



A House of Prayer
for All Nations

THE SHEPHERD'S CORNER

By Pastor Rick Brown

Giving Thanks with a Grateful Heart

"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, NKJV). "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever" (Psalm 118:29, NKJV).

As we start contemplating how we are going to celebrate Thanksgiving with families and those close to you, I would encourage you to think about what it means to "give thanks with a grateful heart."

In Thessalonians, it says give thanks in all circumstances--the good and bad. Also, as it says in Proverbs, it is an act of our mind to get this type of spirit in our heart--to give thanks in everything. It is a challenge, depending on the circumstance, but it will set you free when you give thanks to God with a grateful heart. Let's look at a couple of verses to encourage us.

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever" (Psalm 118:29 NKJV). We have a God who is good. Praise the Lord. Also, no matter how our faith in God wavers (sometimes like a roller coaster), his mercy endures forever. Think of those times when God has met you even though you were far from him. In Hebrews, the Word says that He will never leave you nor forsake you.

"Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psalm 107:8 NKJV). Think of what this verse means to you and me--that we give thanks for His goodness. One of the definitions of goodness is that it is the best of everything. Isn't this a great definition for our

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Have a Blessed Thanksgiving

Lord? He is the best! He is our Righteousness, our Sanctifier, our Peace, our Provider, our Healer, our Shepherd, our Banner. Here are some other attributes of who God is and what He means to each of us:

"The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, The Rock of my salvation!" (2 Samuel 22:47, NKJV). God is that rock we can hold onto no matter how fierce the storm we are experiencing.

"My loving kindness and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer, My shield and the One in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me" (Psalm 144:2 NKJV). Again, when the storms are all around us, the Lord is our fortress that protects us. Romans 8:31 says that if God is for us, who can be against us. He is our deliverer delivering us from the clutches of the enemy. He also delivers us from the penalty of sin by His grace. He is the shield that protects us from the fiery darts of the enemy.

It has been said that it takes twenty-one days to form a habit. And, I am challenging you and me to form a habit of *Giving Thanks to God with a Grateful Heart*. As I shared earlier, when we think about things, it gets into our heart and determines how we look at life and our circumstances. If we think negatively, we will be negative. However, if we think positively, we will be positive. Therefore, I want each of us to have grateful hearts and think of an attribute of God that you can be grateful for. For the next twenty-one days, beginning November 1st, think about that attribute of God, meditate on it throughout the day and *Give Thanks to God with a Grateful Heart*. This will bring us right up to Thanksgiving. Remember this verse: "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38, 39, NKJV).

Enjoy the next twenty-one days giving thanks to God and, as you make this a habit, observe the wonderful, God-changes in your life. It is going to be great!!

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News from the Nations

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, Rockville, MD – In today's hurried society, it is sometimes a battle to just slow down and breathe. At the Center, part of our mission is to help our clients slow down their lives – and pause. For the decision they make not only impacts them but the future of their children. "Life" decisions cannot be rushed. Thank you for your commitment to our ministry.

Branch Ministries, Botswana, Rob and Mary Grindley – We thank you for your faithfulness in serving the Lord; your generosity is having profound effects on the lives of the people in Botswana. Our God is able to take your gift and expand its impact far beyond what we could imagine, first by using it to meet the peoples' basic needs; once those needs are met He creates the opportunity for the ministry to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and welcome them into His Kingdom. Praise be to the Lord our God who has united our hearts and propels us forward in pursuing more souls for Christ Jesus!

Young Life, Montgomery County – Thank you for your support giving kids the chance to meet Jesus. It is a privilege to partner with you.

Revive Israel, Tikkun, Asher & Betty Intrater – Recently in Israel and Messianic Jewish communities around the world, we celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles. The holiday marks the end of a hard year's labor and the beginning of the harvest season. It is the season of our joy that is often celebrated by inviting friends and families into our temporary dwellings (sukkot) for a time of food and fellowship.

Living Grace Christian School – The students are focusing in

November on the beatitude of being meek from Jesus' teachings in Matthew 5:5.

