

# Church of Christ

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## IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). This statement Paul wrote to the church of Thessalonica is one that should be applied to our lives daily. During the holiday season, there is an emphasis on the need for being thankful. However, if we adopt the attitude Paul commanded, we will give thanks “in every thing,” at all times, and not just during Thanksgiving.

Notice that Paul admonished to “give thanks.” This term implies that God wants His children not only to feel thankful, but also to “express” gratitude and thanksgiving. Paul taught this same principle in writing to the church at Ephesus: “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:20). It will do us all good to “give” thanks to God through prayer.

By offering prayers of thanksgiving to God, we are reminded that we are dependent on God for all things. Every “good and perfect” gift is from God (James 1:17). Without His blessings upon our lives, we would have nothing. “For in him we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28). Every breath, every meal, every ray of sunshine is from His bountiful hand.

Further, consider that Paul instructed us to give thanks “in everything.” He did not teach that we should be thankful “for” everything. Certainly, we should not be thankful “for” gang violence, child abuse, broken homes or divorce. Nevertheless, Christians can learn to be thankful “in” all

circumstances. For the Christian, there is always a “bright side.” In all circumstances, there is the quiet confidence and calm assurance that comes from knowing God and being close to Him. The Father has promised that He will never leave or forsake His children (Hebrews 13:5-6). Finally, notice from the text that being thankful is “the will of God in Christ Jesus.” Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount that “doing the Father’s will” is necessary to go to heaven: “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). “Doing” the Father’s will is vital! It is only by doing His will that we can enter into the kingdom of heaven. We might think that “doing the Father’s will” involves some “great” accomplishment that would dazzle others who heard of it. But Paul taught that simply being thankful in everything is part of doing God’s will.

In view of these thoughts, we should all realize the great importance of being thankful. If we have not been “giving thanks in everything,” then a change is in order. A day should not pass without every responsible person giving thanks to God for the countless blessings He provides.

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### **PRAY FOR...**

**Bennett, Jim:** health struggles and move to ME

**Bourdon, Andre and his family:** Covid virus at Ft. Drum

Brownwood, Kristia: recovery from neck surgery

Chambers, Michael: health struggles

**Coronavirus victims and their families**

Crumpp family: struggles

Cross, Mark: Tara’s cousin-colon cancer

Doner, John: Christian’s grandfather, health

**Elders: Alfred and Doug...and their families**

**Gruetzmacher, De’ean: Donna’s daughter, struggles**

Hill, Fern: cancer

**Hill, Jerry: stroke**

Howard/Noie: health struggles

**Kashorek, Lori:** grant her a painless transition in God’s time

Lermineau, Kids: Carl and Cindy’s relatives, struggle

**Lynn, Tristen and Heather:** John’s friend, a health struggles

**Mero, Joan:** Shirley’s sister, in MD, struggles with MS

Miller, Jody: struggles

Minister Search: Massena and S. Burlington

Missions: Brazil, Malawi

New Walks: Ralph, Rose, Aowen, Kolton and Shawneek

**Our Schools:** Students, teachers, and staff of all educational levels

**Our Nation:** to return to God and be healed

St. Pierre family: struggles

Tynon, Leo: Chris’ uncle, recovering at home

Vaus, Amy: Amber’s cousin, pregnant and has lung cancer

West, Larry: Melinda’s friend in CA, health

Whitfield, Freda: Mary Chambers’ mother, health

“Continue to help us keep this list updated and to pray for those mentioned in previous bulletins.”

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### Schedule of Services

Sun. Bible Classes 10 A.M.

Sun. Worship 11 A.M.

Wed. Bible Classes 6:30 P.M.

## Welcome to Worship

The church of Christ that meets in Plattsburgh invites you to attend any of our services. We love having visitors and are honored for you to attend. We seek to follow the New Testament in all that we do in our worship services. Our primary aim in worship is to glorify and honor God by worshipping Him "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24) Trusting in the promise of the gospel message, we now live out obedience to God's Word as our only authority and pattern for our lives and the church. We want to encourage you to come and learn, worship, grow, and serve the Lord with us! "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).

