

Remember . . .

Federated Board meetings every 1st Saturday after the 1st Sunday at 10 AM.

The Women's Board requests \$5.00 each 2nd Sunday from all women to cover expenses for guest speakers and meal preparation during Women's Board events. You may use your credit or debit card listed below in Payment Methods.

Pastor's Appreciation Offering Day is every 4th Sunday.

The School Supplies for students collection is ongoing.
Contact Rev. LaDonna Cartwright, Rev. Sharon Fisher, or Rev. Tammy Chestnut at 816-231-2829x702.

Tithes and Offering Payment Methods

There are many ways to bless God with your tithes and offerings when you cannot get to church. At any time, day or night, you can:

- Text to give – text to 888-364-4483, and enter MSCC
- Use the MSCC App (download it at the Apple Store or Google Apps)
- Call the church, dial 816-231-2829, then 701, to contact a Trustee who can receive your offerings
- Use USPS to mail in your tithes and offerings
- Drop off your tithes and offerings by appointment

Weekly Church Activities

Sunday Mornings

Instruction 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship Broadcast 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday Evenings

Bible Study, Rev. Ralph Taylor – 7:00 pm on Zoom

Meeting ID 917-2731-2074; Passcode 632023.

Wednesday Evenings

Bible Study, Rev. Dr. Virgil Brown -- 6:00-7:00 PM on Zoom:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87208511221?pwd=dWVZaXB2VTNkVE9ISE0yTVFHdUVrdz09>,

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Sunday, November 20, 2022

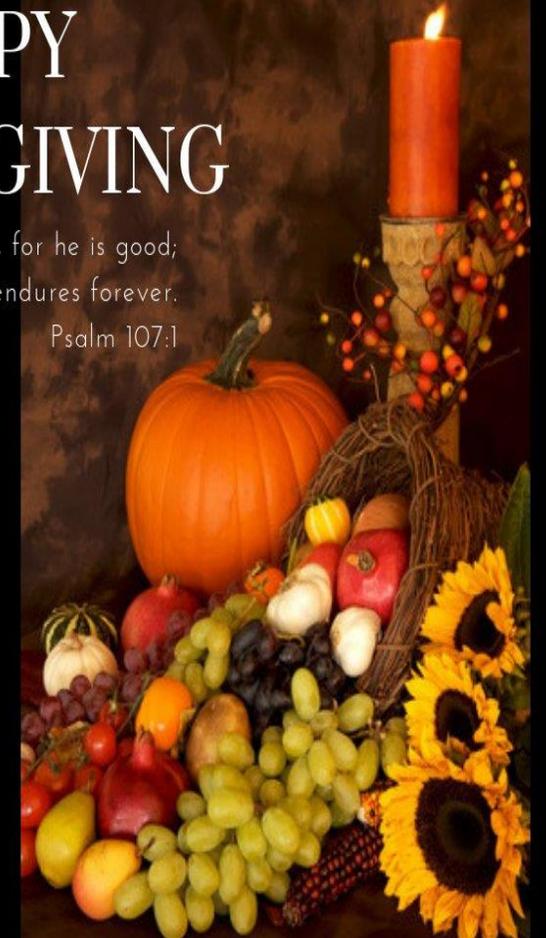
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1



Bishop James G. Bryant, Sr., Senior Pastor
Rev. Ivy A. Ganaway, Assistant Pastor
Rev. Dr. Virgil Brown, Associate Pastor
Bishop James D. Tindall, Sr., Pastor Emeritus



Santa for Seniors (Hospitality Committee Project - 2022)

For this year's project, the Hospitality Committee has adopted the Meyers Nursing Home. This is a 84 bed facility located at 2315 Walrond, Kansas City, MO.

We will be collecting toiletries (lotion, body wash, deodorant, etc.), as well as table games (dominoes, cards, checkers, etc.), both men and women's socks, candy, and fingernail polish. This project began in January and will end in mid-December 2022.

We are not soliciting items from the church members. However, anyone wishing to donate can give donations to Sis. Linda Waters or Sis. Sharon Ramsey.



Remember to donate bottled water To the church.



Food Pantry: The Pantry is temporarily inactive.



The Youth are still on the move with their domestic outreach initiative Project HOT (Helping Others Today)! You can continue to support this ongoing effort by purchasing long- and short-sleeved tee-shirts (\$25) or sponsoring kit (\$25) on the church website. For more information contact Jeremy Tindall, Faith Bryant, Martrice Hutton, Rev. Tami or Lauren Chestnut.

Special Events and Reminders . . .

11/20	Sunday	Join the Sunday morning service in person, or streaming live via <i>the MSCC App</i> . (Available at no cost at the Google Store.)
11/21	Monday and Every Day	 Join The Prayer Line 5:30 AM. Add to your contacts list the Dial-in Number and Participant Access Code is 17128327010,,5107401#
11/22	Tuesday	Join Rev. Ralph Taylor's Tuesday Night Bible Study every Tuesday evening at 7 PM on Zoom
11/23	Wednesday	Join Rev. Dr. Virgil Brown for his Wednesday Night Bible Study every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 PM on Zoom.
11/26	Saturday	Choir rehearsal, 11 AM



Shalom:

2Jn 1:3 Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Have a blessed day,
Rev. Dr. Virgil Brown

To receive daily Bible scripture, ask Dr. Brown to place your name on his mailing list. Email him at drvirgilbrown@att.net.

