

Happy Birthday!

Rellon Burris 12-05
Isabelle Mabery 12-09
Nellie Crabtree 12-10

Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Romelyn Gothard 12.05.09
Robert & Bearchie Taylor 12.09.88



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS...

Mabry Nursing Home Christmas wish list: Grippy socks, shampoo & conditioner, body wash, candies & chocolate, pj's variety of sizes, hairbrushes (not combs), hair ties, detangler, tissues, chapstick, deodorant, body sprays, word search/puzzle books, adult coloring books, colored pencils, markers. Turn in no later than **December 8**.

December 5: Secret Sister Christmas ornament swap after evening services in the fellowship building- Bring finger food.

December 11: We will be fixing goody bags at 4pm for the 65 and older group.

December 12: Our Christmas dinner right after morning service over in the fellowship building. We will have our evening service immediately following the meal. There will be no 5 pm service.

January 9-12: Gospel Meeting at Willow Ave. church of Christ

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To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)

Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)

Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)

Be immersed in water for remission of sins
(Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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"Thanksgiving"

By John Mabery

The spirit of ingratitude is disturbing, even the most attractive people of all can lose their glory by displaying such a gross personality.

Jesus happened on ten lepers one day (Lk.17:11-19). Leprosy is a painful disease requiring quarantine and often terminates in death. From "afar off",

¹³ ... they lifted up *their* voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

The Lord responded, "Go, show yourselves to the priests", and as they went, they were healed.

¹⁵ And one of them, *when he saw that he was healed* [italics, jm], returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine? ¹⁸ Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this *foreigner* [non-Jew, jm]?" ¹⁹ And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

There's no shortage of explanations about this event, but maybe it's as simple as the following,

1. Nine Jews and one Samaritan ["foreigner"] asked Jesus a favor.

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Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.

Radio: "The Lord's Word" on WLIV 920 AM
10:10 a.m. Monday - Saturday
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2. Jesus granted it (i.e., their bodies were healed).
3. Realizing he had been healed, the Samaritan turned back *to praise and thank the Lord*.
4. Jesus noted that only one of the ten expressed gratitude.
5. For this, the Lord *healed his soul* as well as his body.

Yes, Jesus noticed the *nine*, but even more important, He noticed the *one*, i.e., the *one* wasn't lost in the crowd. Also, the Samaritan, alone, revealed "*faith*", the basis of his being forgiven. Remember what James wrote, (2:18b)

Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Did the ungrateful reveal little or no faith by their *inaction*? The *work* of the Samaritan (i.e., *gratitude*) was an *outward sign* of his *inward faith* (vv.15-16).

Surely, we agree that faith, like gratitude, is visible and animated. By the leper's response, we know at least two things: first, he was happy and grateful; second, he knew God healed him. Like the nine, he also asked for "*mercy*" and received it. But unlike the nine, he thanked the Lord. His *faith* produced his *works* (i.e., *gratitude*), as James said it would. Sure, the nine were happy, but sadly, unthankful. Why? Several things can create a *spirit of ingratitude*, but I'm thinking of an eight-letter - "*entitled*". Though the word can be used in a positive manner, it is frequently misused today, grossly corrupted.

Webster defines "entitled" as, "**having a right to** certain benefits or privileges" (**emp**, jm). A misunderstanding of "*rights*" has spoiled many. For example, the taxes *taken from* American workers become the "*right to have*" by those who *choose* not to work. This attitude has never been as prevalent in this country as it is today. Other countries have done it (e.g., the USSR) and collapsed because workers quit working rather than support the lazy. Some *sincerely* believe they have a *right* to other people's hard-earned money, and worse, aren't grateful. But even worse than that, all people live day by day by the merciful hand of God, but how many thank Him regularly? What shall we say about the military, police, firefighters, doctors, nurses, researchers, parents, teachers, etc. that help us?

If you have nothing to be thankful for, then shame on you! Join me by, (1) resolving to be more mindful of those we depend on daily, (2) expressing gratitude for them regularly, and *especially* our Lord, and (3) resolving not to be like *the ungrateful, unthankful dead*, but like *the still living one*.

Area Hospitals & Rehabs:

CRMC: Carrol Hensley
CRMC Blue Roof: June Crockett,
 Donneitta Johnson

Bethesda Rehab: Jerry Wilson
NHC Smithville: David Ray

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Bobby Tower, Elizabeth McNeill,
 Enoch "Hoss" Brown

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

Bethesada: Grace Sloan
Cedar Hill Senior Living: Jean Haney
Mabry: Lovena (Cricket) Wilson, Fred Heady,
 Ray Pippin
NHC: Paul Pippin, Connie Ballard, Louie
 Newberry
Hillsboro Rehab: Lovia Cowgill
Georgia Rehab: Buddy Flatt

**Those Battling Ongoing Health Issues-
 Prayer List:**

Adele Birdwell, Anna Bell Stafford, Barbara Walker, Bradley Murphy, Brenda Holloway, Darrell Holloway, David & Debbie Wilson, Debbie Allen, Donathan Durham brother of Crystal Scott, Earl Carr dad of Marcia, Gail Bryant, Hillary Broome, Jackie Mathis, Jeanie Thomas, Jo Helen Brown, Lela Durham, Lora Cravens, Margie Dyer, Margie Goodwin, Moydene Robinson, Micheal Holloway, Pam Crespo sister of Jimmy Strong, Raymond Haney, Sandy Haney, Pauline Richardson, Savanna Davidson daughter of Donnie Mayberry, Shawn Staggs son in law of Tim Mitchell, Shelby Bryant, Sherri Merwine, Sherry Arms, Thomas Brown, Velma Hix,
 BATTILING CANCER
 Anna Lee Burchett, Barry Turner, Ben Young, Frances Luck, Haylee Mathis, Kinner Hawkins, Layla Ledbetter, Maibelle Dyer, Mike Hamlet, Rex Berry, Rosie Killian sis of Ruby, Roslyn Stout sister of Ruby, Ruby Anderson, Steve Higginbotham, Vickie Pigg, Villary Campbell, Vanderbilt apartment's: Lori Davenport

Privileged to Serve December 12, 2021

Ushers	Mark Collins
.....	Ronnie Martin
Announcements	Carl Call
Song Leader	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Mike Martin
Speaker	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Bill Coe
Closing Prayer	Jacob Martin
Oversee Lord's Supper..	Roy Young
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading.....	Dale Dennis
Serve	Ben Gentry
.....	Roy Smallwood
.....	Caden Fox
.....	Donnie Mayberry
.....	Roger Anderson
.....	Carl Call
Alternate to Serve	Sjon Gentry
.....	Jerry Young
Dismiss Classes	Jerry Young
Count Contribution	Rellon Burris
.....	Dakota Burris
.....	Andrew Burris
.....	Jackson Conner
Response Card	Burton Young
PowerPoint.....	Mike Martin
Live Stream.....	Blake Maberry
Adult Bible Class.....	John Mabery

Sunday Evening December 12, 2021

Speaker	John Mabery
Scripture Reading	
Song Leader	Jonathan Conner
Opening Prayer	Ronald Strong
Closing Prayer	Jimmy Strong
PowerPoint.....	

Wednesday Evening December 15, 2021

Song Leader	Randy Duke
Devotional	Sjon Gentry
Opening Prayer	Roger Anderson
Closing Prayer	Jimmy Strong
Adult Bible Study.....	Ronald Strong
Powerpoint.....	Jonathan Conner

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