

THE LINK

*Devotional Living
Guide, November 23
2008*

**Sugar River United
Methodist Church**

Prayer Link

*Prayers for the
community*

Praise & Thanksgiving

Celebration Sunday

Pray for God's Healing Touch on...

Peggy Ross
Lorrie Koppein
Jess Billmeyer
Mike Cook

Pray for...

George Ross, job
search
American Troops

E-Prayer Chain: A group of
people have covenanted to
pray for special requests
they receive periodically via
e-mail. Please send your
request to
sugarriverumc@tds.net
(Quicker response and more
confidential)

Prayer Link Listing: If you
would like to have your
concern listed in this weekly
publication, please contact
the church office:
sugarriverumc@tds.net or
call 845-5855

Grace Anatomy: The Grace thanksgiving Luke 17:11-19

Inspirational Link

*Thoughts &
insights from
Worship*

The Word Link

*Daily Readings
from God's
Word*

Now What Do You

Say? By Judy Parker

In the check out line at Wal Mart a child begged for money to play the video games . The mother, already checked out, purchases bagged up and ready to go, refused, telling the little boy she had no cash. The lady next in line handed the little blonde haired boy a dollar bill. The mother trying to refuse finally allowed the boy to accept the gift. Looking at her son who was tightly holding on to the dollar, the mother said, "Now what do you say?" The little boy replied, "Can I go play the game now?"

This being November, the month of Thanksgiving, everyone is thinking about thankfulness, something we should think about everyday. As we think of all the gifts that God hands to us, we should ask ourselves, "What should we say?", not, "Now can we go play?"

As I studied on thanks this week I found the Bible has so much to say about thanks. God's Word suggests that we give thanks, commands that we give thanks, tells us how, where, when, why and how often we should give thanks. God's Word also shows Jesus setting an example for us, His children, by He Himself giving thanks.

Here are only a few of the verses that give us instructions on giving thanks.

Monday, November 24

This week, simply read the text and pray for a more profound understanding of thankfulness in your life: A thankfulness that will honor God and be a blessing to you and others.

Suggested: Psalm 92:1 *It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High.*

Commanded: I Chronicles 16:8 *Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.*

Tuesday, November 25

How: Luke 2:38 And she coming in that *instant* gave thanks likewise unto the Lord.

Hebrews 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God *continually*, that is. The fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Wednesday, November 26

Where: II Samuel 22:50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee O Lord *among the heathen*, and I will sing praise unto thy name.

Psalm 105:1 O Give thanks unto the Lord call upon his name, make know his deeds *among the people*.

Thursday, November 27

When: Psalm 119:62 *At midnight* I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

How Often: Ephesians 5:20 Giving thanks *always* for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Why: Psalm 106:1 Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord *for he is good for his mercy endureth forever* (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 118:1; Psalm 136:1; Psalm 136:2; Psalm 136: 3; Psalm 136:26)

Friday, November 28

They Did: Ezra 3:11 *And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord* because he is good for his mercy endureth forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

JESUS DID: Matthew 15:36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes and *gave thanks*, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and disciples to the multitude.

Matthew 26:27 And he took the cup and *gave thanks* and gave it to them saying, Drink ye all of it.

Luke 22:19 And he took bread and *gave thanks*, and brake it, and gave it unto them saying, This is my body which is given for you this do in remembrance of me.

Saturday, November 29

Surely We Will: Psalm 140 :13 *Surely the righteous shall give thanks* unto thy name, the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

Now what do you say?

