

The Enquiry

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SPECIAL THANKSGIVING EDITION

In this special edition you will find expressions from your fellow students concerning Thanksgiving. We are all aware that each of us has so much for which we should be thankful; however, as I look beyond "things" I find that I'm most thankful for the gifts that God grants to all: love, peace, joy, friendship, and most of all, His Son. I'm grateful for all the "things" of life, for you, and for the privilege of living in this time.

May our Thanksgiving spill over to remain with us throughout the year.

John Perry, Jr.

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Thanksgiving is that time of year when I pause and think of those individuals that mean so much to me throughout the year. There is my wife. She stood with me some time back and said she would always be with me "in sickness or in health, for richer or for poorer, for better or for worse." There are our children. They run with open arms when daddy comes home from school, and cry when he leaves. There are my friends. They listen patiently when I am down in the valley, but rejoice with me when I am on the mountain top. But most of all there is my God. He gave me the most precious gift any human could receive: Life through His Son. Because of this, Thanksgiving is a time to give real thanks to Him for being blessed with such a wonderful wife, children, and friends.

Larry E. Robinson
Senior

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Thanksgiving is a one-day holiday as set aside on our calendar, but unless the other 364 days are days for and of giving thanks, Thanksgiving will not be experienced in its truest sense. "Every good and perfect gift cometh from God." Do our lives express the realization of the ONE worthy of our thanks?

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Gratitude

Teach me gratitude, O God
 For paradoxical things
 For work and weariness
 trouble and toil
 For "grounding" wounds
 When I cry for wings.

For mechanical tasks
 that let me rest my mind
 For brain-crushing chores
 that open hidden doors
 For honest work of every kind
 Teach me gratitude, O Lord.

For troubled friends
 whom I would never know
 if our rendez-vous were sunlight
 and not sorrow
 For all the twilight of tomorrow
 Teach me gratitude, O Lord.

For inadequacy and vincibility
 within the crisis
 or the commonplace of life
 For the knowledge
 I can't solve it all
 Teach me gratitude, O Lord.

For reversal of fortune
 and unexpected strain
 For that which compels
 the death of faith
 and sees it come to life again
 Teach me gratitude, O Lord.

For the pain of growing
 The limits of knowing
 Nascence and renaissance
 For the beauty of the earth
 And its difficulty too
 Teach me gratitude, O Lord.

Murdina MacDonald

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Thanksgiving is simply one day of the year on which we are to give our thanks unto our God. It is the focal point of a season of prayer and praise. In today's society, it comes as a time for families to come together for a table full of food and gay hilarity. Good times are important but is that what Thanksgiving really means? Are we simply to gather around a table of turkey

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and stuffing and make ourselves as stuffed as the turkey? Why must we as people so limit and compartmentalize our Thanksgiving to one day every year? It seems that this day we have set aside for our "thanksgiving" should be placed on a continuing basis every day of our lives by words and actions unto ourselves, our fellow man, and especially unto our God if we are to truly be as we should in the eyes of our God.

Charles W. Brown

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Thanksgiving--It's:

Mom's good cooking
 Dad's going hunting
 Visiting friends
 Watching Macy's Parade on television
 Shopping for Christmas on the Friday after
 The moment when the whole family is together and
 magically the real meaning of GIVING THANKS
 descends like a blanket to cover us all with love
 and Christian fellowship.

Marian Rowland

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Patriotic thanksgiving is a national holiday set aside for tribute to our country's forefathers and heritage. It has become a day of eating, and ballgames set in the midst of a land of plenty. Yet, it seems we are not really thankful. The true meaning and spirit has been lost. Thanksgiving should be reinterpreted to say thanks to God with complete giving of ourselves. This is real Thanksgiving.

Don Morris

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"WHAT DOES A PASTOR DO?"

"The pastor teaches, though he must solicit his own classes. He heals, though without pills or knife. He is sometimes a lawyer, often a social worker, something of an editor, a bit of a philosopher and entertainer, a salesman, a decorative piece for public functions, and he is supposed to be a scholar. He visits the sick, marries people, buries the dead, labors to console those who sorrow, and to admonish those who sin, and tries to stay sweet when chided for not doing his duty. He plans programs, appoints committees when he can get them; spends considerable time in keeping people out of each other's hair; between times he prepares a sermon and preaches it on Sunday to those who don't happen to have any other engagement. Then on Monday he smiles when some jovial chap roars, what a job--one day a week!"

Anonymous

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PRE-REGISTRATION

SPRING SEMESTER - 1973

Graduate Students - Seniors (graduating in May or summer)	2:00 - 4:00 P.M.* Dec. 6-8, 1972	Office of Registrar
Middlers (29+ hours completed by end of this semester)	3:15 - 4:30 P.M.* Dec. 12, 1972	Chapel in Appleby Bldg.
Juniors (0-28 hours completed by end of this semester)	3:00 - 4:30 P.M.* Dec. 13, 1972	Chapel in Appleby Bldg.

1. Secure registration materials from the Office of the Registrar. (Available on Nov. 27, 1972)
2. Confer with advisors - Nov. 27, 1972 - pre-registration time.
3. Students enrolled for B 111, 115, 131, 151 and T 101 will be pre-enrolled in the same sections for the spring semester.
4. Report to the Chapel in the Appleby Building for pre-registration
5. Registration will become final as soon as fees have been paid. Class cards can be secured at the Office of the Registrar afterwards.

*Students who have classes at 3 or 4 P.M. will pre-register immediately after class.

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