

Widows and Orphans Sunday

One particularly impoverished rural region of India was struck with mortality rates during the pandemic.

In a project that served nearly 2,000 people in an area with one of the highest infection rates in the nation, volunteers distributed emergency food rations packed with rice, flour, lentils, oil, and other needed groceries.

One of the widows who was significantly impacted by the lockdowns saw the need in her community and asked to join relief efforts as a volunteer. After frantically searching her house for items to donate, she gave her last seven eggs, some bread and her life savings of \$7 in an astounding act of generosity similar to the widow in Luke 21: "out of her poverty, giving all the livelihood she had" in a selfless offering to God.

A partner on the project who witnessed this incredible generosity shared, "Many [widows] just like her gave sacrificially to our efforts. We sit in their tiny homes and see their need. Yet, because of what He has done and is still doing in them, they give, [regardless of the fact] that many of them are in need as well. Isn't our God good?"

As we look at all the suffering in our world today, it can be easy to become callous or cynical in the face of such persistent pain, but as we intercede for widows and orphans around the world this Sunday, let us also remember the defiant acts of hope and triumphant kindness these marginalized groups continue to embody.

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Pure and undefiled religion before
God the Father is this: to look after
orphans and widows in their distress
and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

JAMES 1:27 (CSB)

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Invocation and Welcome

Hymn No. 638 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn 637 "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

Missionary Prayer Calendar Irma Frye

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 644 "Count Your Blessings"

Scripture Luke 17:11-19

Sermon Rev. Mike Dickey

"Where Are the Nine?"

Hymn No. 321 "The Savior is Waiting"

Benediction

Pre-read for next week: Matthew 25:31-46

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Wednesday group is taking a break over the holiday season. We look forward to beginning a new study after the first of the year.

There will not be new daily devotionals posted during the Week of Thanksgiving. They will return on Monday, November 27th.

To subscribe to our text alerts, text "JOIN" to 804-430-6282. We send out prayer requests and reminders.

Be sure to look for our Daily Devotional on our website:
sapponybaptist1773.org

Missed a sermon? Or just want to hear it again? Our Past sermons are available on our website, Facebook, YouTube, and your favorite podcast app.

On Tuesday, November 21st. at 7pm we will host the Community Thanksgiving Service. Paster Carrie Moffitt from Concord UMC will bring the message.

APPALACHIA CHRISTMAS GIFT PACKING: This will be at Camp Kehukee on November 27-28 from 9am – 2pm. There is also a need for Christmas wrapping paper for this event.