Wycliffe Bible Translators, Matt and Rosemary Ulrich, Paraguay – Matt and Otto finished revising the translation of Maka Acts. This was then checked by both Mike and Rosemary and then checked with an older man to be sure that ordinary folks would understand. Only a few more corrections need to be inserted before this book is complete. Then we will finish up all the global checks of the manuscript required and there will be a final "committee read through" before turning the Maka New Testament in for publication. Thank you for praying for us, the Makas, and especially for the health of our helpers and their families.

Living Grace Ministries, Thurlow and Lynda Switzer – Pray with us as we minister during November. Thurlow is preaching at the Bethany Bible conference, on November 3-5. The LGM Faith Arise! Women's Conference is November 4-6 in Gettysburg, PA. On November 12th, Lynda is speaking at a Woman at Work conference in Westminster, MD. November 13-15, Thurlow and Lynda are ministering on marriage at Resurrection Life Church with Pastor Bryan and Patty McGrouty.

Crossroads Valley Chapel, Fred., MD, Pray for Pastor Jon and Carol as they minister in Israel and Palestine on October 27th – November 7th.

Pray Also for:

Or Ha Olam, Light of the World Congregation, Rockville, MD, with Pastor Marty & Chieko Peltz.

Adwoa Yeboah-Marfo, Marfo Children's Village, Ghana

D. Oliver – Northern Asia, Orphan Outreach

Jesus Is Alive Ministries, Apostle William Tetey, Lome, Togo

Stanley and Karen Redwood, Jamaica. Karen is expecting their new baby in January. Herb and Norma Sutter are visiting the Redwoods in late October and early November.

Forgiveness

Quote by D. L. Moody

"Those who say they will forgive, but can't forget an injury, simply bury the hatchet while they leave the handle out ready for immediate use."

Submitted by Linda Kauzlarich



Veterans Day Service:

Honoring All Our Veterans:
Friday, November 11th, 8:30 am
At Northgate Community Church
Sponsored by
Living Grace Christian School

Two Pathway Classes Continue on Sundays, at 9:00 a.m

- 1. Gateway Class** for everyone beginning to identify with our congregation
- 2. Jesus' View of the Future** - A study of Matthew 24 and 25

Monthly Flock Group for Young Adults, (post high school to age 35) will meet on the 2nd Friday of this month at 7:30 pm, November 11th. Tim and Deborah Switzer are the leaders of this monthly Flock Group that meets in their home, 11015 Haney Terrace in Damascus, MD 20872.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits – who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Ps 103:2-5, NRSV).

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Worship Schedule

Sundays, 9:45 am - Congregational Prayer
Sundays, 10:00 am – Worship Service
Midweek Flock Home Groups
*We are always ready to serve you –
Pastors Dan, Rick, Thurlow,
and Elders Vance and Devroy*

FLOCK HOME GROUPS

Germantown

Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Rick & Sue Brown, 301-972-2129

Germantown

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, Thurlow & Lynda Switzer, at Betty Money's, 301-540-7293

Rockville/Silver Spring

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, Devroy & Ruth McFarlane, 240-242-4242

Montgomery Village

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, McRory Area; Alfred and Jacky Johnson, 301-977-2220

Montgomery Village

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm,

Shawn & Mindy Swander, 240-631-0322

Assistant Leaders Tim & Deborah Switzer

Ladies Flock Group with a Purpose of

Praying for God's Work in the Church

Fridays, 7:30 pm, at the church; Gwen

Degraffinreid and Wilhelmina Woode

Young Adult Flock Group

Meeting monthly on the 2nd Friday, 7:30 pm,

at Tim & Deborah Switzer's home

Middle School Discipleship Club

For all 6th – 8th graders, November 18th

Dan and Silvia Switzer, 301-977-1121

Assistant leaders Ron and Kahlia Davis

Men Under God (MUG), breakfast, 8 am,

Saturday, November 5th, Gaithersburg Hilton

November Birthdays

Kahlia Davis, Nov 1

David Lyman, Nov 4

Benga Alabi, Nov 6

Nehemiah Switzer, Nov 6

Mark Anderson, Nov 9

Rick Brown, Nov 11

Sylvia Coley, Nov 12

Kaitlyn Walker, Nov 13

Brenda Greenberg, Nov 14

Hannah Switzer, Nov 15

Tolu Sogunro, Nov 17

Nicole Switzer, Nov 18

Essie Abola, Nov 22

Jimmy Brown, Nov 22

Essence Davis, Nov 22

Ara-oluwa Alabi, Nov 26

November Anniversaries

Delonte & Sonia Vaughn, Nov 1

Praise and Prayer Requests

1. Pray for continuing grace and healing to Gwen Degraffinreid

2. Madeline Cooksey – in her physical therapy at Wilson Rehabilitation Center

3. Valerie Oliver – healing from kidney stones

4. Ogo-Oluwa Alabi diagnosed with galactosemia, pray for her healing

5. Lourdes Reynolds's niece's baby Richard, microcephaly -- his life will be a testimony of God's love and power to the glory of Jesus.

