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Right after Thanksgiving we will begin our annual collections for the homeless, foster children, and nursing home residents. Bring any of the following items to our studios, and we will make sure they get into the hands of those who need them most.

Items we are looking for include:

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Count Your Blessings by Bill Powell



As I racked my brain trying to decide what to write I got this tune stuck in my head. I thought maybe I could get it to stick in your head. Unlike some of those crazy things that we hear that drive us nuts, maybe this would be worth it rattling around in our brain.

Thanksgiving is what seems to be the forgotten holiday yet one of the best we have. It has been hijacked by Black Friday. These are the lyrics of one of those timeless hymns. I hope it sticks with you. If you have never heard it hopefully you will find a version and have a listen.

*When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,
 When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
 Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
 And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

Refrain:

*Count your blessings, name them one by one,
 Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
 Count your blessings, name them one by one,
 Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.
 And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

*Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
 Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
 Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
 And you will keep singing as the days go by.*

*When you look at others with their lands and gold,
 Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
 Count your many blessings—money cannot buy
 Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.*

*So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
 Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
 Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
 Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.*

Let me end by counting some of The Cornerstone's blessings. Thank you to everyone who loves the Lord and is concerned for our nation and the lost people in our community. Thank you to all who give of your time, talent and treasure. Thanks for every prayer and helping hand. Thank you for every kind word and deed. Above all thank the Lord for his grace, mercy, Word, and the free gift of salvation through Christ Jesus. We pray you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Col 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*



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Looking Ahead

Nov. 2

Daylight Saving Time ends

Nov. 11

Veteran's Day

Nov. 17-24

*Operation Christmas Child
Collection week*

Nov. 27

Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 28

*100% Christmas music on
The Cornerstone*

The Cornerstone team will be at various Chick-fil-a restaurants the week of

November 17

collecting shoeboxes.

Stay tuned to find out where and when, and bring us your shoeboxes! We look forward to seeing you!

Prayer Corner

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever! Join us as we focus our prayers on giving thanks for his many blessings and everlasting kindness!



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On What or Whom Do We Depend? by Mary Solari



Since the days of old, mankind has been looking for something to fill an innate void within us that was meant to be filled with dependence on our Creator. Most of the time, this is an unconscious replacement. How? Well, I will share a personal example that I'm sure many of you can relate to, relationships.

As a child, I grew up with Disney fairy tales, so you can imagine my shock when at 18 years old, I married my first husband and the not so happily ever after set in. I didn't realize that Cinderella had to be a wife and a mother, and what those duties entailed. My focus became my husband and children, with God coming in third place and I was last. My identity was not the daughter of the living God whose will I strove to do, but was the wife of a man whose happiness, love and approval I worked for every day and a mommy to my girls. But how much time did I give God? And when did I take care of my needs?

Well, God was part of my life, but he wasn't my focus. I did not follow Jesus' command in Matthew 22:37 where it says: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." I gave God a piece of my heart and what time was left after I gave my all to my family. As for my needs, well, I didn't have much of a ranking at all. I was completely unbalanced.

After my divorce, I became lost in the sense that my identity was wrapped up in my now ex-husband. I didn't know who I was and what I wanted out of life. The thought of being alone and having to find myself scared me so much that I tried to fill that void with another relationship. I felt as if I needed another man to take the place of the man I had put first in my life. All along, God was probably saying "Hey, pick me, pick me!!!" God was still a part of my life, we still went to church, I still studied the Bible with my kids, and I still went to him in prayer, but again, he was not FIRST in my life. I had become co-dependent on relationships for my purpose, identity and happiness, not God. It took a humbling experience from God and several years of recovery from my co-dependent thinking to become consciously aware of my need to put God first in my life.

So how can I avoid becoming unbalanced in my life? You may ask. And what other things do people use to fill the void today? What does the bible have to say about all of this? Well, the answers to these questions and more will be addressed in my next newsletter article, so stay tuned...



100% Christmas Music

November 29 is not Black Friday around here! We begin serving up 100% Christmas music the day after Thanksgiving, and we think we have the best collection around. For more than 15 years we have worked to assemble the best of the best in inspirational Christmas tunes. We feature the Christian artists you hear on The Cornerstone every day. Tune in and catch some of these classics – new and old.

The Incredible Shrinking Hedge by Donna Bramlett



For centuries the United States has lived in the shadow of a sovereign hedge, a protective shield built by faithful saints in American history. Neither World War I nor World War II touched our shores (Hawaii was not a state when Pearl Harbor was attacked). The Middle East crises have always remained in Asia. Diseases like Ebola and dengue fever were something we read about in far off places, but they did not cross our borders. Not so anymore. The hedge has been breached, and God has shown us our vulnerability in our military might through 9/11, in our economy through the real estate debacle, and now in our health.

So as Christians, what is our response? Prayer? Absolutely. Repentance on behalf of our nation? Definitely. Become domestic missionaries? Everyone of us. But we need a hedge. In Israel when Elijah stopped the rain for three and a half years, he sheltered behind a hedge just big enough for a widow, her young son, and himself. If our country must undergo correction or even judgment for

rejecting God, it leaves us all vulnerable. Our solution must be to build smaller hedges around our homes, our families, our churches, and our businesses. Stake the boundaries around what God has entrusted to you, and raise the flag of righteousness.

David found his hedge as he faced King Abimelech in the king's own courts. He realized that if he were to leave safely, his hedge could not be manmade, and he penned these words after that encounter: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. (Ps. 34:7) Such an awesome God! He offers to be an ally encamped around those who fear Him. Here's what that looks like: Come... I will teach you the fear of the Lord... keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. (Ps.34:11-14) We express our fear of God by turning away from sin. Now there's a battle plan for you. The victory is not to the swift and strong, but to the one who turns from evil in fear of the Lord. May we construct strong hedges of righteousness and find shelter under God's wings!

A Thanksgiving Thought by Chris Johnson



Psalm 136 is a powerful psalm of thanksgiving! Four times in its twenty six verses the psalmist calls upon the hearers to "give thanks to the Lord." Enveloped in those calls of praise is the assurance "for his steadfast love endures forever." A careful reading of this song presents us with reason after reason to give thanks. It is rich in content and exalts our God with waves of adoration. I point this out because I believe this psalm serves as a helpful choir director to the concert hall of our souls. When we might wonder why we ought to

praise the Lord, these words call our hearts upward to gaze upon the glorious God of creation and salvation. He is the one who has delivered us from sin and death, he has remembered us, rescued us, provided for us and the list goes on and on. Each day we are afforded opportunity to express our thanksgiving to God. Thanksgiving ought to be the breath of the follower of Christ. For what else could we ask for that has not been provided in our Lord's bounty? Oh, how good it is for the child of God to count his blessings naming them one by one, for in doing so our minds are transfixed on our Sovereign Savior and our hearts are captured again by His matchless grace! As

we enter into this season of thanksgiving let us magnify the Lord as we give testimony to his goodness. Let us fix our eyes upon Him who is the "Author and the Finisher" of our faith! Might we gather from place to place in humble adulation encouraging one another and shining the light of Christ into the world around us. Thanksgiving places the focus where it ought to be - on the Giver - and there's no greater one than our great God! I pray your Thanksgiving celebrations will be filled with much joy and overflow with gratitude.

Congratulations!

Karen Clough was the winner of our Business Luncheon drawing! Karen will receive a free lunch at our next Business Luncheon event.

Thank you, Karen, for supporting The Cornerstone as a Business Sponsor!



Tonya Harbuck won the iPad Mini Giveaway at Port Orange Family Days!

Congratulations Tonya!