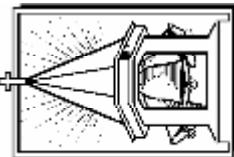


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## Hours of Worship & Activities

<b>Sunday</b>	
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Morning Worship
4:45 PM	Choir Practice
6:00 PM	Evening Worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	
12:00 PM	Fun & Fellowship/Gym
<b>Wednesday</b>	
6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM	Team Kids
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:30 AM	Nursing Home Visitation
12:00 PM	Fun & Fellowship/Gym

## Other Opportunities for Service

**Brotherhood** - Meets at 7 a.m. the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.

**Lamplighters** - Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m.

**WMU** - Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch immediately following the meeting.

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# The Chimes

NOVEMBER, 2009



Do you have a favorite Thanksgiving song? Mine is from Bill and Gloria Gaither:

**"We are so blessed by the gifts from Your hand, I just can't understand why You've loved us so much..".**

Have you ever had a time in your life when everything seemed to go wrong and you couldn't seem to do anything right and it seemed as if the whole wide world was against you? You have? Well so have I. And if the truth be known, probably every single one of us could tell stories about such depressing times in our lives. Let me tell you a story about a young married couple who experienced such a time.

I was in the middle of a counseling session with them, when one of those precious "teachable moments" occurred. The wife worked outside the home, so the husband was trying to share household chores by doing some laundry, vacuuming, etc. Without explanation, he had suddenly quit doing these things, and had become withdrawn and non-communicative. The wife retaliated passive-aggressively by having a "headache" at bedtime. He retaliated. She retaliated. You get the picture.

When I asked the husband why he had suddenly stopped doing those things to help out, he replied, "That's simple. She didn't appreciate what I was doing. She never said 'Thank You' even one time. She just took it all for granted."

The wife exploded! "What makes you think I don't appreciate those things? Do I have to give you a personal hand-written thank-you card each and every time you load or unload the dishwasher? And you talk about being taken for granted, what about me? Do you or the kids ever thank me for the meals I cook; or for driving them to soccer practice and piano lessons? Do you ever thank me for sacrificing money and the week-end so you can go deer hunting while I take the kids to church!?" Etc., etc.

The husband—trying to justify himself—responded, "I work hard in construction every day good weather or bad! I deserve to be able to go hunting!" Etc., etc.

So this was that precious "teachable moment" that presented itself to me. I began by calling a time out from the bickering. Then I asked them both a series of questions: "Did the sun come up this morning where you live? Do you have ample oxygen to breathe, thus sustaining your lives today? Since you both have cars to drive while others are unemployed; is there gas in your tanks, tires on the cars, and roads to drive the cars on? Do you live in a house or under an interstate bridge? Do you have a refrigerator in your home? Does it have food and drink in it? Do you enjoy electricity in your home? Where did you get the water to make coffee this morning? Did you carry it from a spring or did you dip it out of a creek? Did you take a bath last evening? Did you do so in a #3 washtub or did you bathe in the creek?"

I notice that you both can see and hear, and that you are not paraplegic. Do either of you have cancer? Diabetes? Heart disease? Asbestosis? Are your children healthy? Do either of them have smallpox or polio or aids?

Does not the Bible say that every good and perfect gift comes from above, from the Father? When was the last time you thanked Him for the tires on your cars or the electricity to run your refrigerator? Did you thank Him yesterday for two healthy, smart, beautiful children? Have you thanked Him for your sight and hearing, and your health in general? Or have you also taken God's gifts for granted?

So why does God continue to do these things for you? What is His motivation? Is it not because He loves you? And if this is true, shouldn't you, who are created in His very image, do the same for each other because you love each other?

We then prayed together, asking God to forgive us for being presumptuous about His blessings to us. This couple then asked each other for forgiveness and promised not to take each other for granted in the future. I silently thanked God for a successful "teachable moment."

We then opened the hymnbook I keep on my desk to my favorite Thanksgiving song and we sang together: "**We are so blessed by the gifts from your hand...**"

On this Thanksgiving Day, it is my prayer that all of you reading this article will take a few moments to name just as many of the blessings bestowed upon you by God as you can think of, and thank Him for each and every one. Because, truly,

**"We are so blessed by the gifts from Your hand..."**

Dr. Creel

## ATTENTION! CHURCH FAMILY

The WMU invites **everyone** to join us Wednesday, November 4, at 10:00 a.m. to pack shoe boxes with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to children around the world.

A covered dish lunch will be served after the fun of packing and Christmas wrapping the boxes. Bring your shoe box, small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy, toy jewelry, t-shirts, socks, watches, flashlights, etc. for children ages 2 - 14. It costs Samaritan's Purse \$7 to ship each shoe box to a child. If you wish to give money to help with the shipping, please make checks payable to FBC Chickasaw or to Samaritan's Purse.



## Sunday School Attendance

09/27/09 - 10/25/09

	Average	
	Enr.	Att.
Sunday School	187	80
Homebound	7	6

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### THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I appreciate deeply your prayers, cards, and visits during my brother's (Billy Joe Wakeland) illness and death. You all mean so much to me. May the Lord bless each one of you.

Thanks again,  
Judy Wakeland

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The family of Mignonne Smith acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. The flowers were beautiful.

Mike, Bev, Lon, Judy, and Len

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Dear Dr. Creel

We are so very grateful to you and your church members for allowing us to use the Fellowship Hall for our Remembrance Service. It worked out perfectly for us.

Please accept this gift with our deep appreciation.

Sincerely, Lee Green, Covenant Hospice.

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### MEMORIALS

Gifts in memory of  
**Mrs. Mignonne Smith**  
were given by:

Lula Moore  
Linda and John Ruffin  
Lula McCaa  
Tom and Debra Hayward



**Daylight Savings Time  
Ends November 1.**

**Remember to set your  
clocks back Saturday  
night!**

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jane Reeves  
Melita and Dennis Ham  
Gloria Cox  
Valerie Smith  
Karla and Chuck Autrey

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**Veteran's Day Service**  
November 8

There will be a recognition of our veteran's and posting of the flags in the morning worship service. The choir will sing a medley of patriotic songs.

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**Advent Season**  
Our advent season begins  
Sunday, November 29,  
in the morning worship service.  
Please join us as we light the  
"candle of hope."