6. Karen O'Connor – provision and protection

7. Pray for our nation's leaders

8. Northgate pastors, elders, and families

9. Pray for those in the Northgate family who are looking for work that God will open doors for them

10. Scott Shultz – healing from lung cancer

11. David Szymanski in AZ – prayer for health and protection

Check out this blog spot: Living Grace Ministries

and leaders in friendship with

LGM, under the editorship of Pastor Jon

Switzer of Crossroads Valley Chapel in

Frederick, MD, set up this blog spot:

www.logsforthefire.blogspot.com.

All Nations Worship Service

Sunday, November 20th, 10 am

and

Thanksgiving Dinner

(following the All Nations Worship Service)

RSVP on the sign-up poster in the Church foyer or call 301-840-9830



Addie Rose & Kevin tasting the apples



George, Calvin, Kevin, Hannah, Addie Rose, Nicole, and Deb enjoying the beautiful fall day

One beautiful, autumn afternoon, Tim and Deborah Switzer took their Young Adult Flock Group apple picking, and then they enjoyed making apple pies together.



Making apple pies



Some more of the flock at the orchard



Tether-ball in the back yard



Addie's delicious pie

Gestures of Gratitude

In 2005, a female humpback whale became entangled in a web of crab traps and lines just east of the Farallon Islands, off the San Francisco coast. Hundreds of yards of line rope were wrapped around her body, tail, torso and mouth, weighing her down so much that she struggled to stay afloat.

A fisherman spotted the whale and radioed for help. Rescuers determined that the only way to save the creature was to dive in and untangle her. This was a dangerous proposition, as one slap of the tail could be deadly.

Rescuers worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed the whale. What she did next surprised the divers: she swam in what seemed like joyous circles, coming back to each person, one at a time, nudging them gently, in what rescuers assumed was a beautiful gesture of thanks.

May you and those you love be surrounded by people who help you get untangled from whatever is binding you and may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

Five Kernels

The Plymouth Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day in fall 1621, but by the next May, their food supply was depleted. The harvest of 1622 was a failure, and the Pilgrims often lived for days on just a few kernels of corn. Amid a drought in 1623, the people sought divine intervention. After praying for nine hours on a hot July day, they were blessed with a two-week rainfall. Edward Winslow wrote, "It was hard to say whether our withered corn or drooping affections were most quickened and revived." The Pilgrims never went hungry again. Start a Thanksgiving tradition by placing five kernels of corn at each place setting. Point out a blessing that each kernel represents. For example: (1) God loves us. (2) God provides for all our needs. (3) God gives us friends, just as the Indians befriended the Pilgrims. (4) God hears and answers our prayers. (5) God is preparing a place for us in heaven. Then have family members share five things for which they're grateful.

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		1	2 Flock Group Leaders Equipping Mtg. 7:30 pm	3	4 <i>Faith Arise! LGM</i>	5 MUG Bkfast, 8:00 am <i>Women's Conf</i>
6 <i>Turn clocks back 1 hour Pathway Classes, 9 am Worship, 10 am</i>	7	8	9 Flock Groups 7:30 pm	10	11 Veterans Day Service, 8:30 am Young Adult Flock Group @ T & D Switzer's <i>Veterans Day</i>	12
13 Pathway Classes, 9 am Worship, 10 am "Each One Bring One"	14	15	16 Flock Groups 7:30 pm	17	18 Middle School Discipleship Club 7:30 pm	19
20 Pathway, 9 am All Nations Worship, 10 am And Thanksgiving Dinner	21	22	23 Flock Groups 7:30 pm	24 <i>Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Day!</i>	25	26
27 Pathway, 9 am Worship, 10 am <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	28	29	30 Flock Groups 7:30 pm			

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