



## Times of Worship

<b>Sunday Bible Classes:</b>	9am
<b>Sunday AM Worship:</b>	10am
<b>Sunday PM Worship:</b>	5pm
<b>Wednesday Bible Study:</b>	7pm

## Join us Online

### Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

### YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUuQ4GRKyA>

## Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to [patcawthon@gmail.com](mailto:patcawthon@gmail.com)

## Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

# Count Your Blessings

One of my favorite things to do during the month of December is watch my favorite Christmas movies. My all-time favorite movie is “It’s A Wonderful Life” starring Jimmy Stewart. Another movie I try to watch every year is the musical White Christmas starring Danny Kaye and Bing Crosby. One of the songs they sing is “Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep.” What a good idea!

It is easy for life to get very busy this time of year. We have events to attend, shopping to finish, gifts to wrap, people to see, and that’s on top of all the other things we have going on normally. With our “to-do list” getting larger instead of smaller, it is easy to go to bed thinking of all the things that are not getting done. May I challenge you (and me) to lay down on your pillow and start counting your blessings instead of all the things you need to do the next day. Counting your blessings will help you go to sleep grateful and with a smile.

Don’t just count your blessings as you fall asleep, count them all day long. We have so much to be thankful for it is hard to know where to begin. Let me recommend four categories to help us spark our thinking in being thankful: Spiritual, Physical, Mental, and Social. Once you get started, it will be hard to stop. Let me give you a few in each category...

## New Songs

- ◆ Heaven's Jubilee
- ◆ Be Still My Soul

## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ◆ Lori Ferguson (12/7)
- ◆ Gloria Wyssbrod (12/9)
- ◆ Hallie Seaton (12/12)

## Calendar Items

**Men's Meeting** this afternoon at 4pm at the building

**Singing Class** on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

**Women's Bible Study** Resuming January 10<sup>th</sup> at the building at 11

## Today's Lessons

- ◆ Apt to Teach
- ◆ Saul's Great Sin

## Midweek Bible Study

- ◆ Luke 5:27ff

Think of all the **spiritual blessings** we have because of Christ. Our sins are forgiven giving us the hope of being with God in heaven. We have a spiritual family to help us on our spiritual journey. We have God's word to feed our spiritual growth.

Many of us are in good physical health. My brother Matt works at a hospital that treats children who have cancer and many times the cancer wins the battle. Thank God for your health and pray for those who are not as fortunate.

God has blessed each one of us with a good brain. He gave us the ability to learn and think. If there is something we don't understand, we can pretty easily learn more about that subject with all the resources surrounding us.

God has also blessed us with many friends and family in our life. Relationships are extremely important. What a blessing our family and friends are to our life!!! Thank God for people individually and why you are thankful to God for them.

There are so many blessings that come from counting your blessings. As the song "Count Your Blessings" teaches us, when we are discouraged, going through a difficult time, burdened with a load of care, or if our cross seems heavy, counting our blessings can eliminate many of our doubts and fears.

"What if you woke up this morning and had only the things you thanked God for yesterday?" (Max Lucado) That is a sobering thought. If that were to happen, I think we would learn to be more thankful pretty quickly. We take so many of our blessings from God for granted.

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving *And* His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting *And* His faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 100:4-5)