



GRACE

HAPPENINGS

A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE:

The following is an excerpt from an article written by Billy Graham entitled, "How to Be Thankful in All Things." The complete article can be found at <http://billygraham.org/story/how-to-be-thankful-in-all-things/>. I want to encourage you to take the time to read the article in its entirety.

Are you thankful no matter what? Perhaps you have lost your job recently, as the economy has continued to struggle. Or you may have lost your health, or a loved one. Such circumstances can be tremendously difficult. But even so, we all have much to be thankful for. Look with me at the story of a man who had every right to be bitter—but wasn't.

The next footsteps in the corridor, he knew, might be those of the guards taking him away to his execution. His only bed was the hard, cold stone floor of the dank, cramped prison cell. Not an hour passed when he was free from the constant irritation of the chains and the pain of the iron manacles cutting into his wrists and legs.

Separated from friends, unjustly accused, brutally treated—if ever a person had a right to complain, it was this man, languishing almost forgotten in a harsh Roman prison. But instead of complaints, his lips rang with words of praise and thanksgiving!

The man was the Apostle Paul—a man who had learned the meaning of true thanksgiving, even in the midst of great adversity. Earlier, when he had been imprisoned in Rome, Paul wrote, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV). Think of it: Always giving thanks for everything—no matter the circumstances! Thanksgiving for the Apostle Paul was not a once-a-year celebration, but a daily reality that changed his life and made him a joyful person in every situation.



Thanksgiving—the giving of thanks—to God for all His blessings should be one of the most distinctive marks of the believer in Jesus Christ. We must not allow a spirit of ingratitude to harden our heart and chill our relationship with God and with others.

Nothing turns us into bitter, selfish, dissatisfied people more quickly than an ungrateful heart. And nothing will do more to restore contentment and the joy of our salvation than a true spirit of thankfulness.

In the ancient world, leprosy was a terrible disease. It hopelessly disfigured those who had it, and it permanently cut them off from normal society. Without exception, every leper yearned for one thing: To be healed.

One day 10 lepers approached Jesus outside a village, loudly pleading with Him to heal them. In an instant He restored them all to perfect health—but only one came back and thanked Him. All the rest left without a word of thanks, their minds preoccupied only with themselves, gripped with a spirit of ingratitude.

Today, too, ingratitude and thanklessness are far too common. Children forget to thank their parents for all that they do. Common courtesy is scorned. We take for granted the ways that others help us. Above all, we fail to thank God for His blessings.

Ingratitude is a sin, just as surely as is lying or stealing or immorality or any other sin condemned by the Bible. One of the Bible's indictments against rebellious humanity is that "although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God

Worship

NOVEMBER 2018

John 4:23 - "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers."

nor gave thanks to him” (Romans 1:21, NIV). An ungrateful heart is a heart that is cold toward God and indifferent to His mercy and love. It is a heart that has forgotten how dependent we are on God for everything.

From one end of the Bible to the other, we are commanded to be thankful. In fact, thankfulness is the natural outflowing of a heart that is attuned to God. The psalmist declared, “Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving” (Psalm 147:7, NIV). Paul wrote, “Be thankful” (Colossians 3:15, NIV). A spirit of thanksgiving is always the mark of a joyous Christian.

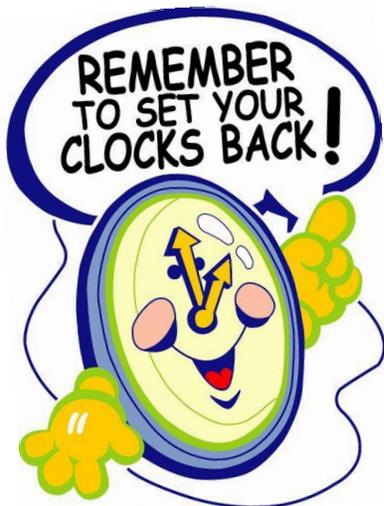
Why should we be thankful? Because God has blessed us, and we should be thankful for each blessing.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Pray for our shut-ins, send a card, make a phone call, pay a visit (call first), pick up groceries / medicines. Addresses and phone numbers are in the church directory

Wilma Davidson
Julie Lindsey
Gerry Gladfelter
Rita Brewer

Carol Sarver
Russ Hearton
Wanda Buttrey



NOVEMBER 4



Hear Rich Johnson
with



WORLDVENTURE

Share a Ministry Update during both morning services
Sunday, November 4

ANNUAL NIGHT OF MUSIC

Sunday, November 4
6:30 p.m.



Enjoy GBC's gifted family sharing their musical talent!

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Sunday: 8:15 Contemporary Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Traditional Worship
6:30 Against the Flow Youth
6:30 Evening Worship Service
Wednesday: 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer for Adults /
Pioneer Clubs / Against the Flow Youth

Rev. Steve Warner
Senior Pastor

Rev. Jon Barrett
Assistant Pastor



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

November 3 and November 17
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join the ladies of GBC (16 years of age to 100+) as they study through Philipians. “What Matters Most” by Karen Ehman will also be utilized during this study. Yes, there is homework! Between sessions you will be asked to complete the study pages in this book. Give Jayne Warner \$13 today in an envelope marked with your name and “Ladies Bible Study” and she’ll purchase a book for you.

SANDWICH SALE

Support future mission trips/projects
Orders Due: November 18

Pick Up Sandwiches or have Delivered: November 28

Sandwiches are only \$4.50 each
Order forms are in your mailbox, with additional forms at
usher stands

Want to make a donation to a Mission Trip/Project, but not
purchase a sandwich each month?
Donation Envelopes are also available at both church
entrances for your donation

MISSION POSSIBLE

ACTS 1:8

"Mission Possible" is an outreach ministry of Against the Flow based on Acts 1:8- "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." York County is "our Jerusalem," aka: our immediate mission field. We are called to love York County relentlessly via the gospel. "Mission Possible" focuses on building relationships with our neighbors by showing them the love of Christ through service in various ways.

