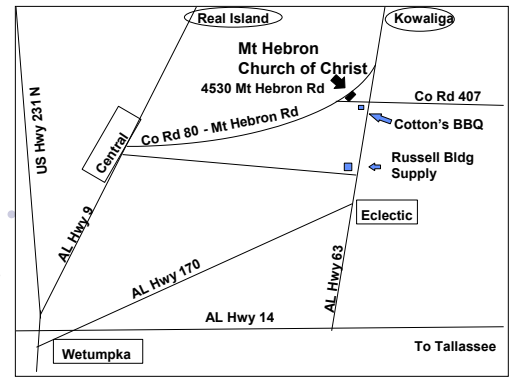


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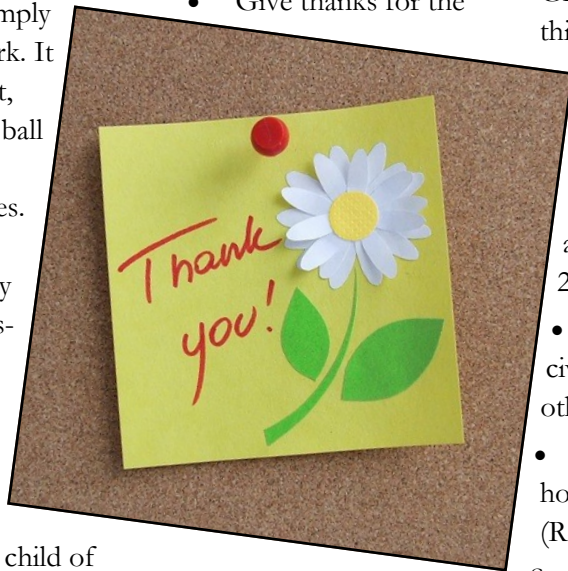
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In everything, give thanks

On Thanksgiving day, Americans will once again celebrate a national day of thanksgiving. It is a day set aside to give thanks unto God for our great heritage and the many blessings He bestows upon us. For many, Thanksgiving is simply a day off from work. It is a time to overeat, enjoy parades and ball games, and visit friends and relatives. However, for the child of God, every day is truly Thanksgiving Day. Paul admonished, "In everything give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). For what does the child of God give thanks?

- Give thanks for God's deeds (Psalm 105:1).
- Give thanks for God's righteous judgment (Psalm 119:62).
- Give thanks for our food (Matthew 15:36).
- Give thanks for the
- Give thanks for God's unspeakable gift—Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 9:15).
- Give thanks for our brethren (Ephesians 1:16).
- Give thanks for all things (Ephesians 5:20).



- Give thanks for the church (Colossians 1:12-13).
- Give thanks for all men (1 Timothy 2:1).
- Give thanks for civil authorities (1 Timothy 2:2).
- Give thanks for the hope of heaven (Revelation 11:16-17).

- Give thanks for God's goodness and mercy (1 Chron.16:34).
- Give thanks for God's holiness (Psalm 30:4).
- Give thanks for God's creation (Psalm 75:1).

body and blood of Jesus (Matthew 26:26-28).

- Give thanks for the victory found in Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57).
- Give thanks for the care and compassion of others (2 Corinthians 8:16).

Surely we can think of countless other blessings for which we should give thanks. These are just a few of those mentioned in the Holy Scriptures. As His children, let us begin today thanking God for His many favors. —Barry M. Grider

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**Sunday
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Bible Classes 7:00 PM**

***Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice
in you?—Psalms 85:6***

"If all the sleeping folk will wake up, and all the lukewarm folk will fire up, and all the dishonest folk will confess up, and all the disgruntled folk will sweeten up, and all the discouraged folk will cheer up, and all the depressed folk will look up, and all the estranged folk will make up, and all the gossipers will shut up, and all the dry bones will shake up, and all the true soldiers will stand up...then we will have a revival!"

Folly is a joy to him who lacks sense, but a man of understanding walks straight ahead. Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed. To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is! (Proverbs 15:21-23)

A lesson that was never forgotten

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one:

"What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name?

I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.

"Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello.'"

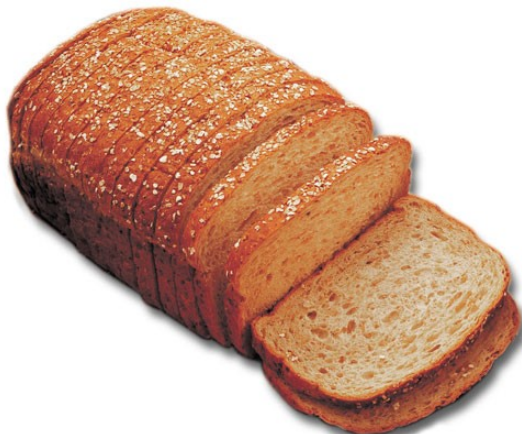
I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with a judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (Romans 12:3)



Born in the house of bread

Christ was born in Bethlehem. The literal meaning for the name Bethlehem is "The House of Bread." Jesus was not born in the house of royalty or the house of riches or the house of celebrity. Jesus was not born in Jerusalem or in Alexandria. Jesus was not born in a political, educational or socially significant city of the day. When Micah, the Old Testament prophet, foretold the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem,



he emphasized its lack of significance to the world. *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth one who is ancient of days. (Micah 5:2)* One of the most common sayings, and without it is not surprising. God wanted his Son to be "common" in the sense that He is available to all. Without Him, there is no life. —Brian Atwood

Singing her favorite song

Some years back, I read in The Commission magazine of an incident I will never forget. A church group from New Bern, North Carolina, had traveled to the Caribbean on a mission trip. Their host took them to visit a leper colony on the island of Tobago. While visiting with these sad patients, they held a worship service in the campus chapel. The lepers filed in and took their seats on the pews, and the Carolinians led them in hymns. The minister of the group, Jack, noticed that one patient was

front. Jack said, "I found myself staring into the most hideous face I had ever seen. She had no nose and no lips. Just the bare teeth, like a skull." As she turned, she raised her hand in the air. Except it wasn't a hand. It was the bony end of her arm, just a nub. As poor Jack was trying to take this in, she spoke. "Could we sing 'Count Your Many Blessings?'"

The preacher lost it. He stumbled out of the pulpit and through the door into the yard, with tears in his eyes. Another stepped up and led the hymn, and a friend walked outside and put his arm around Jack. "You'll never be able to sing that song again, will you, Jack?" "Oh, yeah, I'll sing it," Jack said, "but not in the same way."

—Adapted from Joe McKeever

May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth! (Psalms 115:15)

"Could we sing 'Count Your Many Blessings?'"

sitting on the back row, facing the opposite direction. How unusual.

Jack said, "We have time for one more hymn. Does anyone have a favorite?" Now for the first time, the leprous woman on the back row turned around to face the

Wedding daze



A grandmother overheard 5-year-old Christy "playing wedding." The wedding vows went like this: "You have the right to remain silent, anything you say may be held against you, you have the right to have an attorney present. You may kiss the bride." *He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD. (Proverbs 18:22)*