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What Are You Thankful For?

With the Thanksgiving holiday upon us, our minds, no doubt, are focused on things that we are thankful for and the many blessings that fill our lives. Those who are active on social media are well aware of the popular tradition that many have of posting things that they are thankful for each day in November. It is always interesting and heartwarming to read many of the things that people are thankful for. In fact, we all have so much to be thankful for and I hope that you take the time, not just this week, but regularly in your life, to thank God for His love and blessings. But as we approach this Thanksgiving holiday, let me encourage you to think about something with me concerning the giving of thanks.

The New Testament is full of examples and commands concerning the giving of thanks. To thank God for His many blessings is one of the great privileges and responsibilities of being a child of God. But is saying "thank you" enough? It has been said (and I think that it is certainly true) that "thankfulness is better shown than said." It is easy to say "thank you" but a truly grateful heart will go beyond the words to actions. What have you done to express your thankfulness to God? Certainly, a faithful life of obedience and commitment is what God desires from us and, it is a small thing for us to give in exchange for all that God has done for us and promised us. Our worship, our service, our faith, and our devotion are all ways that we show God our love and gratitude for His mercy, grace, love, and blessings. This week, and every week, tell God how thankful you are for His blessings and SHOW Him through your life that you truly mean it!

Rusty

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18



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To Our Guests

We are so pleased and honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Chase Park is a wonderful Christian family, devoted to serving God through our lives and work. We are excited to share our love for Christ with others and we are thankful to have the opportunity to meet you and to have you join us for worship.

As we worship together today, our desire is to worship God according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to Him. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guest. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please ask us. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.

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Lamications—*Andrew Lamica*

It is Thanksgiving week! I love this time of year and I hope you do as well. Thanksgiving is, without a doubt, my favorite of the holidays. I love the food, I love the time spent with family, and the time of reflection that Thanksgiving offers.

It is my hope that you are able to see and be thankful for all of the blessings that God has given you over the course of the past year. God is good and blesses us more than we can ever deserve.

This week I want us to consider the idea of being thankful for God's word, the Bible. Of all the books that have ever been written, there is none that equals that of the spoken word of God. It is within the pages of the Bible that we find all that pertains to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).

The Bible is a compilation of 66 books (39 Old Testament and 27 New Testament), written by approximately

40 inspired writers, and tells the greatest story ever told, the story of God's love for mankind.

When I think about why I am thankful for the Bible, the reasons are abundant! There are so many aspects of Scripture that bless our lives if we allow it to shape our existence on this earth.

The first reason I am thankful for the Bible is that God cared enough about me and you to tell us He exists, and what He expects of us. Realizing this might sound incredibly simple, but let's think about it for a minute. Imagine if God had never told us of Himself or His expectations but then held us accountable on Judgment Day! We would be without hope. Thanks be to God for providing us His written Word.

Secondly, I am thankful God provided His word to us because it is how I know how much Jesus loves me

and you. Jesus loves us so much that He took the penalty for our sins when He did not have to (Matthew 26:53). He was sinless and I am a sinner, the debt was mine but out of love He paid it. I know this because the Bible tells me so.

Thirdly, I am thankful for the Bible because it tells me this world is not all there is (John 14:2-3). Heaven is waiting on me and all of those who are faithful to God. In a world filled with trouble, what a blessing it is to know where I will spend eternity.

I hope you are thankful for the Bible and show your thankfulness by being like the Bereans in Acts 17:11, searching the Scriptures.

I've So much to be THANKFUL lor

Outreach News—Pat Cowden

Good Lord's Day morning to all. It is a pleasure to be part of God's kingdom gathered together to worship Him. Last week I mentioned that folks typically reject listening to the gospel for three main reasons:

- They do not have enough information.
- They do not see you as a reliable source.
- They do not feel a need to change.

In John 4, we have a perfect example of what this looks like in real life when Jesus came in contact with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. All the woman knew about Jesus when He asked her for a drink was that He was a Jew who normally did not interact with Samaritans (v. 9). She did not understand what Jesus meant when he talked about living water (vs.10, 11). She did not understand that Jesus was indeed greater than Jacob her ancestor (v. 12). And there was no good reason to believe Jesus because she had no idea who He was or if what He said was true.

