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**What Does it Mean to "Give Thanks?"**

During the month of November, I have been preaching through our sermon series entitled, "In All Things, Give Thanks." We've been using 1 Thessalonians 5:18 as our theme verse which says, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I've been trying to use the messages to remind us to give thanks not just in the easy times or whenever it's convenient for us to do so, but especially when we face challenges, trials, and tests of our faith.

However, one thing I haven't addressed much during the sermon series is this question: What does it actually mean to "give thanks?" If, at the Thanksgiving table, I take my turn to say what I'm thankful for, have I given thanks? What if I make sure to pray every day, telling God how thankful I am for this, that, and the other? Have I given thanks then? While telling others what I'm thankful for and expressing my thankfulness to God through prayer are praiseworthy things, I'm not so sure we can qualify those activities as truly giving thanks.

Giving thanks is an ACTION - it's something we DO. I can say how thankful I am for my family and friends, or I can find ways to demonstrate my thankfulness to them. I can tell God how thankful I am for the various things He has brought into my life, or I can look for ways to express my thanks through action. For example, if I'm thankful God has provided me with a roof over my head and food to fill my stomach, maybe I should express my thanks by helping others share in those same blessings instead of only telling God how happy I am to have those things.

This truth is best applied when we stop and realize how thankful we should be that we have been given a new life in Christ. Scripture reminds us that we were all lost in our sin, separated from God by a huge chasm that we could not span. But thanks be to God that He gave us His Son Jesus to do what we couldn't do for ourselves - save us from our sins. Just a moment's reflection on this tremendous gift of grace fills me with a thankful heart, but then I must ask myself how I am expressing that thanks unto God. If we really desire to give thanks for our salvation through Jesus, shouldn't we be sharing that truth with those we encounter?

This Thanksgiving, tell God and tell others all about the things you are thankful for, especially your salvation through Christ, but then go out and express that thanks by finding ways to reach others with the love and message of Jesus Christ.

Blessings!

Pastor Greg

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

<b>Regular Schedule:</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
8:00 A.M. Worship	7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
9:15 A.M. Bible Study	6:00 P.M. Ignite
10:30 A.M. Worship	6:00 P.M. Children's Choir
Lighthouse Harbor	6:30 P.M. Mid-week Meditation
Torchbearers	6:45 P.M. Adult Choir
5:00 P.M. Orchestra Rehearsal	6:50 P.M. Missions
6:00 P.M. Worship	
<b>Activities for November 22 through December 5</b>	
<b>Thursday November 22</b>	
Thanksgiving Day – Office closed	
<b>Friday November 23</b>	
Thanksgiving Holiday – Office closed	
<b>Saturday November 24</b>	
<b>Sunday November 25</b>	
Regular A.M. Schedule	
5:00 P.M. Trustees Meeting	
6:00 P.M. Hanging of the Green	
<b>Monday November 26</b>	
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. CARE "E" Team	
7:00 P.M. FUEL – Girls meet at 362 Moss Lane	
	Boys meet in student center
<b>Tuesday November 27</b>	
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
11:00 A.M. Beth Moore Study (Lighthouse Harbor)	
1:30 P.M. Senior Choir	
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship	
<b>Wednesday November 28</b>	
Regular Schedule	

<b>Thursday November 29</b>	
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
8:30 A.M. LIFE Plus Planning Meeting	
9:00 A.M. Seed Sew-ers	
10:00 A.M. LIFE Plus Bible Study	
	Open Gym
7:00 – 9:00 P.M. MAC Rehearsal	
<b>Friday November 30</b>	
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
6:30 P.M. Beth Moore Study (Lighthouse Harbor)	
7:00 P.M. Tim Hawkins Live – Civic Center	
<b>Saturday December 1</b>	
10:00 A.M.-Noon Choir Rehearsal	
	Adult 9 Fellowship in Gym
<b>Sunday December 2 – Advent 1</b>	
Regular Schedule – NO Torchbearers/Lighthouse	
5:00 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting	
6:00 P.M. Berry Bunch in Concert (here)	
7:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting	
7:30 P.M. Orchestra Rehearsal	
<b>Monday December 3</b>	
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. CARE "C" Team	
5:30 P.M. Adult 1-5 Christmas Fellowship	
7:00 P.M. FUEL – Girls meet at 362 Moss Lane	
	Boys meet in student center
<b>Tuesday December 4</b>	
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
9:00 A.M. Quilters Guild	
11:00 A.M. Beth Moore Study (conference center)	
1:30 P.M. Senior Choir	
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship	
<b>Wednesday December 5</b>	
Regular Schedule	

### Inclement Weather

When inclement weather comes, we do our best to clear the walks and the parking lots. In case of closing we will do so in four ways:

1. KREI radio;
2. Church web site
3. Church Facebook page;
4. *Remind* app.

Please remember when Farmington schools dismiss early, or is out of school due to inclement weather, we will dismiss ALL activities at church.

### Give a Coat/Take a Coat Adult and Children Sizes

All winter we will participate in a community coat drive.



