



Times of Worship

- Sunday Bible Classes:** 9am
Sunday AM Worship: 10am
Sunday PM Worship: 5pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm

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Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

Be Thankful

Paul gives a list of commands to those who have been chosen of God (Christians). He tells them to “put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another and forgiving each other...put one love...let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...*and be thankful.*” (**Col 3:12-15**) How often should a person be kind, humble, gentle and patient? The answer is all the time. This means we should always be thankful.

This week on the fourth Thursday of the month, many Americans will celebrate our Thanksgiving holiday. It is a time when many families will be together and go around the dinner table saying what they are thankful for this year before filling their stomachs. According to some polls, Thanksgiving is the most beloved holiday in America followed by Christmas.

Paul tells the church in Thessalonica, “in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (**1Th 5:18**) It is easy to be thankful when you are with your loved ones about to eat a delicious meal. The difficulty with these commands to always be thankful is when times are not pleasant. However God’s will for us is “in everything give thanks,” this includes the difficult times in lives.

Week of November 12

Attendance

- ✦ **AM Service** - 70
- ✦ **PM Service** - 52
- ✦ **Wednesday** -

Contribution

- ✦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ✦ Contribution - \$2,463

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ✦ Amy Rushing (11/23)
- ✦ Benjamin Cawthon (11/23)
- ✦ Shawn and Natalie (11/24)
- ✦ John Butcher (11/25)
- ✦ Katelyn Seaton (12/3)

Calendar Items

Men's Meeting on November 26th at 4pm at the building

Song Learning Class December 10 at the building at 4pm

Women's Bible Study will resume in January 9th

The apostle Paul lived out the commands he was given by God. When he wrote for the Colossians to “be thankful,” he was a prisoner in Rome. How could Paul be thankful to God in prison?

Paul begins the letter of Colossians by giving thanks to God for them. Paul is thankful for their faith, love, and hope. (**Col 1:4-5**) He told the church in Philippi that the gospel was spreading powerfully because he was in prison. There were Christians who became more bold in proclaiming the gospel after learning of Paul's imprisonment. (**Phil 1:14**) Paul was thankful to God for his thorn in the flesh because it kept him from exalting in himself (**2Co 12:7**) The apostles gave thanks to God after being flogged rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name. (**Act 5:41**)

There is always something to be thankful for in the good times and also the difficult times. The command to “be thankful” is not dependent on the circumstances of life but what we decide to focus on. Two people may be in the same situation and one be thankful and the other miserable. In order to always be thankful, it takes a lot of practice and discipline.

In every circumstance we have two options, be thankful or complain. The easy thing to do is complain about the things that are not how we want them to be. If our being thankful depends on everything being perfect, we would never be thankful. Paul tells us, “do all things without grumbling or disputing.” (**Phil 2:14**)

May we as children of God be thankful not only this coming Thursday but every day of the year. God has blessed us abundantly. May we take the time to dwell on those blessings and remember to thank God for them.

Patrick