## From the Shepherds ...

Welcome back as we physically gather while still filming via Facebook Live. We'll start collecting a monthly item for Magi boxes on 3rd Sundays at the same time as our Family Meetings. For a short term project, we'll be collecting a weekly food item for boxes to be given out mid-December. If you know of a family who could use a Christmas box, see Doug or Alfred for a referral sheet. The deadline for referrals is Dec. 13 to allow time to fix the boxes to be delivered on Dec. 20.



## Munchie Moments

**Fellowship Meal:** NO meal today as it's too close to Thanksgiving  
**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Our next breakfast & prayer time will be on 12/6 at 8 a.m.

## We've Got Class!

Join us Next Sunday at 10 a.m. for:  
 Adults: Gospel of John  
 Youth classes as well ...  
 And Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m

## M.A. G. I. Box Monthly Items

The items for December 20 is a composition book and a small package of stickers.

## The Secret Encouragement Project

We are ending this project for the next few months. We will start again after the start of the new year.

## Doug's Devotional

*"Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks ..."* Luke 17:15-16.

On the border of Samaria and Galilee, a likely mixture of Jews and Gentiles, were brought together by more than just a disease; they all had faith. All ten were calling Jesus 'Master' and asking Him to have mercy on them. Jesus didn't sort them out by who was in the covenant with God. He saw their evident faith in Him to heal them and told them, still unclean with the disease, to show their skin to the priests who could confirm their healing. By that same faith, all ten went ... and on the way all ten were healed. The only one to return and give thanks was a foreigner who didn't know the Law, the sacrifices, or the temple. Being thanked meant something to God incarnate! And so we, who have much to be thankful for, not the least salvation and forgiveness from our disease of sin, should, as the song says, "Give thanks with a grateful heart ... because He has given Jesus Christ, His Son." You've obeyed the gospel and been healed from sin, but has the impact of His mercy hit you so that you gave thanks?



## Helping-Hungry-Neighbors Boxes

### For today:

- jar of applesauce
- canned sweet potatoes
- cranberry sauce

### For next week:

- canned kidney beans
- box of crackers
- package of rice

## Sundae Toppings

**Today:** 12:30 p.m. NO Fellowship Meal  
 11/29, 5th Sunday  
 12/6, 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast; after Men's Leadership Meeting  
 12/13, 12:30 p.m. NO Ladies' Day, deadline for food box referrals  
 12/20, NO Family Meeting (boxing day~food)  
 [Composition Book and stickers for Magi Box]



## Mission Moment

•Please pray for all our mission works.



## 2020 WVBS Interactive Bible Reading Plan



SOTW: none

11/22: Ezekiel 7-9; Psalm 142

11/23: Ezekiel 10-12; Psalm 143

11/24: Ezekiel 13-15; Psalm 144

11/25: Ezekiel 16-18; Psalm 145

11/26: Ezekiel 19-21; Psalm 146

11/27: Ezekiel 22-24; Psalm 147

11/28: Ezekiel 25-27; Psalm 148

SUPP: Was I Born a Sinner?

and Prophecy of Tyre

website: [video.wvbs.org](http://video.wvbs.org)

Other Resources

[sermonlines.com](http://sermonlines.com)

[theabidingword.com](http://theabidingword.com)

on Facebook: William Chambers--The Plain and Simple Truth about the Bible



## Mark Your Calendar

11/23, Elijah's birthday

11/26, Thanksgiving

11/30, Mary's birthday

12/25, Christmas

12/30, early New Year's Eve

## Today: 11/22

Announcements: Alfred

Opening Prayer:

Song Leader: Jim

#103 "He Has Made Me Glad"

#4 "To God Be the Glory"

#364 "Come, Share the Lord"

Talk/Prayer-bread:

Prayer-fruit of the vine:

Prayer-collection:

#68 "Give Thanks"

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Lesson: Doug "Give Thanks"

#474 "Thank You, Lord"

#57 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Closing Prayer:

## Next Sunday: 11/29

Announcements: John

Song Leader: Alfred

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 8:10-11

Lesson: Doug "The Glory of the Lord Filled the House"

## Wash & Wear

- the cleaning sign-up for this season is on the fridge. Taking a turn is appreciated & needed.
- the church's blue polo shirts in a variety of sizes are \$15 each (to cover cost only).



## November 15, 2020

Bible Class	19
Morning Worship	22
Wed. N.Bible Class	9s
Contribution:	\$482.00
Weekly Ave. Needed	\$700.00