

The Lantern

Highway Church of Christ 704 West Jackson Street, Sullivan, IL 61951



Times of Worship

Bible Classes—9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship—10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship—6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Elders

Lyle Baumgartner
Wayne Miller
Ron Thomas

Preacher

Ron Thomas

WELCOME to today's Bible class and/or worship assembly. It is our hope that you will have been blessed in joining with us in praise of our Lord. We especially appreciate any that may be **VISITORS**. We hope you will return at every opportunity.

Ron's blog

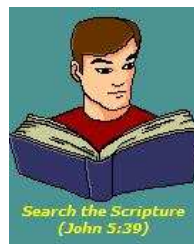
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THE KEYS TO SALVATION

HEAR the gospel	Rom.10:17
BELIEVE the gospel	John 3:16
REPENT of your sins	Luke 13:3
CONFESS Christ	Mt. 10:32
Be BAPTIZED	Mark 16:16
	Acts 2:38
Live FAITHFULLY	Rev. 2:10

November 22, 2009

Bible Reading Schedule



● Sunday	Acts 26-28
● Monday	Romans 1-3
● Tuesday	Romans 4-7
● Wednesday	Romans 8-10
● Thursday	Romans 11-14
● Friday	Romans 15-16
● Saturday	1 Corinth. 1-4

News & Notes

- ❖ If you have interest in receiving a copy of the lessons David Pharr presented please let Ron or Wayne know.
- ❖ Marriage Retreat in February with info on the BB.
- ❖ Information on the BB about the H1N1 vaccine.
- ❖ Thursday is Thanksgiving, hopefully you will be giving thanks each and every day.
- ❖ If you have a Sullivan rural route address and it was changed please let Brenda know so that a new directory can be put together.

Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Want to know something you can do that will please God? Rejoice in his grace. Pray for others. Give thanks for your blessings. It's simply something that he wants us to do.

George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation Issued on October 3, 1789

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits and humbly to implore his protection and favor; and "Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness;"

"Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November next to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto him our service and humble thanks for his kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of his providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which he has been pleased to confer upon us."

"And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best"

Though this has been in the bulletin before, it is worth putting in again. [Ron Thomas]

Rules For the Holiday Season

As we enter the "core" of the holiday season, please allow me to remind us all of some things we can do to make and keep it a joyous time for us all:

- **Be careful about your spending.** Stick to a budget. Life does not consist in the quantity or price of things (see Luke 12:15).
- **Do something for others.** Whether it is with a group or on your own, give a little extra to help someone in need. In your plans (parties, etc.), try to include those who may not have plans of their own (widows, singles, couples who live far away from family, etc.)
- **Face your negative feelings.** If you are sad about a loved one who is no longer alive, think about them and face the sadness, but end your contemplation with a reflection of the precious memories and the positive influence of that person on your life.
- **Use part of your time to take personal inventory and set goals for the coming year.** Try to avoid too much self-criticism, but be realistic in your evaluation. Prioritize and set some attainable goals (not too many at once) for yourself in the new year.
- **Enjoy the happy moments.** Try to truly savor the times of celebration. They will serve you well as sweet memories in the years to come.
- **Count your blessings!!**

Lance Cordle

Judging by Appearance

Two businessmen were traveling by train to an important business meeting. In the seat opposite them was an old man with a shaggy beard, dressed in tattered sweater and jeans. Throughout the ride the two told each other crude jokes about bums and tramps, with particular reference to the chap in the next seat. When they arrived at the meeting they discovered this “tramp” was a world-class scholar and the meetings’ keynote speaker. Realizing he had heard everything they said on route, they apologized.

“It is not my forgiveness you need,” he responded, “but the forgiveness of all the common people you hold in such disdain.”

Sadly, many are disrespectful to their fellowman based on outward appearances. I attended a Lectureship once, and as the speaker of the hour was about to take the platform, I said to myself, “He looks like a country bumpkin. This is sure to be a boring sermon.” To my surprise it was one of the most powerful sermons I can remember hearing. You can’t always judge a book by its cover. Perhaps we should heed the following words: “for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7). Perhaps the following exhortation should be heeded as well: “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. (Matthew 7:12).
Tom Moore

SENTENCE SERMONS

- ❖ What you think of yourself is much more important than what others think about you.
 - ❖ Silence is foolish if we are wise, but wise if we are foolish.
 - ❖ The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong. -Mahatma Gandhi
 - ❖ Stay Humble or Stumble
 - ❖ Don’t be what you isn’t, just be what you is, cause if you is what you isn’t, you isn’t what you is. -- Millie Otto
 - ❖ If you really believe in the brotherhood of man, and you want to come into its fold, you’ve got to let everyone else in too.
 - ❖ Be cautious. Opportunity does the knocking for temptation too.
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