



# HAPPY HEARTS HERALD

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## THANKSGIVING

In 1789 George Washington issued a proclamation declaring that Thursday the 26 of November should be a day of Thanksgiving. In the proclamation, he said: "Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of our Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits...Now, I do recommend and assign, Thursday, the 26th day of November ....that we may all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care of the people of this country." It is an admirable thing to have a special day set aside to give thanks to God for His many blessings upon our lives and the life of our nation. However, thanksgiving for the Christian should not be consigned to one day of the year. It should be an attitude that we must carry with us at all times and in every situation of life. When Paul said, "in everything give thanks," he did not necessarily mean that we could or should be thankful for bad situations or bad people. He was rather saying that we should keep our focus upon God in every situation, whether good or difficult. It is only when we keep our focus upon God that He can turn trials and tragedies into triumph. It is not difficult to be thankful when everything is going well, although we often don't remember to thank God even in those times. We often go along not recognizing how blessed we are. The Biblical admonition, "In everything give thanks..." isn't easy. "Everything" covers all kinds of situations. It says give thanks in the midst of hardship and trial. It covers the times when people don't treat us well. It includes times of sickness and heartbreak and whatever else life may throw at us. The fact is that God is not telling us to be thankful for bad things and bad people. He is admonishing us to give thanks to Him in spite of bad people and in the midst of difficulties. In other words, God's desire is that we keep our focus upon Him. If our focus is upon God, we have His grace and strength to enable us to deal with difficult situations and people. I must confess that this is a difficult admonition to live out day by day, but if we spend time in His Word and in prayer each day, He will give the strength and grace to "Rejoice in the Lord" no matter what's going on in our lives. As the Bible says, "The joy of the Lord is your Strength" Nehemiah 8:10.

*Bro. Charles*

Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have.



"Veterans Day" is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have.

**VETERANS DAY  
IS NOVEMBER 11.  
THANK YOU  
TO ALL OUR  
VETERANS FOR  
YOUR SERVICE.**

## Happy Hearts Humor

An old man decided his old wife was getting hard of hearing, so he called to make an appointment to have her hearing checked. The doctor said he could see her in two weeks, but in the meantime, there was a simple, informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the dimensions of the problem.

"Here's what you do. Start about 40 feet away from her. Speak in a normal conversational tone and see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening as she was in the kitchen cooking dinner, the man said to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens."

"Honey, what's for supper?"

No response.

So he moved to about 30 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?"

No response.

He moved into the dining room, about 20 feet away.

"Honey, what's for supper?"

No response.

On to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?"

No response.

Finally, he walked right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?"

"For the fifth time, TURKEY!"



## HAPPY HEARTS HAPPENINGS

**TUESDAY, NOV. 10  
BREAKFAST**

8:30 AM

at Sunny Street Café  
7143 Hwy. 72 W. Madison

**SR . LADIES' PRAYER  
WEDNESDAYS**

@ 9:00 AM

in Steadfasters SS room

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 19  
GAME NIGHT**

6:00 PM

in the Basement.

Bring soup, salad or  
sandwich, and  
desserts & drinks

WALL HIGHWAY BAPTIST CHURCH  
6597 WALL TRIANA HIGHWAY  
MADISON, AL 35757



*Praise the Lord.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
His love endures forever.*

*Psalm 106:1*