

Order of Worship

8:00 AM: <i>Song Leader: Kevin Caldwell</i>	10:30 AM: <i>Song Leader: Carl Wamble</i>
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Laurel church
of Christ

September 20, 2026

I Think So

“For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he. “Eat and drink!” he says to you, But his heart is not with you.” *Proverbs 23:7*

The way a person thinks frames who that person is. One of life's great challenges is that of keeping one's thoughts from being framed by circumstance or ungratefulness. Sadly, the thoughts of many are shaped by these very things. What one thinks is manifested by one's speech and one's outlook on life. Many have allowed the rigors, thorns, and trials of life to influence them to adopt a "same old same" outlook on life. Many have no hope and no expectation. Life will just be more of the "same old same." Hopelessness, helplessness, and despair are the products of a way of thinking that does not take into consideration the lovingkindness of the great God of heaven and earth.

When David considered the character and deeds of God, he was moved to declare – *Psalms 68:19* “Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us *with benefits*, The God of our salvation!” Every day, because of His covenant love and covenant loyalty, God provides for our daily needs (both spiritual and physical). God’s blessings are to be found in abundance in our daily living. From the air that we breathe to the portion of grace needed to bear a thorn. From the sunshine and rain to the strength that we garner from His word. The list is endless.

An old inspirational quote captures the truth of our blessings – *“When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies within yourself.”* Admittedly, the hardships of life can cloud our thinking. We do not see the reason in every event of life nor is there pleasure in every circumstance. When these things are true, faith must rise to the fore. There is much that we do not know. Yet, we know God. The God of whom Jeremiah declared that His steadfast love never ends (*Lamentations 3:22*) and of whom Paul was fully persuaded as to His constancy (*2 Timothy 1:12*). To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
Ricky Cook

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