and sustaining power and not in any personal experience of faith and obedience.

This is clear by their casting and carving idols to which they bowed down for blessings. They did this through "vain imaginations" and futile thinking. They

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THANKSGIVING IN YOUR HEART

November; we welcome back some of our seasonal friends, safe and healthy; and there are still more to come. We are looking at the possibility of a new Pastor, we had a ground breaking, the building crew is here to build our new church, and we have made it almost through 2007. That is a lot to be thankful for! Our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude. God is good.

Psalm 135:5: For I know that the Lord is great. And our Lord is above all gods.

We all get to a point at one time or another in our lives in which we realize that perhaps we don't really appreciate all God does for us, how His hand is in all we do or don't do. He is there watching us. We get so busy with what we are doing that we forget to give gratitude to Him. He is always there for us. In our hearts, we know He is there, taking care of all things that are due to Him.

Psalm 136:1: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Gratitude for what He does in our lives should be a daily prayer. I thank the Lord each day for all that I have and all that I am. Good and bad, He endures, forever! The last verse in Psalm 136 is the same as the first:

Psalm 136:26: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Take the time to read this chapter of Psalms. It reminds us to be thankful in all situations, no matter what. He endures;

His love, mercy and grace are always there for us.

Along with our blessings in everyday life, we are reminded to be thankful for His wisdom, and our freedom to praise Him, without repercussions. He gives us the tools, fills our hearts with joy, love and faithfulness. We can share this with others and know that we won't have a price to pay. We can share our faith, which is His command of us. Rejoice in His blessing, find joy in His love, and share that with others, including those not as fortunate as we are.

1 Peter 3:15: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness, and fear; For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

This Thanksgiving give Him praise for all He provides and all He does in your life. Pray for those less fortunate, because of hunger for food, and hunger for His word.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

God bless you, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

~ Beth Wright

WHERE TO BE THANKFUL...continued

"If anyone love me, he will obey my teachings. My Father will love him and we will come to him and make our home with him"....Jesus

It is not hard to observe when a home is happy. It will be a home that expressed thanksgiving for each other. Evidence will be everywhere. You will be able to see it and hear it. What you see and hear will not be about things; not even about bigger or better things. It will be about each other, the people who make up the home.

I have been asked as a pastor to visit many homes through the years where everyone in the home is unhappy. On more than one occasion I have hardly been able to get into the house for all the plastic toys that had been brought home as bribes. (I almost wrote bribes for the brats, but that wouldn't be nice even though it would be a true description.)

Many times the homes were costly and often exchanged for even higher priced ones with more exclusive neighbors. Yet, a better and bigger home does not hide

unhappy lives any more than more toys satisfy a selfish child.

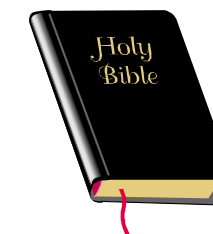
One family comes to my mind that I remember being very happy. The father, actually the stepfather, of five children worked hard to pay to have them in our Christian school. He wanted them to be in our school even though he was not a believer in Christ himself.

What I remember about this family was that the father brought them to school, came into the building with them, came back to pick them up, attended every school activity that included his children, and they all talked together all the time. The kids looked forward to being with their stepdad just to talk together! I visited their home, and they were all thankful and happy – with very little things to enjoy. They enjoyed each other, and that was their happiness.

We will have happy homes when we have thankful people in them who can enjoy each other and talking together.

A grateful heart that develops healthy habits in a happy home will make for a really fine Thanksgiving.

God give us such homes, Amen



FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

NEW BUILDING

Progress is often direction and not speed. This is certainly what we have experienced in pursuing a building permit for our new worship center building. However, there is reason to believe we are finishing the last of the list. Assuming there are no other lists, we should soon have a permit to begin construction.

While we are waiting on the final forms, we broke ground for the new building. The ceremony followed the October 21 morning worship service, and most of the people stayed for the extra service and the potluck dinner.

Our short-term goal for the building fund was to reach \$1,900,000 by the time we broke ground. This fund now is at \$1,901,605! Our prayer is to be able to reach \$2,000,000 by the end of this year and the full goal of \$2,250,000 by the completion of the building.

