

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter

The SLD Newsletter this month features the 1st graduating class of the Women's Leadership Challenge! Also, 2 important due dates are fast approaching: December 31 for the next Men's Leadership Challenge sign-up sheets and January 7 for the L2L pre-convention event forms.

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"... he who leads; with diligence..."
Romans 12:8

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Due Dates

The second Men's Leadership Challenge will begin the first week of January! Several men have told me they are interested in taking on The Challenge! Look for sign-up forms in the South hallway beginning Sunday, December 3. The sign-up forms will be due **December 31**; 10 Men, 10 Weeks, 10 Challenges!

Several Lads-to-Leaders pre-convention events have forms due to me or Dee by **January 7**. Coordinators - please ensure forms are prepared by each participant in the following events:

Advanced Bible Reading
Centurion of Scripture
Gifts
Good Samaritan

Guard
Mass Media
Music Composition
Parade of Winners

Check "Rulebook" for forms at: www.lads-to-leaders.org



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The Challenge

The Women's Leadership Challenge completed on October 26. The ladies gave an outstanding effort and commitment to the tasks. They demonstrated a sacrifice of their time in attending The Challenge sessions and in the successful completion of the 10 challenges. The ladies built stronger relationships and friendships with each other and each lady was encouraged in her spiritual leadership development. Congratulations to each of these ladies on completing The Challenge!

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for the members
of the Germantown
church of Christ as
we lead by being
Christian servants.

A Thanksgiving

In this season of the year we focus on the blessings we have been given. At Thanksgiving we should set aside time to remember that each one of us has been showered with blessings. Our remembrance should include “a thanksgiving” for leadership.

Expressing Gratitude for leaders of our nation

The American Thanksgiving stems from a feast in the autumn of 1621 at Plymouth Plantation, Massachusetts. The festival was held by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people to celebrate the colony’s first successful harvest. The colonists would not have survived the winter of 1620 without help from the Wampanoag.

The bountifulness we enjoy in our country comes from diverse natural resources, a hard-working American ethic and numerous men and women of great character. Great leaders at significant times in our nation’s history have led the people to great achievements. Men and women have fought for our freedoms and always kept our nation sovereign.

As citizens of the United States of America we should express our gratitude to those who have led in times of peace and war; those who led by paying the price to keep us free and secure; and those who have led with a vision which included a reverence of God and a respect of His mighty works.

All blessings and the bountifulness of those blessings come from God.

“...**thanksgiving** be made for everyone ...”

1 Timothy 2:1 (NIV)

Be thankful in prayer for:

- ◆ Our government leaders
- ◆ Our forefathers’ insight in framing our constitution
- ◆ Our freedoms, especially, the right to worship as we please
- ◆ Men and women of the armed services and the great sacrifices they have given
- ◆ Our teachers in school
- ◆ Policemen, firemen and emergency personnel

Giving Thanks for leaders in the church

As Christians we are part of the church which Christ “bought with his own blood” (Acts 20:28). We should be thankful for the sacrifice Christ made for us (1 John 4:10) and that God has reconciled us to Him through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:18).

As members of the church we have a long legacy of leadership in the church. First and foremost, Jesus Christ is the head of the church (Colossians 1:18). Peter and Paul took the Gospel of Christ to both Jew and Gentile (Galatians 2:8). Martyrs have given their life for the cause of Christ (Revelation 6:9).

Today each one of us influences a sphere of people; thus, we are leaders and have the opportunity to use our various talents in the Lord’s work. We should give thanks to God for the opportunities we have and to those who have used their talents to lead others to Christ and the Christian life.

For 58 years in the Germantown congregation we have experienced joy and tears and success and setbacks. We have also seen leadership through example, service and sacrifice.

“... so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause **thanksgiving** ...”

2 Corinthians 4:15 (NIV)

Be thankful in prayer for:

- ◆ Jesus Christ and his sacrifice
- ◆ The Gospel reaching mankind
- ◆ Our congregation
- ◆ Our elders, deacons, ministers
- ◆ Teachers and good examples
- ◆ Parents who instruct their children in the way of the Lord
- ◆ The elderly and seriously ill who set an example to us by attending services whenever they are able

Celebrating Divine Goodness from God our Heavenly Father

The greatness of God is beyond our comprehension (Psalm 145:3). His goodness has been manifested in the creation of life (Genesis 1), His love for mankind (John 3:16) and His willingness to give us good gifts (Matthew 7:11). The blessings we have received from God are too many to count and too wonderful to understand fully.

The kindness of God leads us toward repentance (Romans 2:4) and the greatest of all blessings, which is our salvation - found only in Jesus Christ (John 14:6).

God’s goodness also includes His promises, which He always keeps (2 Corinthians 1:18-23). God has promised to us a resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:51-57), a home with Christ (John 14:2-3), and an eternal life (Matthew 25:46). In heaven we will dwell with God; we will be God’s people and He will be our God (Revelation 21:3).

The divine goodness of God will be celebrated in heaven; let us praise and glorify His name!

“Enter his gates with **thanksgiving** and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

Psalms 100:4 (NIV)

Be thankful in prayer for:

- ◆ Life and health
- ◆ God’s Word
- ◆ God being righteous and just
- ◆ God’s mercy to each of us
- ◆ Salvation
- ◆ Our spiritual family
- ◆ Heaven
- ◆ Eternal life
- ◆ God’s love to us and our love one to another
- ◆ Prayer and access to God