

Welcome to Life Church Meridian! We are excited to have you worshiping with us! If this is your first time to visit or if you have changes in contact info, please fill out a Connect Card (in the chair pocket). Also write any prayer requests or praise reports you have.

Worldly Thankfulness vs. Biblical Thankfulness

In the 1870s Horatio Spafford lost his fortune, his son, and then all four daughters when their ship sank. Passing over the site of the wreck, he wrote "It Is Well with My Soul"—not from happy feelings, but from confidence in Christ's finished work. That response reveals the sharp difference between worldly gratitude and the biblical kind.

Worldly thankfulness is often little more than a tradition of politeness, directed at people, luck, or the gifts themselves, and practiced mainly when life is good. Biblical thankfulness is always directed to God, commanded in every circumstance, and aimed at worship and dependence on Him.

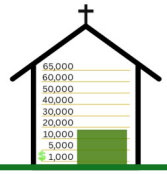
True thankfulness focuses on God Himself—He is enough always, no matter what. As 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." We cannot produce it in our own strength; it requires the Holy Spirit. When we walk in it, gratitude moves from a shallow list to a powerful expression of faith that aligns our hearts with God and opens the way for breakthrough. *- Heather Kopitch*



Building for the FUTURE

Total as of this week:

$22,952



What's Brewin' . . .



- **NO CHURCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT – *HAPPY THANKSGIVING!***
- **Saturday Morning Prayer – 9am**
- **Christmas Party – Time & Date have changed. Now having a Potluck Dinner after church on Sunday Dec. 20.**

TIME & DATE CHANGE

for the

Christmas Party

Potluck Dinner After Church

Sunday • December 20

Signup Sheets will be put out next Sunday.

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