If you have any coats that you do not want to keep, just place them on the rack located under our church canopy anytime you come to church. If you are in need of a coat, come to the rack and get one!

### Kicking off Christmas

December 1 beginning at 6:00 P.M. join Adult 9 in a fun night of food, friends, and fellowship. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and come ready for our annual White elephant gift exchange. This is a child free event so if you need babysitter help please let Amy Welker know. Mark your calendars today ~ we all know how quick schedules fill up.

### Holiday Gym Schedule

The gym will be closed during Thanksgiving and Christmas on:

- November 22-23
- December 24-January 1

### New Evening Open Gym

The gym is open to the community on the following Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 P.M. Feel free to come and use the gym during that time as well!

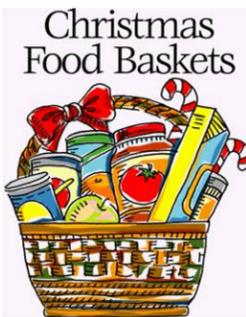
- November 29
- December 6
- December 13

### Tim Hawkins Show

Those that bought tickets for the Tim Hawkins show on November 30 may pick them up anytime from the office. They are assigned seats, so please note your seat number on your ticket.

### Christmas Cheer Luncheon

All widows and singles over the age of 50 are invited to have lunch and spend the afternoon with our students on Sunday, December 9 beginning at noon. Our students have lots of activities planned and want to hang out with you! There is no cost, but please RSVP on the bulletin board outside the church office.



**Thursday, December 20  
9:00 A.M.**

During this season we have several families in need of food. You can help in several ways:

1. Please pray for these families and the people who will deliver the baskets.
2. Monetary donations.
3. Any non-perishable food item.
4. Help pack and deliver baskets the morning of December 20.

Items to bring this week: flour, sugar, peanut butter, jelly, boxed dressing.

### Berry Christmas Concert

The Berry Bunch (the Berry family and friends) will be in concert at First Baptist on Sunday, December 2 at 6:00 P.M.

Join them in their twenty-third annual Christmas concert and enjoy an evening of great music.



**Sunday, December 9**  
8:00 A.M and 10:30 A.M.  
Our Goal: \$30,000

### Family Traditions

Thanksgiving is a chance for families to gather together, to feast and to enjoy being with one another. But the day can also be a meaningful time to reflect on our blessings and remember how God has been faithful in our lives.

Many families have special traditions they use to show gratitude to God and each other.

*Thriving Family* asked parents to share a cherished tradition that has helped their family experience real gratitude amid the food and fellowship of the holiday.

One of those traditions ~ A Tree of Thanks In some families, sentiments are kept to oneself, so when we planned to spend Thanksgiving at my mother's place a few years back, I knew my siblings and their spouses wouldn't be comfortable participating in traditions where vocal expressions of gratitude were required. So I decided to try an idea from a kids' craft project, modified for my family. From brown construction paper, I cut out the trunk and branches of a tree and taped it to the wall. Then I made leaves out of red, yellow and orange paper. I handed out the leaves to my siblings, their spouses and their kids, asking them to write something they were thankful for on each leaf. I told them they didn't need to write their name on it unless they wanted to. The kids were the most enthusiastic, with most of them quickly scribbling down one or two items. The adults were reluctant at first, but once they started reading the other leaves, they all wrote down at least one thankful thought. I was surprised to see some leaves with detailed, heartfelt lists, and a few relatives filled more than one leaf!

Several weeks later when I went to visit my mom, I was surprised to see the Thanksgiving tree still taped to the wall. Mom told me she enjoyed looking at it so much that she couldn't bear to take it down.

(October/November 2011 issue of *Thriving Family*)



### Thank You!

Thanks to each and every person who helped in any way to make the thirteenth annual *Help the Hungry Bake Sale* another great success. We had a wonderful event with delicious baked goods; beautiful holiday wreaths, swags and décor; original themed baskets; and unique items for our live auction.

Pastor Greg's cake was well represented with over \$3,000 in donations and we saw several of you at the bake sale enjoying the day.

Please know we appreciate every gift of time, talent and money toward the bake sale. This is a vital mission for our hungry neighbors and we could not enjoy the success we have without your contribution.

To date we have raised \$71,000 and will continue to accept donations until we present checks to the two food pantries in early February. Thanks again for your generosity!

### Prayer List:

Gary Adolph, Nancy Crow, Barrie Penninger (mother of Tracy Skuta), Barb Province (sister of Donna Abernathy)

### Christian Sympathy:

To Denise Vandiver, Michael Will and families in the death of their mother, Carol Will.

To the family of Lola McCann in the death of their loved one.

### Sunday, November 18, 2018

Our Church Studying: 278

Our Church Growing:

Dan and Chary Duncan by statement

### Financial Statistics for:

#### November 11, 2018

Budget Requirements (wkly)	\$ 18,591.00
Budget Receipts (11-11-18)	19,040.74
Requirement (wk 6)	111,546.00
Receipts (wk 6)	93,061.12
STB-BTS (from Oct)	7,247.00