Thanksgiving 365 (excerpts)

Proverbs 15:16-17

By Ray Pritchard, November 24, 2012

“All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast.”

I love that last phrase. “The cheerful heart has a continual feast.” *People with a cheerful heart have Thanksgiving 365 days a year.* What is the secret? In Proverbs 15:16-17 Solomon reveals two qualities that produce the cheerful heart that enjoys a continual feast. These attitudes of the heart are within the reach of all of us because they do not depend on income, position, reputation, education, the size of our bank account, or any sort of worldly attainment.

The least among us may have a “continual feast” wherever we go if we take these two verses to heart.

I. Fill Your Heart With Faith.

“Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil” (v. 16)

Check out the first word: “Better.”

Some things are better than others. Solomon (who was the richest man in the world) does not mean to exalt poverty as if it is to be preferred to wealth. *Most poor people would like to be wealthy if given the chance, and many of them work long hours to try and get ahead.*

So this is not a proverb in praise of living on the edge of financial disaster.

Writing 250 years ago, English pastor John Gill summarizes the blessings of the man who fears the Lord:

For such a man, though he has but little, which is the common portion of good men, yet he does not lack; he has enough, and is content; what he has he has with a blessing, and he enjoys it, and God in it, and has communion with him; and has also other bread to eat, the world knows nothing of: and particularly having the fear of God, the eye of God is upon him with pleasure; his heart is towards him, and sympathizes with him in all his troubles; his hand communicates unto him both temporal and spiritual meat, which is given to them that fear the Lord; his angels encamp about him, his power protects him; his secrets are with him, and inconceivable and inexpressible goodness is laid up for him.

Let this one sentence sink in: “What he has he has with a blessing, and he enjoys it, and God in it, and has communion with him.” Can the world offer anything better than that?

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Do you like helping people?

Do you like helping others within the Church body? If so your gift is a perfect fit for the Ministry of helps! If you would like to serve as a part of this Ministry, please give your contact information to Sister, Rachelle Biggins, 816-749-9289, or Sister, Sharon Ramsey, 816-500-6613, or Evangelist Ester Holzendorf, 816-965-8137.

"And God has set some in the Church, first APOSTLES, secondly, PROPHETS, thirdly, TEACHERS, after that MIRACLES, then gifts of HEALING, HELPS, GOVERNMENTS, DIVERSITIES of TONGUES". 1 Corinthians 12:28.

"There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit". 1 Corinthians 12:4.

Your gift is needed ! "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ". 1 Corinthians 12:12.

"He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things. And HE Himself gave some to be APOSTLES, some PROPHETS, some EVANGELIST, and some PASTORS, and TEACHERS. For the equipping of the saints, for the work of MINISTRY, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into HIM who is the Head---CHRIST---from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does it's share, causes growth, of the body for the edifying of itself in love". Ephesians 4: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.

Working together in love we accomplish what the Lord has for us to do. He is our Helper!! All of HIS promises are yea, and Amen in HIM!!!! God is still God!!!

Love you!

From Evangelist, Ester L Holzendorf

Thanksgiving 365 continued ...

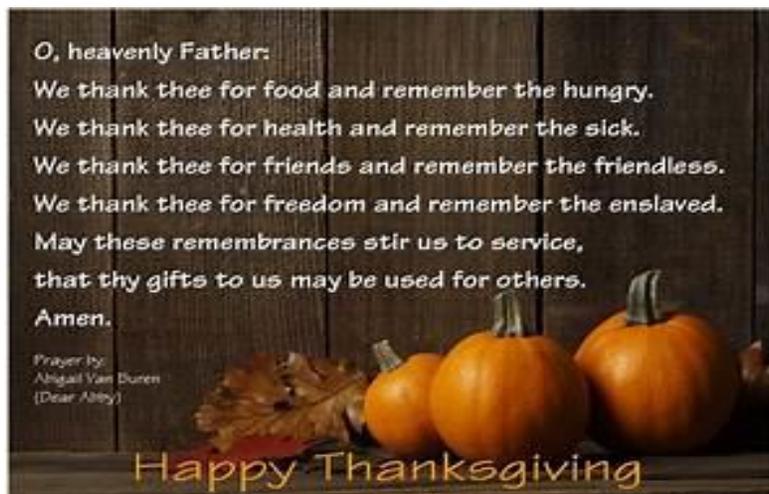
Matthew Henry and Solomon agree. Some things are better than other things. If you have a lot or if you have a little, as long as you have God, you have what you need. Better to have God than to live without him in the world.

I leave you with the song made famous by George Beverly Shea. It seems to perfectly capture the deeper meaning of our text.

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands;
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand
Than to be the king of a vast domain
And be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

Perhaps we should all say those words out loud and let them be our application of this truth. I'd rather have Jesus. How about you?

