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A Visit With Dr. John.....

No Thanks

No thanks. These two simple words frequently are used to decline an offer of some sort. Most of us would be well advised to use them when we are tempted to indulge in the second or third helping of turkey and dressing. We desire that our children just say “no” to drugs. Anyone can profit by saying (and meaning) “no thanks” to base temptations. This little phrase can save a lot of pain and trouble for those who employ it in the right way at the right time.

The words can be used to signify something other than declining an offer. They may constitute an accurate descriptive phrase for some people. There are some thankless people in this world. They think not of gratitude towards others or toward God. They offer no thanks verbally or other wise. Such are people with “no thanks.”

The “no thanks” people, who take and enjoy blessings from the Lord and favors from men, yet say or do nothing to express gratitude, hardly provide good examples for living. Rather than people to look up to, they remind one of hogs who root around under the oaks trees and eat the acorns but never cast an upward glance at the source of their blessings.

Too many people can be described by these words. Consider this example. In Autumn of 1860, a side-wheeled steamboat, *The Lady Elgin*, collided with a lumber schooner one mile off-shore in Lake Michigan. Of the 393 persons aboard the vessel, 279 drowned. Edward Spencer swam out and rescued 17 people. From the strain, he became delirious, asking over and over, “Did I do my best?” He suffered injuries from his heroic deed which rendered him an invalid and caused him to be confined to a wheel chair for life. Years after the accident, during an interview on his birthday, he was asked to recall his most vivid memory of that day. The thing that stood out for him was this.: not one of the rescued people ever thanked him! **He received no thanks.**

The story is not very far removed for the story of Jesus healing 10 lepers. At least one of the ten thanked Christ. Jesus also noted His displeasure with thankless people when He asked “where are the nine?”

Common sense and Holy Scripture remind us that “It is a good thing to give thanks.” Let us be aware of our blessings and offer thanks to God and to generous, helpful people.

CCBA Ministers’ Meeting
November 20th
 10:00 a.m.
January Bible Study Preview
 With Dr. Rick Freeman
 CCBA Center

Attention Senior Adults:

Effective immediately. Please send any money for Sr. Adult trips to :
 Elaine Norris
 P.O. Box 312256
 Enterprise, AL 36331
 Any information about the trips can be obtained by calling Elaine at 447-8311.

Calendar of Events

November

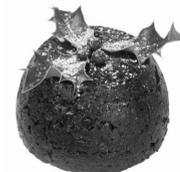
13 - Supper for Vineyard Volunteers
 16 - 24 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
 20 - Ministers’ Meeting—CBC— 10 a.m.
 25 - **NO** Bi-Vocation Ministers Meeting.
 27 - 28 - THANKSGIVING - Office Closed
 30 - Dec. 02 - LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

December

01 - Coffee Cakes for Children’s Home
 04 - Vineyard Workday - 8 a.m.
 Vineyard Meeting - 3 p.m.
 24 - 25 - Christmas Eve/Christmas
 Office Closed

Coffee Cakes

Monday, Dec. 01



Deliver to CCBA
 by 12 Noon

Cake mix and icings can be donated, BUT, homemade cakes and goodies are a real treat.



*Come ye thankful people come,
 Raise the song of harvest home!
 All is safely gathered in, Ere
 the winter storms begin; God
 our Maker, doth provide for
 our wants to be supplied: Come
 to God’s own temple come,
 Raise the song of harvest home.*

Happy Thanksgiving



Cindy and Tim Harris are shown delivering cartons for OCC collection at CCBA. Cindy is Area Coordinator for Samaritan’s Purse.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

Collection dates are
 November 17—24, 2014
 Coffee Baptist Center

Hours for collection are:
 Monday - Friday - 8 a.m. til 4 p.m.
 Saturday - 9 a.m. til 12 :30p.m.
 Sunday- 1 p.m til 4 p.m.
 Monday, Nov. 24 the time for collection will be from 8 a.m. til 9 a.m. **ONLY.**

Please encourage your church family to be a part of this wonderful ministry.