We are ready to build. Please keep praying about completion of the paperwork! In comparison to many other island projects, we are moving very fast.

NEW PASTOR

This past week we met and interviewed Reverend David Bray and his wife Brenda

for the possible position of the next pastor.

During the week we arranged as many opportunities as possible for our people to become acquainted with them. We had a fellowship with the younger adults, a men's breakfast, a ladies' tea, Sunday morning interview with the whole church, morning message, evening interview, and other individual discussions and meetings. On October 28 the church will be asked to prayerfully consider God's guidance in extending a call to Pastor Bray.

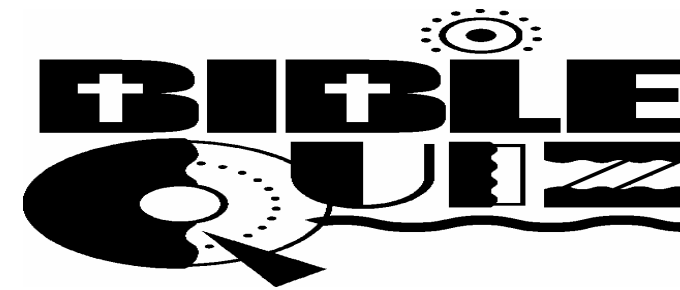
David Bray's background includes being reared in a fundamentally sound church and schools. His education includes Christian grade and high school, Southwest Bible College and Seminary, World-wide Missions Bible College, Heart of American Theological Seminary, and Moody Bible Institute.

He holds Bachelor of Arts, Masters in Ministry, and Honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees and is presently enrolled in a Doctor of Philosophy program.

He has been active in youth, education, evangelism, church growth ministries, preaching, and world missions. He is presently president of Global Outreach International Ministries.

The Brays have four children.

QUIZZES FOR YOUNG & OLD



1. Artaxerxes was king of _____? (Ezra 7:1) Persia, Babylon, Israel, Judah
2. Ezra was a _____? (Ezra 7:11) poet, priest, carpenter, tax collector
3. In Revelation 18:4 God told His people to come out of _____? Canaan, Edom, Egypt, Babylon
4. 1 John 5:19 reads, "And we know that we are of _____, and the whole world lieth in wickedness." grace, Christ, God, promise
5. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the _____ out of temptations." (2 Peter 2:9) righteous, faithful, believer, godly
6. "Even so faith, if it hath not _____, is dead, being alone." (James 2:17) love, grace, works, acts
7. Nebuchadnezzar was king of _____. (Daniel 1:1) Judah, Israel, Babylon, Persia
8. Esau is also known as _____. (Genesis 36:19) Daniel, Edom, Babylon, Elmore
9. Christ said that He came to call the _____ to repentance. (Matthew 9:13) sinners, righteous, Jews, Israel
10. Christ said to render to Caesar what is Caesar's. What did He say we should render to God? (Luke 20:25) love, things that are God's, faith, obedience



Counting Our Blessings

"THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS." GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.

<p>14 / - Father</p> <p>10 + 9 - heavenly</p> <p>10 + 5 - blessed</p> <p>2 - 1 - ___ Praise</p> <p>7 + 7 - ___ has</p> <p>11 + 11 - ___ every</p> <p>12 + 12 - ___ blessing</p> <p>10 + 10 - ___ realms</p> <p>13 + 13 - ___ Christ</p> <p>8 + 8 - ___ us</p> <p>8 + 9 - ___ in</p> <p>5 + 5 - ___ Lord</p> <p>10 + 11 - ___ with</p>	<p>10 + 15 - in</p> <p>6 3 - to</p> <p>12 6 - and</p> <p>6 + 6 - ___ Christ</p> <p>18 - 9 - ___ our</p> <p>22 - 11 - ___ Jesus</p> <p>1 + 1 - ___ be</p> <p>7 + 6 - ___ who</p> <p>2 + 2 - the</p> <p>10 - 5 - ___ God</p> <p>4 + 4 - ___ of</p> <p>9 + 9 - ___ the</p> <p>10 + 13 - ___ spiritual</p>
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EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

ANSWERS: 1. Persia, 2. priest, 3. Babylon, 4. God, 5. godly, 6. works, 7. Babylon, 8. Edom, 9. sinners, 10. things that are God's

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."