End



Thanksgiving 365 continued ...

II. Fill Your Home With Love.

“Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred” (v. 17).

Here are a few other translations of this verse:

“Better a meal of greens with love than a plump calf with hate” (CEB).

The Contemporary English Version offers us this beautiful reading:

“A simple meal with love is better than a feast where there is hatred.”

The ERV simplifies the meaning down to the bare essentials:

“It is better to eat a little where there is love than to eat a lot where there is hate.”

Finally, we have this from Eugene Peterson (The Message):

“Better a bread crust shared in love than a slab of prime rib served in hate.”

All the versions come out at the same place. The most bountiful feast in the world may be ruined if the people at the table hate each other. Discord at the dinner table destroys a good meal, no matter how sumptuous the fare, whether it be prime rib or T-bone steaks or turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. Your cooking may equal what they offer on the Food Channel, but if your loved ones do not really love each other, what good is all that effort and all that time and all that money? You might as well skip the meal altogether.

III. Thanksgiving is a Choice.

“But he brought his people out like a flock; he led them like sheep through the wilderness” (v. 52).

That's us. We're God's sheep. Every time you turn around, we're going our own way (see Isaiah 53:6). Left to ourselves, we'll get lost, or we'll wander back to Egypt, or we'll start fighting each other, or we'll end up as supper for the wolves. We're unruly and we don't like to be led and sometimes we're just plain dumb.

But God leads his sheep all the way through the wilderness. By his grace, eventually we make it to safety and rest and shelter.

There is a “better” way to live, but it depends on us believing that our Shepherd knows what he is doing even when we think we have a better idea. If we have faith and if we have love, then we have what we need at this very moment. I love how Matthew Henry puts it:

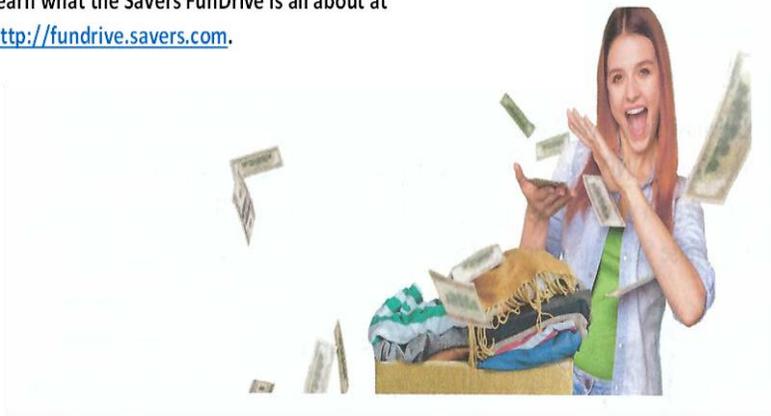
“It is therefore far better, and more desirable, to have but a little of the world and to have it with a good conscience, to keep up communion with God, and enjoy him in it, and live by faith, than to have the greatest plenty and live without God in the world.”

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Coming Soon! The Metropolitan Spiritual Church of Christ is embarking on a new fund raiser - *The Fun Drive Challenge!* Start gathering your gently-used clothes and household items now for donation to Savers, and stay tuned for further details!

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Learn what the Savers FunDrive is all about at [Http://fundrive.savers.com](http://fundrive.savers.com).



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PRAYER THE BELIEVER'S SECRET WEAPON

Pray for Our Bereaved . . .

The Family of James Grayson, Jr., brother of Sister Karen Gatson, and nephew of Sister Betty Harris.

Pray for Our Sick and Shut-in -- Send them cards, call, and visit them!

Lawrence Thomas (son-in-law of Bishop and Sis. Tindall)	Bro. Rudy Grant Hopkins
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Patricia Sawyer

Sis. Shirley Givens, Wilshire Lakewood Care Center, 600 NE Meadowview Dr., Room 201, Lee's Summit, MO 64064

Little Crystal Oats (daughter of Sis. Kristen Oates; granddaughter of Sis. Crystal Oats; and, great-granddaughter of Sis. Cleo Pollard)	Michelle Brown and her son, Troy (T.J.) Hunter (the daughter and grandson of Rev. Dr. Virgil Brown)
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Ms. Audrey Banks (cousin of Rev. Tammy Chestnut)	Tony Ellis
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Bro. Gary Tindall, Jr.	Bro. Mitchel Strong
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Sis. Sharon Owens	Venus Moor (sister of Rev. Flawn Barber)
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Happy Birthday

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Rochelle Biggins

Noah Smith

Barry Raines

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Rev. Dr. Sharon Fisher

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Zoey Hyche

Rev. Mary McDonald

(St. Joseph, MO)

Barry Craig Owens

Marsha Taylor

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Charlotte Tindall

David Pasley, Jr.

Mike Keeling

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Rev. Priscilla O'Toole



Happy Anniversary

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George & Molly McCullough

In Memorial

Delores Smith

Walter Parker

Jewel Webster

Please text additions and corrections to the birthday listing to Shirley Gregory at 571-389-0128.