



Greetings from the Bishop's desk here in San Marcos. November is the month of the year when we recognize and appreciate the fact that we live in a great Nation and are still able to enjoy freedoms that seemingly are quickly being taken from us. But the main reason for Thanksgiving is to recognize the price our founding Fathers paid so you and I could celebrate Thanksgiving Day here in America, our Home Sweet Home.

Thanksgiving must be a time of reflection and appreciation for the many benefits and blessings bestowed upon us by God through His love, compassion, salvation, Power, protection, prosperity, health, strength, families, spouses, friends.... and the list goes on.

Ps 26:7 NKJV -That I may proclaim with the **voice of thanksgiving**, And tell of all Your wondrous works.
Ps 69:30 NKJV- I will praise the name of God with a song, And will **magnify Him with thanksgiving**. Ps 95:2 NKJV- Let us come before **His presence with thanksgiving**; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.
Ps 100:4 NKJV- Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. **Be thankful to Him**, and bless His name.

2 Cor 9:10-12 - Now may He who **supplies** seed to the sower, and bread for food, **supply** and **multiply** the seed you have sown and **increase** the fruits of your righteousness, while you are **enriched in everything** for all **liberality**, which causes **thanksgiving through us** to God.

These scriptures are full of prosperous words; promises of action on God's part and ours also. Let us not forget to give thanks this year with a grateful heart, full of excitement and enthusiasm for what the Lord has blessed us with in 2016.

Bishop Bob Jayne

A Thankful Thanksgiving

The America we witness today has seen much sacrifice
This sacrifice for many, has meant a total giving of life for liberty. Do all truly realize what the human cost of freedom is All citizens should understand what has kept us whole

Should it not be the duty of each American to know this
To become familiar with the reasons of why we exist today
The notion that "that's the way things are" is ludicrous
When a firm explanation is so easily understood

We've survived because of faith, determination, and great sacrifice. The backbone of this country is the strength of its good citizens. Each true American is worth more than all the gold found in history. Selfishness does not rule their home, nor does it drive their thought

And don't just look at our military as a magnificent force
Rather look at each member of our soldiered family with pride. "Ready, willing, and able" have been the finest of each generation whether in Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, or any other place of danger,

Whenever an American military presence moves into action,
Behold the continuation of an outstanding tradition
Formed through freedom, it bravely faces all adversaries
And the flag under which it stands will always fly in freedom

We are and always will be one nation under God
He is the strength we have turned to time and time again
If we did not have Him, we would have perished long ago
God Bless America is more than a song, it is our national prayer

Finally, I wish each fine American a thankful Thanksgiving Day. May you truly realize what we are, and pray to Almighty God for continuation. Be ever thankful for our Armed Forces, and give them the total support they need And please pray for all American families who have paid the price for freedom

(Roger J. Robicheau)

PREPARATION FOR LIFELONG MINISTRY

The following excerpt came from a teaching I did in one of our last School of Ministry classes. I wasn't trying to be Jeff Foxworthy (who does the Redneck jokes), but it sort of sounds like it a tad. Preparation for Lifelong Ministry:

If you cannot endure hardships, you may not be qualified for Ministry.

If you cannot submit to authority, you probably shouldn't be preparing for Ministry .

If you get offended easily, you probably won't want to be in the Ministry.

If you are a self-centered person, good chances are you don't belong in the Ministry.

If you are not sold out to your call, you may want to wait on going into the Ministry.

If you are expecting everyone to love you and receive you, Ministry is not for you.

If you are unable to deal with other peoples issues, Ministry is not a good choice for you.

If your character is questionable, you may want to rethink a Ministry occupation.

If you are able to be swayed by flattery or seductive comments, Ministry is not going to work.

If you cannot receive or sit under someone else's teaching and Ministry for a season, you are not ready for Ministry on your own.

Ministry for the Kingdom of God is not always glowing, exciting or financially stable. But if you are able to endure and prepare and not give up when the going gets tough, you will make it and be a great success in Ministry.

Bob Jayne



FROM THE “OPS CENTER”

Happy Fall Southwest Texas! I know everyone is gearing up for the holidays, so I want to take a moment to provide you with some important items.

DISTRICT SCHOOL OF MINISTRY: I am excited to announce our next School of Ministry on **Saturday, November 19th at the District Headquarters**. The topics are *“Leading from the Middle”* by Pastor Aaron Jayne, Coastal Bend Family Worship Center of Aransas Pass, and *“Organic Diversity”* by Pastor Mylon Avery, The ARC Community Church of Austin. **We will begin promptly at 9:30am**, and dismiss by 2:30pm.

2017 MINISTER CREDENTIAL RENEWAL QUESTIONNAIRE: All renewal questionnaires are due to the District Office no later than **November 30th**. Your Pentecostal Church of God credential will not be renewed if we do not receive your questionnaire. You can download the questionnaire from the district website at <http://swtx-pcg.org/resources/>.

Blessings,

James Miller Jr, COO

Special Prayer for our District Ministers And Spouses

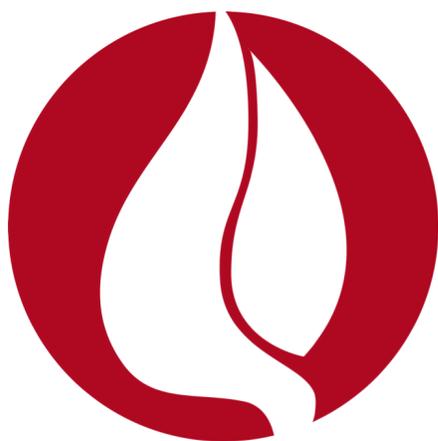
Rev. Ronald Bowden—Continued prayers for a speedy recovery from open heart surgery performed last Friday. The surgery went well, but Bro. Bowden is experiencing some other related issues they are trying to get resolved so he can go home.

Rev. Tom Wilson—Continue to remember Bro. Wilson in prayer.

Delores Chapman—Sis. Chapman still needs prayer as her body continues to heal.



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Mattie Cox	6
Sharon Hooper	9
Derek Cowen	10
Trey Keasler	14
Joe Cheesman	21

ANNIVERSARIES

Curtis & Joyce Jones	13
Richard & Aletha Webb	23
Ron & Jeanne Gratehouse	24
Charles & Wanda Bledsoe	28

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 Impact SWTX Service
 7PM – All are welcome

12.01.16 GULF COAST SECTION – New Beginnings, Rockport
 12.08.16 CAPITOL SECTION – Liberty Lighthouse, Johnson City
 12.09.16 HOT SECTION – North Pointe Church, Copperas Cove
 12.15.16 PROSPERITY SECTION – Trinity Christian, Beeville
 12.16.16 GATEWAY SECTION – Freedom Fellowship, Early

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2016-2017 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Nov 19 School of Ministry—District HQ	Nov 24 & 25 Thanksgiving—DIST HQ CLOSED
Dec 23 thru Jan 2 Christmas Holiday—DIST HQ CLOSED	Jan 17 District Board Meeting—District HQ