We see her realizing that Jesus was a reliable source when Jesus revealed that He knew she had five husbands and the one she was with now was not really her husband (vs. 16-18). She realized that the only way this stranger could have known that was if God had given him the information.

It wasn't until she realized that Jesus was from God that she looked at her situation and realized she needed to tell others about Him (v. 39). Her whole life was turned upside down by the Messiah and she knew she would never be the same again.

The ability and willingness to take everyday interactions and turn them into opportunities to share information about Jesus and His church is exactly what God is looking for from us! It is my prayer that we will all strive to please our Lord in this wonderful work. There is "no greater joy" (3 John 4) than to be a part of the process of leading someone to faithfulness in Christ.

I love you in the Lord and want to go to heaven with you.

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News Of Interest

Sick

Home: Kyleigh Jones, Jerry Dugan and Libby Lewter.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to **Mary Milam** in the death of her nephew, Jerry Newman.

Congratulations

To **Adam** and **Jessie Kachelman** on the birth and adoption of Elizabeth Saylor Kachelman on Thursday, November 2. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 ozs. The proud grandparents are **Sam** and **Cindy Kachelman**.

Offices Closed

Thursday, Friday, Nov. 23, 24, Thanksgiving holiday.

Pantry Item

Canned white meat chicken.

Membership

Judy Upton, sister-in-law of our Pat Steele, is placing membership with us. Judy previously worshipped at Meridianville Church of Christ. She is the Human Resource Manager for LifeSouth Community Blood Center. Be sure and meet Judy and welcome her to our Chase Park family!

No Balance Class the week of November 19

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Family Care Meeting

D and H meet today, potluck lunch. D Leaders: Brown, Sims; H Leaders: Jennings, Lambrecht, McCall.

E and I meet Sunday, November 26. E Leaders: Corder, Maples, Williams. E Leaders: Adams, Peacock, Pond.

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m. Speaker: **Paul King**

Song Leader: Rick Rosenblum

Hospital Visitation

Team #3 (Suddarth), please pick up your assignments following evening worship.

Children's Ministry Devotional

Today, after p.m. service. Meet in dining room.

Super Seniors

Will not meet Wednesday, November 22.



Thank You

Worship Participants

SUNDAY AM	November 26, 2017
READING	David Brothers
F PRAYER	Greg Parker
LS PRAYER	Naaman Goode
C PRAYER	Derek Horst

SUNDAY PM	November 26, 2017
READING	Philip Williams
F PRAYER	Gary Holzheimer
C PRAYER	Greg McCreless

"Dear Chase Park Family,

Words cannot express the gratitude and love that has been shown to our family during my surgery and recovery. It was so thoughtful of those who were there by Dennis side during my surgery. My heart is so touched by the love that has been shown. I appreciate the warm encouraging cards, the delicious meals, and those who took their time to visit with me and encouraged me during my first week at home. We are so blessed to be part of a loving Christian family. As I have mentioned in the past, Christ can truly be seen in you all. God bless you all! Love,"

Janet and Dennis

"Dear Friends,

Thank you for the many cards and other kind expressions of sympathy at the death of my sister. It is always a comfort to know that others are thinking of me during these times of adversity and grief. May God bless you all! Sincerely,"

Dot Crowson



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Statistics

 Sunday, November 12, 2017

 AM Worship
 356

 Month Average
 364

 Bible Class
 306

 PM Worship
 183

 Wed., Nov. 15 Bible Classes
 249

 Regency Ret. Worship
 42

 Offering
 \$17,671.58

 Budget
 \$18,000

 Average '17
 \$17,845

 Under Budget for year
 \$7,139

 Building Fund
 \$28,795.21

Services

Sunday

Worship	9:00 a.m
Bible Class	10:15 a.m
Worship	5:00 p m

Wednesday

Super Seniors 10:00	a.m.
Bible Class6:30	p.m.

Web Site Home Bible Studies

https://www.cpcofc.org/home-bible-studies (Lesson 1 Link)
The Bible—God's Holy Word