

An Exercise in Thanksgiving

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What will your Thanksgiving look like this year? Maybe you'll be blessed to share a large Thanksgiving meal with your family like you do every year. Perhaps your holiday interactions will be limited to a phone call with a friend or family member this time around. My Thanksgiving will be spent alongside my quarantined wife.

In everything, in any situation, Christians have reason to be thankful and content (Philippians 4:6, 11). The devil may tempt us to ruminate on what we don't have, but God's people know that the Good Shepherd makes our cup to overflow (Psalm 23:5). May we in turn be overflowing with thankfulness (Colossians 2:6-7)!

Paul encouraged the Philippians writing, "[8] Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

Thanksgiving provides us the opportunity to do just that. Let's use this week to recenter ourselves and remember how good God's people have it! Whether you have big holiday plans or whether you'll be home alone, consider these questions. Discuss them at the dinner table or reflect on them personally. Then say a prayer of thanks for all that the Lord has done and is doing.

1. What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?
2. What's your happiest Thanksgiving memory?
3. What do you enjoy most about the Thanksgiving holiday?
4. Who is the most consistently grateful person you know?
5. What's the one experience for which you are most thankful this year?
6. What is the one Bible class, sermon, or other Bible study for which you are most thankful this year?
7. What is the one thing you've learned this year for which you are most thankful?
8. If you could thank one person today—near or far, living or dead—for their influence on your life, who would that person be?
9. Who's one person you've never thanked for their contribution to your life, but would like to?
10. For what do you feel most grateful to God today?

Caleb Boggs

Questions are modified from Donald S. Whitney's *Ten Questions to Ask at a Thanksgiving Gathering*.
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In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Denny Chenoweth Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Jaren Dodson, Vern Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Coral Haggard, Ervin and Wilma Hill, Karen Honeycutt, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Brylee King, Millie Lyons Sherry Merrill, Cheryl Neilans, Mebyl Privett, Andy Rasbury, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney, Janell VanSlyke.

- **Eli Giebler** will have surgery on his arm on Wednesday.
- **Monwell Magee** is in the hospital. Please pray that he will be able to overcome his illness.
- **Mebyl Privett** is home recovering from a broken ankle.
- **Teresa Freund** has a blood clotting issue and has experienced a mild stroke. Please pray that she recovers completely and is able to avoid another one.

We want to express our heartfelt **sympathy** to Lenora Hyder. Her sister, Naomi Salmons passed away on Monday. Our sympathy also to Emily Garton, her niece.

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a family whose child is suffering with cancer. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



Devo and Donuts meets every Tuesday at 7:00 in the activities center. It is an excellent way to start your day.



This Sunday's Sermons:

- A.M. *A Secure Soul*
(Danny Boggs)
- P.M. *Songs in the Night*
(Danny Boggs)

If you are not able to be at church, visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services **online**. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

Thanksgiving is this week. Though your celebrations may be different than in the past, we pray that everyone will be able to enjoy some time with family and friends. Take time to count your blessings.

There are a few long sleeve **shirts** from the Green Valley Week 2 Weekend on the welcome desk. Take one if you'd like and if you'd like to help with the cost, give \$10 to Coralee or Danny.

Rylee and her mother wanted you to know how grateful they were for the cards and gifts that were sent. It came at a perfect time. Rylee had a rough week and returned to their room at RMH to find the care package. Her mother wrote, your "kindness was so overwhelming and appreciated! Loved seeing her smile for a bit."

Jesus Prayed for Us

"...He lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father...'" (John 17:1). His time had come, and Jesus prayed. He prayed about the work he had done, about his future, and about his own relationship with his Father. He prayed for his original disciples, and he said, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word" (v.20). That's you and I!

Jesus knew that faithful and fruitful living in this world would be challenging for us. So what did he ask his Father to do for us?

1. **Keep them** (v.11,15). We need help withstanding the evil one.
2. **Sanctify them** (v.17). We need the exclusive guidance of God's word of truth.
3. **Unify them** (v.20-23). We need each other, and the world needs to see how we love the Lord and each other.
4. **Welcome them** (v.24). We need the constant motivation of eternal life with our Savior.

I'm glad Jesus knew what we need and prayed for us. I'm glad he still lives to make intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25).

Danny Boggs

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, November 29

Wednesday, December 2

AM Opening Prayer: Darren Pierce
Communion Prayers: Rick Hyder
AM Closing Prayer: Bryan Reiboldt

Opening Prayer: David Fehring
Closing Prayer: Lowell McInturff

PM Opening Prayer: Elijah Boggs
PM Closing Prayer: Joe McLain

RECORDS

11-22-20

11-24-19

Bible Study	107	174
AM Worship	155	217
PM Worship	104	159
Wednesday	96	143
Contribution	\$7,632.82	\$10,977.19
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37