



We love sharing the truth of God's Word!

May 2, 2021

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

***Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.***

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The cares of this world often feel overwhelming: disease, hate, addiction, and the threat of war all over the world. At times like these, it is important to pray without ceasing and give thanks. When we pray and give thanks, it creates in us an attitude of gratitude.

Scientists have determined that gratitude has tremendous physical benefits. Gratitude boosts levels of dopamine and serotonin in ways that are similar to antidepressants. It is not necessarily finding gratitude itself that is most important, but it is the search for it. Remembering to search for the things that create a grateful heart is key to contentment in this life. It can also create a positive feedback loop in our relationships with others when we express our gratitude to them.

The Apostle Paul reminded us to give thanks in everything (1 Thess. 5:18), and to give thanks to God in whatever we do (Col 3:17). When we give thanks, we focus on the positives and not the negatives. Jesus reminded us (John 16:33) that we will have troubles in the world, but He has overcome the world, so we should be of good cheer. To the faithful, we have a home that awaits us where "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying." (Rev 21:4)

We have much to be thankful for in Christ. When times get tough, let us stop and give thanks.

Daryl, for the elders



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2021 VISION
"SEEK THE LORD"



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,
Resurrected, & will Return*

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Sunday 11am Worship
Sun. 6pm Zoom Bible Study
Wed. 7pm Zoom Bible Study

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From Neville's Desk...

SUFFERING-WHY GOD?

God gets way too much credit for all the suffering that occurs in the world. Suffering is sometimes simply a result of UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES. In Luke 13:1-5 Jesus brought up both the Galileans who died at the hands of Pilate and the 18 who died because of a tower falling on them. Jesus concludes that neither suffered more because of sin – and instead, He says we should focus on our own need for repentance.

However, when our lives spin out of control, we find it convenient to blame God out of our chaos. Now we know that chaos does not come from God (1 Cor.14:33). So, sometimes sin is because of SATAN

messing with us – as in the case of Job 1 and 2.

But suffering can also be because of OUR OWN SINFUL ACTIONS. If we are unforgiving, and instead nitpicking something in someone else's life, we are inviting Satan to control our lives. He is, after all, the "accuser of the brethren" Rev.12:10.

God does, however, say that we can suffer because of TRIALS HE SENDS our way. To these He says through James 1:1-5 to "count it all joy" because they will develop patience in us and culminate in wisdom. After all, lessons learned is wisdom earned.

Friend, are you suffering today? If you are being persecuted because of righteousness you can feel blessed (Mt.5:10-12). But if not, you should probably stop blaming and start repenting.

TIME TO RELAX

Steve Proctor

Things can get busy, can't they? Every day we seem to pile more and more responsibility on ourselves. One more project. One more obligation. One more thing to do. Often these things come with problems or extenuating circumstances that extend the amount of time and energy needed to complete or maintain the obligation. It's easy to get overloaded and overloaded equals stressed. All too often it leads to something falling by the wayside.

Take time to relax and regenerate your energy. Even Jesus would take time away from his work to re-center, relax, and rest. After being swarmed by

crowds looking for his attention and traveling almost constantly, he was aware he needed to stop for a moment and recreate. He would go away from everyone to a garden or mountain and pray and rest. As a human being he knew he was more effective when he wasn't burnt out.

Not a bad idea huh? Stop being so busy and start being more effective. Know your limits and respect them. Over-worked is not effective or healthy. At some point in our juggling, we'll take on too much and balls will start hitting the floor.

Follow Jesus' example. Work hard. Relax just as intently. And remember, the Lord's recipe for relaxing involved prayer.

May Wedding Anniversaries

Chris & Millie Brandon	3rd
Mike & Shawndea Hein	3rd
Don & Carol Vickers	6th
Greg & Tracy Menetrey	18th
Brad & Laura Herald	23rd
Roy & Stephanie Gentry	30th

You are cordially invited to the
2021 Caring Hearts Virtual Gala

May 11, 2021- 6:00 p.m.
Fundraiser and Charity Auction to benefit
Mid-Western Children's Home

Please visit our website to register for
the auction as well as the link to join
our live event.

www.mid-western.org/gala



EXILE

Robert Murphy

In 586 BCE, one of the most important historical events occurred that changed the entire course of history: The destruction of Jerusalem. While some may perceive Jerusalem as a city in the small country of Judah, in reality, it was the center of the world. It was the place God chose to dwell with his people. But after Jerusalem was destroyed and Israel was sent into exile, the people were homeless and landless. Even worse, everything that gave their lives meaning was gone. No more festivals at the temple. There was no way to sacrifice to Yahweh. Now they were vagabonds wondering around the world with no center. Life was meaningless.

We also have been exiled recently. Ironically, although we have hunkered down in our homes, we have been exiled from the rituals and associations that give our life meaning. Friendly fellowship and

hugs have been challenged as we are called to social distance. For the past year, we have not been able to meet in the same place for Bible classes. Many have lost jobs and family members, and many others have spiritually lost themselves and are disconnected from the Lord and his people.