September kicked off month (1) of Mission Possible. For 3 weeks in August a large banner, and greeting cards for 44 officers at York Area Police Department were signed by all Against the Flow leaders and youth groupers. The banner consisted of short, encouraging messages. Greeting cards of appreciation were made out to 44 individual officers. Additionally, Against the Flow sourced members from the GBC congregation to bake homemade cookies for the officers. The cookies were then put on a large platter and hand delivered by a couple of Against the Flow members to the York Area Police Department along with the banner and greeting cards. Upon arrival, we met with the main secretary and senior officer. After, we formed a circle outside in the parking lot, we prayed for the department. In the future, we will be doing other missions for our area police.



In October, we held a "drive-thru prayer" at GBC for our neighbors. Against the Flow utilized a "car wash" style premise which used road signs to attempt to get neighbors to drive in and pray with us. We had 2 stations of leaders teamed with teens holding signs at the corner of East Prospect and Freysville Roads. The impact was incredibly positive from our neighbors as we received many "waves" and "horn honks" from passers by. There were 4 cars that pulled in to pray with us. One woman that lived very close to the church got out of her car and sat down and prayed for approximately 45 minutes with us. Additionally, the last car that came remained for about 1 hour to talk, pray, and receive biblical counsel.

The goal of the "drive-thru prayer" was to stand out as a "lighthouse" on the corner to show that GBC cares about our neighbors. We were extremely blessed to be able to pray specifically and provide timely counsel for our neighbors that came in. We are certainly going to organize another "drive-thru prayer" in the spring of 2019.



Regarding future Mission Possible events, Against the Flow is going to partner with Life Path Christian Ministries, which is located in downtown York, for providing help in their warehouse sorting food or working in their kitchen while we minister to adults in addiction recovery. We hope to complete this mission in late 2018 or early 2019. Furthermore, we are looking to serve the needs of some older saints in our church through yard work. We are also looking to minister to neighbors of GBC congregants in various other ways. Stay tuned as future Mission Possible events will be announced!

~Pastor Jon

COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, November 18

During both Morning Services (8:15 and 10:45)

THANK YOU LORD SUNDAY

Sunday, November 18

Regular morning services and Sunday School will be held

A luncheon will follow the 10:45 service

Meat and beverage will be provided

Bring a side dish and dessert to share

Sign-up sheets are at entrances to church

Goal for the special offering is \$12,500 to be used for missions

Food items will be collected to provide Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need. Give your deacon names of those who would benefit by receiving a basket. Place your food items to fill the baskets in the back of the sanctuary.

Evening Service/Activities will not be held



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, November 20

7:00 p.m.

Plan to attend and invite your neighbors and friends to come along for a time of Praise and Worship

Kevin and Maria Noyes

Missionaries with DiscipleMakers

Sunday, November 25
Sharing during all a.m.
and p.m. Services



SHIELD OF FAITH (Ephesians 6:16)

While torn between watching an old movie on TV or listening to a radio pastor I decided to turn both appliances on and decide which might be the most inviting. I already knew what the Lord wanted me to do, but my sinful nature was forcing this showdown. The showdown between my will and His.

As I searched TV land I stopped at a movie that had an ancient battle scene between two warring clans. As one clan was shooting their arrows (some were on fire) in unison toward the other clan, the ones being fired upon were all holding their shields up together and formed an effective defense against the enemies arrows."

Boring! I decided that I wanted to listen to a Biblical message on the radio. Halfway through his message, the pastor used Ephesians 6:16 as an example of how a church should support its members. Each one holding up their shield of faith and the result would be the exact defense of protecting one another as the movie had shown.

At GBC we are asked to pray fervently for each other and encourage our brothers and sisters to keep pressing on for the glory of God. Praying in faith is our "shield" that we ALL must keep holding up to extinguish Satan's fiery darts. When some of the shields are down the darts can hit their target.

This message was so impressive, even when I was looking for another direction and avoid it, that He used the TV "blip" and tied it to His message. When that happens, you have to share it. Thank You Lord! He works in mysterious ways...if you let Him.

THE GREAT SERVICE RACE WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 20



A total of 14 Sunshine boxes were assembled; six of them were delivered during the race and the others throughout the week. 18 GBC folks were visited. Autumn House East residents were blessed with visits.



Locust Grove Elementary staff and students were blessed with chalk art outside their entrance and 60 gifts were assembled for the Faculty and Staff. Cookies were baked and delivered to GBC neighbors.

Seven teams of families and friends participated.



The Best Team Name went to "The Cabooses" by the Lindsey family. Mark 9:35 - "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." The "Friends ARE Family Award" went to The Isiminger and Loucks Team.



A special thank you to the station leaders: Dottie Rhone, Julie Riordan, Lydia Stayer, Tammy Tyson and to Dennis and Kathy Wagaman for providing a delicious

lunch for all involved in the race. Also thanks to Jayne Warner for coordinating the event.

The Lindsey family were definitely blessed by serving: "Ethan enjoyed the nursing home activity the most. He enjoyed doing a craft and interacting with the residents. As we left the nursing home, Ethan said he'd like to work at a nursing home.

Elise enjoyed being at Ms. Dottie's house and helping to put together the gifts for the teachers of Locust Grove Elementary School.

Emily and I enjoyed serving together as a family. The entire event was a real blessing to be a part of. We are looking forward to doing it again next year, and we encourage everyone at GBC to plan on participating."

