



St. Paul's

Celebrating **150** Years
Jesus' Story Still Unfolding

Messenger

November 2022

Thankfulness Defines Faith In Jesus

Colossians 3:17

Pastor Tom Parrish

Why Is Biblical Thankfulness an Action Not Merely an Attitude?

I often wonder “How sincere is sincere enough?” Too often we base our sincerity and response on our emotions. Emotions are like trying to herd cats-good luck. Emotions, feelings and sincerity are not very reliable at measuring our thankfulness.

This is why Jesus says in John 15:14 *You are my friends if you do what I command you.* When we understand that thankfulness is a decision of our will not our emotions then we can truly be thankful. It is the DOING that is important.

The doing of thanks produces the emotions but most of us wait for the emotion before we do anything. Colossians 3:17 *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

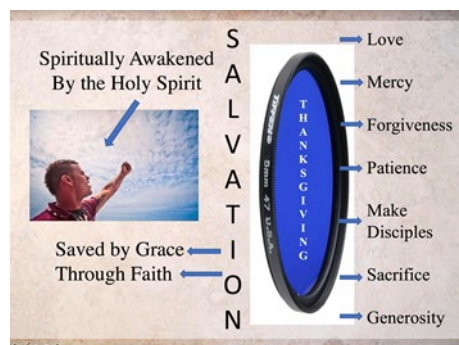
St. Paul says. “Whatever you do”. Perhaps we should define “whatever?” The emphasis in this verse permits us to add these words: ***“AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES”*** *whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

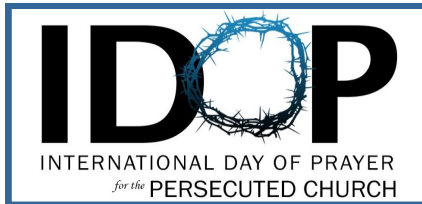
Imagine going to a wedding of a Christian couple. They exchange vows and the Groom and Bride say: “I will be faithful to you 95% of the time.” Thankfulness cannot be 95% of the time. It is simply who we are to be in Jesus Christ 100% of the time.

THEREFORE EVERYTHING WE DO IS TO BE DONE IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUT OF THANKS-FULNESS FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR US. PHIL 2:9-10 *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.*

To the right is a Graphic of Thanks that will put into perspective how thankfulness is always the outcome of biblical faith. Biblical Thankfulness goes beyond the Words “thank you” to a MINDSET of thankfulness that infects everything we think, do and say.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day let us turn it into a lifestyle where we live in thanks to Jesus 365.25 days a year.





Sunday, November 6 -- Adults meet in the downstairs fellowship hall to mark the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Regular adult classes resume on November 13.

November Adult Education

Sundays at 9am

(Regular adult classes resume on November 13)

STRANGE NEW WORLD

Taught by Pastor John Spaulding in the Pastor's office.

WITH CHRIST IN THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

Taught by Jan Parrish in the fellowship hall.

FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIANITY

Taught by Pastor Kim Stephens in the Satre Room.

Men's Saturday Fellowship

Led by Pastor Tom Parrish

Saturday, November 19 at 9:00am

Coffee & donuts are Provided!

At St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Weekly Bible Studies



Mondays Community Bible study 6:15pm

Monday Night at 6:15pm

Contact Kristi Bolson for more information

Tuesdays Afternoon Bible Study 1:00pm

We are studying Who I am in Christ and please join us when you can. Coffee and cookies are provided.

Holy Grounds Coffee House Fridays 6:15pm

Join us in welcoming our neighbors with conversation, prayer and Bible time. Contact Kristi Bolson or Daniel Olson for more information.

Good News Club



Bible Lessons. Songs. Memory Verses. Snacks!

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 6-7pm

Where: St. Paul's Church at 1901 Portland Ave

**Who: For Children Ages 5-12 & parents
and older siblings**

Contact: Cheryl Rich @ 651-333-0119

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Sunday, November 13 -- Operation Christmas Child packing party after the morning service, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your loose gift items.

Sunday, November 20 -- Deadline for bringing your packed shoebox gifts to church for Operation Christmas Child.

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators

ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans



"Through your prayers

and generosity, we're sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth! Be sure to make your shoebox gift unique and include a letter and photo—those personal touches can mean so much to a child."

— Franklin Graham,
President, Samaritan's Purse



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH FAMILY!

**JOIN US FOR A THANKSGIVING
POTLUCK meal FOLLOWING THE
MORNING SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AT 11:45
A.M. HOT TURKEY SANDWICHES
& BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**Please BRING YOUR
FAVORITE Thanksgiving
SIDE DISHES & DESSERTS TO SHARE.
We will also have a time of sharing during the
meal!**





Happy Thanksgiving



W O M E N ' S

Christmas Luncheon

DECEMBER 10TH @ 12PM

More details to come. Save the date.





NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date
Valoris Showaltar	11/06
Jayden Cooper	11/09
Elizabeth Bopp	11/16
Gideon Bolson	11/20
Erin Cooper	11/20

Missionary Birthdays

Name	Date
Hugh Bradby	11/06
Mark Schultz	11/06
Craig Thomas	11/07
Gracie Jackson	11/15

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JOIN US
Online Or In-Person!
Sundays 10:30 A.M.