Because of the work of Jesus Christ, we are no longer exiled from God's presence. He has rescued us from our meaningless life. Today is the day of our salvation (2 Cor 6:2-3)! Zephaniah charges that we sing unto the Lord because he has restored us, "Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more" (3:14-15). Eventually, another great Day of the Lord will come, and God will call us home as he transforms the world around us into the temple as he once again lives among his creation (Rev 21-22).

SUMMIT CHURCH OF CHRIST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our Scholarship Program was established to assist Summit students seeking to attend an accredited school affiliated with the churches of Christ and approved by the eldership. The benefit is that it encourages our kids to go to a Christian College, and it sets up a vehicle for people to put this into their will. Some schools, such as Freed Hardeman and Harding, have a matching gifts program, so the donations from the church are doubled by the school to benefit the students!

Summit has several students already enrolled at these schools and more going in the fall. If you would like to contribute to this scholarship fund, please make your check to "Summit Church of Christ" and designate in the memo "Scholarship Fund". You may also specify the school and/or student you want to support in the memo if you prefer.

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Summit will celebrate our high school and college graduates on **Sunday, May 16** after the morning worship service.

Graduates include: Jacob Doerr, Jackson Guin, Gage Proctor, Alejandra Riera, Dustin Tucker, Kathryn Doss (college), Riley Jones (college), and Jenna Painter (graduate-school).

Graduates, please email a senior picture and short bio to nkychurch@gmail.com to be used for the programs, and send an additional 3-4 pictures for the slideshow to Natalie Denham at

nataliedenham28@yahoo.com by

Saturday, May 8th.



News, Notes & Announcements...



WEDNESDAY PM BIBLE STUDY

Beginning this Wednesday, May 5th, we will meet at the building for mid-week Bible study at 7pm. Much like Sunday mornings we are going to have an adult class, teen class and a young kids' class. The adults and teens are covered but we still need a teacher for the young kids. Please let Steve Proctor know if you are willing to help.

MONTHLY REPORT MEETING

Sunday, May 16th at 12:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

SUNDAY AM SERMON:

A DOUBLE-EDGED SAVING SWORD
PSALM 119:49-56

1. THE E_____ THERAPY: SURVIVING CUTTING CRITICISM, PSALM 119:49-52
2. THE H_____ THERAPY: SINGING THROUGH SEETHING SEIZING SINFULNESS, PSALM 119:53-54
3. THE M_____ THERAPY: REMEMBER, RETAIN, RECEIVE, & REPEAT

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00	YTD AVG - \$5,120.66
Over/Under: +\$5,196.28	
Apr 04, 2021-\$4,087.00	Apr 11, 2021-\$6,017.00
Apr 18, 2021-\$5,055.00	Apr 25, 2021-\$4,478.00

Upcoming Events

September 10-11	Ladies' Retreat at Potter's Ranch
September 24-25	Men's Retreat at Potter's Ranch



Summit's Prayer List

Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs - Encourage someone today!

Dan McNeese In Woodcrest Rehab for physical and occupational therapy

Harold Painter At home recovering from a heart attack; met with cardiologist on 4/30

Jacqueline Henley Healthy baby girl (Emma Rayne) was born on 4/26

Peggy Holt In a nursing home

Cancer

- **Bev** (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer; needs surgery
- **Dan Read** (Dan McNeese's friend) Cancer is stable
- **Dave Hammer, Jr** (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable
- **Dorothy Whorley** (friend of Sharon Hammer's son) Radiation
- **Jamie** (Steve Proctor's co-worker) Cancer recurrence
- **Linda Krebs** (Brad & Faith's grandma) In the hospital, not doing well with chemo
- **Sean Timmerding** (Brad & Faith's grandma) Surgery and chemo for second brain tumor

- **Shellee Jenkins** (Melissa Denham's cousin) Chemo treatments
- **Tylene Clark** (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Cancer recurrence

Long-term Needs

- **Daniel Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's brother) Will be released from drug rehab at the end of April
- **Dennis Ratliff** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Awaiting surgery for liver disease

- **Joey Adams** - Needs a suitable group home
- **Julie Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's mom) Struggling with caring for her parents who have dementia, as well as helping her son who will be released from drug rehab soon
- **Kerri Herald** - Pray for her ability to be independent as an adult
- **Mandy** (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce
- **Nick Henson** - Condition is being monitored for six weeks
- **Raye Arroyos** (Melissa Denham's mom) Steady improvement in her recovery from a stroke
- **Stephanie Gilliam** (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure
- **Tom Smith** (former Summit preacher) Recovery from heart/lung issues is going slowly, but he is doing well.

Shut-In Members

- **Clara Downard**
- **Dana Fuller**
- **Shirley Holt**

World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 7 active students & 3 active teachers

Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission

Neville Buchanan-counseling work

For our country and our leaders

For our members to grow in the Word

Our Community's lost souls

